

## ACCG Welcomes Summer Policy and Research Interns and Law Clerk

Christy Turner, Jonathan McKenley, and Jeffrey Parmet are working with the legal, research, and policy staff this summer on priority projects for ACCG. From crunching numbers to surveying counties to conducting legal analysis, this summer team will be exposed to the operations of ACCG and county government. Turner, McKenley, and Parmet will also have a chance to participate in staff meetings, cover study committees, and attend the Virtual CSCA Policy Roundtable.



Christy Turner, a 3L at Georgia State University College of Law, is the summer law clerk for the legal department. Prior to law school, she received a B.A. in Political Science from Emory University. Upon graduating from Emory, Turner returned to her hometown of Memphis, Tennessee and worked in local government as a research consultant for several years before attending law school.

In addition to attending law school at Georgia State University, she works as a graduate research assistant, was recently elected treasurer of the Ronald J. Freeman Chapter of the Black Law Students Association, serves as class representative for the Library Council, and is a member of GSU's Georgia Association for Women Lawyers (GAWL). Turner is also a subscribing life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and a 2018 graduate of their NextGen Young Professionals Program.

Although she is currently undecided on the type of law she wants to practice, Turner is leaning heavily towards public interest, having always been passionate about government, non-profit, and public policy. In her free time, she enjoys baking, and taking long road trips. During her time with ACCG, Turner will assist the legal department with legal research and analysis, publication review, deed and contract work, and a short-term rental ordinance project.



Jon McKenley, a MPA candidate at Georgia College and State University, is a policy and research intern. Prior to graduate school, he received a degree in business management from Georgia State University. Originally from Jamaica, McKenley was raised in DeKalb County. From a young age, he was fascinated with how government played a role in just about every part of his life, so he has naturally gravitated towards working in the public sector.

After three years of working directly for or with local government agencies, McKenley joined MARTA in March 2020, overseeing engagement on capital projects. When not working full-time or completing assignments, he spends time with family, including his niece and nephews and his 5-year-old Schnauzer-Terrier mix (who somehow thinks he's a Pitbull trapped in the wrong body). He also enjoys hanging out with friends, reading about current events, watching movies and tv-shows, eating, and going to the gym.

McKenley's long-term career goal is to be an influential government leader working to make his community a better place to live. One of his favorite quotes is, "You're either at the table or on the menu." Over the course of his internship, McKenley will assist policy and research staff by creating and

overseeing a TSPLOST survey, collecting and analyzing data on solar farms, assisting with the biennial SPLOST data update, and aid with data collection and analysis.



Jeffrey Parmet, a senior majoring in political science at the University of Georgia, is a policy and research intern. Parmet loves to learn which is easily signified by the wide range of minors (French, geography, and computer science) and certificates he has completed (applied data science and metropolitan and urban studies). Outside of class, he is involved in the Demosthenian Literary Society and a local nonprofit.

Prior to working with ACCG, Parmet interned at the state and federal level as well as completing an internship with the Athens Downtown Development Authority. In his spare time, Parmet enjoys creative writing, is teaching himself piano, and really likes to cook, which is clearly demonstrated in his photo showing off his talents in making Korean BBQ. During his time with ACCG, Parmet will update revenue and expenditure data and presentation materials, update Freeport data, compile and collect hotel motel tax information, assist with the biennial SPLOST data update, and aid with data collection and analysis.