

# The Path Between

*culture and news that connect us*



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## Get Connected

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## Welcome to Elyse!

Culture Connect would like to welcome our newest team member, Elyse Caride. Elyse will be joining us as our Go-Between® Mentoring Program Manager. Elyse is a 2nd generation Cuban-American who transitioned to the United States and Atlanta at a very young age.

Elyse graduated from the University of West Georgia in 2009 with a Bachelor Degree in Psychology. As an undergraduate, she served the local community by working with the Latino Cultural Society, International Student Organization, and volunteering

## Welcome to The Path Between!

Thank you for making

**MEET THE WORLD IN ATLANTA®**

such a tremendous success!

**On March 26th, Culture Connect held it's 3rd Annual Meet the World in Atlanta® fundraising event.** This evening was an opportunity to explore the diversity of Atlanta hands-on, learn about the Culture Connect programs, and celebrate those who make a positive impact of the immigrant and refugee communities of our great city. More than 240 event attendees enjoyed food from 20 restaurants representing 17 different cultures, wine provided by [The Little Wine Shop](#), local beer from [Wild Heaven](#), more than 70 silent auction items, and a rousing game of cultural trivia filled with Atlanta facts. In an effort to promote cultural fluency and to recognize those who embody the Culture Connect values, Culture Connect presented the first annual Champions of Community and Diversity Award. The award winners exhibit exceptional leadership, drive, creativity, and determination in achieving a more successful, inclusive Atlanta. Those recognized were:

- Jose Sanchez, Coordinator, Interpreting and Translating Services at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Darka Krsmanovic, Interpreter with Culture Connect
- Matt Yancey, Project Manager with Success for All Students, Cobb County School District

with ESL and tutoring programs for Latino youth. During this time, Elyse also traveled to many European countries such as England, Sweden, Denmark, and Norway, which has provided her with a broader understanding of cultural awareness. Elyse is currently pursuing her Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology.

Throughout her professional career, Elyse has focused her attention on her local community, whether it be through providing paraprofessional counseling services or as a bilingual probation officer. Elyse's diverse experience and education working with social service agencies has provided her with the ability to bring a unique perspective that promotes the organization's mission.

Please join us in welcoming Elyse!

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- Paulina Rodriguez, Mentor with Culture Connect

**Thanks to everyone's generous support, this event grossed almost \$26,000!** All of which will support the three programs of Culture Connect, serving 8,000 people a year: The Language Services Program, The Go-Between® Mentoring Program, and The Education & Advocacy Program.



The 2011 Champion of Community and Diversity honorees. (From left to right) John C. Reid-Board Chairman of Culture Connect, Jose Sanchez, Paulina Rodriguez, Matt Yancey, and Darka Krsmanovic.



The winning trivia table.



Our wonderful Emcee for the evening, Manuel Bojorquez of WSB-TV Channel 2 Action News



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Piedmont Hospital



The buffet of food representing over 20 restaurants and 17 different cultures.

To see more pictures of Meet the World in Atlanta®, visit the [Facebook album](#). Thank you to [Boon Vong](#) for all of the wonderful pictures!

## Program Updates

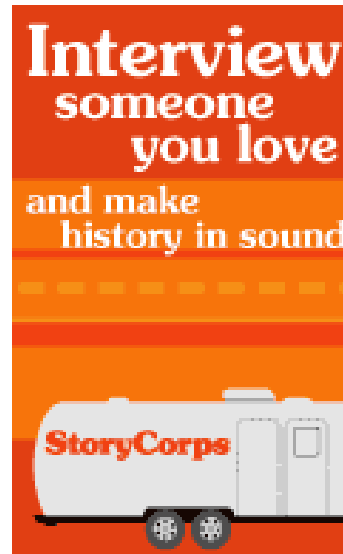
**Culture Connect is pleased to announce the debut of its new [Education & Advocacy Blog](#)!** This blog is meant to be a place where the entire Culture Connect family and the greater Atlanta community can come together to learn more about cultural, linguistic, and immigration issues.

Upcoming blog features will include testimonials by mentors and mentees in our Go-Between® Mentoring Program, reflections by interpreters and volunteers, cultural book reviews, as well as pieces by local students on issues pertaining to immigration in Atlanta, language access, and cultural competency. Check out our current articles on ESL in Atlanta; ancient books on wisdom from different cultures that are just as relevant today as on the day they were first penned; and personal reflections about dancing in sunny, beautiful Spain at [our blog today](#) and feel free to take out the interest poll and leave a comment!

Have something you want to contribute? Contact the [Education & Advocacy Program Coordinator](#) to find out how you can get published.

**Culture Connect takes part in StoryCorps!** [StoryCorps](#) is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to provide

Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of our lives. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 30,000 interviews from more than 60,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of it's kind, and millions listen to their weekly broadcasts on NPR's Morning Edition and on the [Listen pages](#).



The StoryCorps goal is one dear to Culture Connect. "We do this to remind one another of our shared humanity, strengthen and build the connections between people, teach the value of listening, and weave into the fabric of our culture the understanding that every life matters," states their website.

Keep an ear out for the StoryCorps entries from Culture Connect mentors, mentees, interpreters, and staff.

### **In the Community**

Networking events:

- Hispanic Professional Social - April 21st - 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Aja Restaurant & Bar (3500 Lenox Road NE, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA)
- N3, presented by the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Atlanta - April 21st - 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Capital Grille Buckhead (255 East Paces Ferry Rd, Atlanta, GA 30305)

### **In the News**

On April 14, 2011, the Georgia House Bill 87, entitled the "Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of

2011," passed the Georgia State Legislature and is now going to Governor Deal's desk for final approval. Please take the time to [read the bill](#) and share your opinion with your representative.

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