



**Georgia Public Broadcasting**  
**Quarterly Issues and Programs Report**

**Radio**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2023**

**October \* November \* December**

**Top Issues Addressed:**

1. Interviews
2. Education
3. Environment
4. Economy
5. Health

## Representative Programs That Addressed Issues:

### 1. [Interviews](#)

#### **All Things Considered**

November 14, 2023, 4pm to 7pm – **Religious Freedom**

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After a practice last month, about 20 members of a high school football team in southeast Georgia were baptized. Host, Peter Biello interviews Chris Line, an attorney with the *Freedom from Religion Foundation*, who wants the school to stop this kind of behavior, which he calls "religious coercion."

#### **All Things Considered**

November 20, 2023, 4pm to 7pm – **Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter**

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Host, Peter Biello interviews historian E. Stanly Godbold about the life and legacy of Rosalynn Carter. She was an unconventional first lady whose impact goes far beyond her work in the White House. He's the author of two biographies of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter.

#### **All Things Considered**

December 5, 2023, 4pm to 7pm – **An Inside Story**

*GPB*

Host, Peter Biello speaks with Mosi Secret, host of "Radical," a new podcast exploring the lesser-known reasons why Imam Jamil was convicted for the murder of a sheriff's deputy in Atlanta in March 2000. Imam Jamil known as H. Rap Brown, in the 1960s and '70s was a Black Power activist. This podcast spends a lot of time focusing on why the FBI deemed him radical.

#### **All Things Considered**

December 12, 2023, 4pm to 7pm – **The Impact of Large Corporations on Literature**

*GPB*

Host, Peter Biello interviews Emory University professor, Dan Sinykin about his new book. Over the past 70 years, a growing number of publishing houses have put an increased emphasis on profit. That's changed the way writers write and readers read, says Emory professor Dan Sinykin. In *Big Fiction: How Conglomeration Changed the Publishing Industry and American Literature*, Sinykin breaks down the broader impact of large corporations on fiction.

### 2. [Education](#)

#### **Morning Edition**

October 10, 2023, 5am to 9am

*GPB*

Since the COVID-19 pandemic the number of student absentees has doubled. 1 in 3 Georgia students are out of the classroom too often. Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% of any of the school days you could have attended. The problem was supercharged during the pandemic when students bounced from in-person learning to "remote learning" at home to in-person instruction again in the Bibb County School District.

### 3. [Environment](#)

#### **Morning Edition**

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October 11, 2023, 5am to 9am

Many communities along the coast of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina have tried to limit bright lights on their beaches to help nesting sea turtles. Even so, a lot of turtle hatchlings get disoriented when they try to find the ocean. Researchers are trying to understand why by looking at things from the turtle's point of view in an effort to save hatchlings.

October 30, 2023, 5am to 9am

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A law aimed at keeping Georgia's rivers open to all who want to use them has muddied the water. Now property owners are pushing to make some parts of the state's waterways private, but river advocates are pushing back. Ultimately the Georgia Legislature will decide.

### 4. [Politics](#)

#### **Morning Edition**

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October 23, 2023, 5am to 9am

Coffee County has about 44,000 residents — most of them Republicans — and with a small-town atmosphere, some people don't want to talk about bad things that involve friends, family, or neighbors. A 2020 data breach in the county's board of elections is making it hard to move on. We revisited Coffee County to look at the impact of the event years later.

November 19, 2023, 5am to 9 am

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Pioneering first lady, Rosalynn Carter dies at 96 in Plains Georgia. Carter was an advocate for mental health and caregiving. In recognition of her tireless fight for mental health and unwavering dedication to improving the lives of others, Rosalynn Carter was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2001, becoming only the third first lady ever inducted, joining Abigail Adams and Eleanor Roosevelt.

### 5. [Economy](#)

#### **Morning Edition**

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November 3, 2023, 5am to 9am

Deer are eating through Georgia's crops. For farmers it's the latest thing to worry about. They eat younger plants and that is eating into profits at a time when costs for inputs have also gone up. Deer are prone to eat the younger plants, which can keep them from growing or kill them completely. Then farmers have to either replant the crop or incur losses.

### 6. [Health](#)

#### **Morning Edition**

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November 9, 2023, 5am to 9am

Georgia's new medical cannabis industry is struggling to expand in Georgia. This is because of how new the low-THC oil industry is in the state and the lack of FDA approval. Many doctors are hesitant to prescribe it to patients. To further complicate the matter, not all Georgia doctors are able to certify patients.

December 19, 2023, 5am to 9am

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Georgians living with addiction are breaking barriers to health care. For people living with addiction, it's been proven that access to evidence-based treatment and support can help keep them alive and stable. But care can be hard to come by and is only possible by combating the stigma around addiction, which is pervasive among providers, the public, and people with addiction themselves.