

Georgia Focus

Topics and Guests, First Quarter 2023

Date: January 7th, 2023

Guest: Flor Mendoza, Georgia Dept. Of Public Health

Topic: Lead exposure may have gotten less common over the years, but dangers remain.

Ga. Focus Extra: Kennesaw State University Political Science Professor Kerwin Swint on the upcoming Georgia Legislative Session.

Date: January 14th, 2023

Guest: Author Ed Payne

Topic: How the dying wish of a young girl inspired Payne to write Vail's Tales books.

Ga. Focus Extra: Vince Zangaro with a preview of the annual Alzheimer's Music Fest.

Date: January 21st, 2023

Guest: Dr. Dana Rickman, President & Dr. Matt Smith, Director of Policy and Research, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education

Topic: Top Ten Issues to Watch in Georgia Education for 2023

Ga. Focus Extra: Flor Mendoza w/ Ga. Dept. Of Public Health on the dangers of lead exposure.

Date: January 28th, 2023

Guest: Chris Brand, President, Friends of Disabled Adults and Children & Former FODAC Client Vince Zangaro

Topic: How the organization helps Georgians with disabilities get the equipment they need for daily living.

Ga. Focus Extra: Dr. Dana Rickman and Dr. Matt Smith of Georgia Partners for Excellence in Education on Top Ten Issues to Watch in 2023.

Date: February 4th, 2023

Guest: Dr. Gregg Raduka, Exec. Director, Let's Be Clear Georgia

Topic: Potential dangers surrounding marijuana abuse as state lawmakers consider measures around its use.

Ga. Focus Extra: Kim Tong with Bank of America on loan programs for minority-owned businesses.

Date: February 11th, 2023

Guest: Bonita Jacobs, President & Col. Joseph Matthews, Commandant of Cadets, University of North Georgia

Topic: Growth at the University of North Georgia from a small college to a large university with campuses across the region.

Ga. Focus Extra: Joanne Pushkin with DenseBreastInfo.org on the importance of breast cancer screenings.

Date: February 18th, 2023

Guest: Federal Trade Commission holds roundtable discussion about personal finances. Guest: Joanne Pushkin speaking about the need for early breast density screening.

Topic: Federal Trade Commission / Breast Density

Ga. Focus Extra: Find It Early

Date: February 25th, 2023

Guest: Tara Hall and Marlena Murphy

Topic: Turning Point Breast Cancer Center. Turning Point is a breast cancer patient and survivor center that helps women find resource pertaining to breast cancer, but also supplies a support network for patients.

Ga. Focus Extra: Wetlands

Date: March 4th, 2023

Guest: Ashby Worley

Topic: The National Conservancy Office in Brunswick discusses what impact global warming has on the coastal wetlands of Georgia.

Ga. Focus Extra: Curing Kid's Cancer

Date: March 11th, 2023

Guest: Dr. Andi Shane

Topic: Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta examines the trend of back-to-back illnesses with a focus on how to treat them and how to avoid them.

Ga. Focus Extra: Let's Be Clear (The dangers of marijuana Usage)

Date: March 18th, 2023

Guest: Tim Echols

Topic: A board member of the Georgia Public Service Commission speaks about the energy needs of advances in Georgia in 2023.

Ga. Focus Extra: Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Date: March 25th, 2023

Guest: Charles Fuschillo

Topic: The President of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America provides an overview of living with Alzheimer's and prevention and along with what families need to know about caregiving.

Ga. Focus Extra: Public Service Commissioner on the energy needs of Georgia.