



Issues and Programs List
Quarterly Report
1st Quarter

[January – February - March]
2018

Radio

Top 5 Issues Addressed:

1. Politics
2. Race
3. Health
4. Gun Violence
5. Environment

Representative Programs That Addressed Issues:

1. Politics

Political Rewind

GPB

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2pm.

GPB's three-times-per-week discussion of all things politics, *Political Rewind*, focused heavily on the continued controversies of the Trump administration and the Georgia Legislative session. Host Bill Nigut and a rotating panel of political experts, including Atlanta Journal-Constitution Political Editor Jim Galloway, discussed the latest campaign news, polls, rumors and speculation, as well as happenings in state and local political races and preparations for future races. Legislative activity in Georgia and the death of former Governor and Senator Zell Miller were major topics during the quarter.

On Second Thought

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January 9, 2018, 9am.

The start of a new year brings a new session for the Georgia Legislature. Among the many bills in play: a sweeping plan to revitalize rural Georgia. This might mean paying people who move to the country, subsidizing internet connections, and making it easier for small hospitals to stay open and in the black. But how all this attention translates to real improvements for people outside Atlanta remains to be seen. On today's show, host Celeste Headlee spoke with Sharon Wright Austin, a political scientist at the University of Florida and Mark Niese, a reporter for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution about the prospects for various pieces of legislation.

On Second Thought

GPB

January 17, 2018, 9am.

Georgia's Girl Scouts recently joined the legislative debate over a Savannah bridge name. As it stands, Talmadge Memorial Bridge honors a segregationist. The Girl Scouts would like the bridge renamed in honor of their founder and Savannah native, Juliette Gordon Low. Today marked 91 years since Low's death. On today's program, host Celeste Headlee talked about Low's life with Girl Scouts historian Jami Brantley, who manages the Girl Scout First Headquarters Museum in Savannah.

2. Race

On Second Thought

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February 6, 2019, 9am.

Today's program focused entirely on Georgia's many Confederate memorials and whether they should be removed or stay in place. The program presented an audio postcard of a monument memorializing confederate soldiers in downtown Athens and how residents felt about the statue. We heard from Steve Oney, former Georgian and author of the book "And the Dead Shall Rise: the

Murder of Mary Phagan and the Lynching of Leo Frank," who gave a commentary on why a confederate memorial in downtown Augusta should stay. Last month, the DeKalb County Commission voted to relocate the Confederate monument in Decatur Square. But state law is tricky, and the county's options are limited. Host Celeste Headlee spoke with Decatur State Senator Elena Parent about the process for getting a monument successfully taken down and the legal barriers the county will face. And to summarize the entire issue regarding a middle ground for those who want Confederate Memorials removed and those who want them to stay, Headlee discussed the issue with Andra Gillespie, associate professor of Political Science at Emory University, Anne Marshall, assistant history professor at Mississippi State University and Dan Moore, founder of the African American Panoramic Experience Museum in Atlanta.

On Second Thought

GPB

February 19, 2018, 9am.

As part of a continuing series looking at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, guest host Adam Ragusea spoke with Atlanta Journal Constitution reporters Eric Stirgus and Ernie Suggs. They recently rolled out a Re: Race series called "HBCUs: A Threatened Heritage." The project looks at the enrollment numbers, finances, and the overall future of HBCUs in America. We also heard from some alumni and current HBCU students in Atlanta.

On Second Thought

GPB

March 23, 2018, 9am.

For Women's History Month, *On Second Thought* is paying tribute to Georgia's female trailblazers. Civil Rights icon Roslyn Pope made history in 1960 when, as a student at Spelman College, she wrote "An Appeal for Human Rights." The document was instrumental in advancing the Atlanta Student Movement's efforts to end segregation. *On Second Thought* producer Fenly Foxen spoke with Pope about her experiences as a student leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

3. Health

On Second Thought

GPB

January 24, 2018, 9am.

Getting the flu is at best unpleasant. At worst, it can kill you. Seven more Georgians died from the flu this month, bringing this season's statewide death toll to twelve. And many more people end up in the hospital. The term "flu shot" is heard and used all the time, but not well understood. On today's program, host Celeste Headlee broke it down with Emory University professor Robert Bednarczyk.

On Second Thought

GPB

January 31, 2018, 9am.

There are all kinds of way to get healthy. You could spend time jogging, doing yoga...or going to church. New research from Emory University finds regular attendance at religious ceremonies can improve one's health and lower mortality. Guest host Adam Ragusea discussed this idea with the lead author on that study, Ellen Idler. She's a Professor of Sociology at Emory University. We also chatted with Harold Bennett, Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Morehouse College.

On Second Thought

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March 22, 2018, 9am.

Opioid addiction is a major problem in Georgia. Several years ago, Governor Nathan Deal signed the "Good Samaritan" bill. The bill was created to prevent opioid overdose deaths by giving amnesty to anyone who reports drug-related emergencies. The measure also equips law enforcement and first responders with Naloxone, a drug that can reverse overdoses if given right away. We looked back at a conversation host Celeste Headlee conducted last year with **Andy Miller**, the editor of Georgia Health News and with **Mona Bennett**, the co-founder of Atlanta Harm Reduction Center to see how this law is affecting the state.

4. Gun Violence

On Second Thought

GPB

January 16, 2018, 9am.

Last September, Georgia Tech student Scout Schultz was shot to death by a campus police officer. According to investigators, Schultz called 911 to report an armed suspicious person on campus. When police arrived, they found Schultz holding a blade. After repeated commands to drop it, an officer opened fire. Schultz, who was suicidal, was one of **30 Georgians shot and killed by police last year**. According to data compiled by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, a quarter of these shootings involved mental illness. On today's program, host Celeste Headlee checked in with **Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Brad Schrade**, who has been tracking these cases.

On Second Thought

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February 12, 2018, 9am.

A record number of guns were confiscated in 2017 at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. According to the Transportation Security Administration, 245 guns were caught. All but 23 were loaded. This increase follows a national trend. But for yet another year, the Atlanta airport leads the nation in the number of guns found. Host Celeste Headlee discussed why this is the case with **Kelly Yamanouchi**, a reporter for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution who focuses on airport-related stories. Also **Tom Barton**, a Georgia Criminal Defense Lawyer, joined the conversation.

On Second Thought

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March 14, 2018, 9am.

In February, 17 students died in a mass school shooting in Florida. To remember the victims, students nationwide are walking out of their classrooms this week in solidarity. On today's program, guest host **Tony Harris** talked with student **Lauren Bengtson** of Pope High School in Cobb County. Her father, **Mike**, also joined the conversation. Then, we talked with **Frank LoMonte** of the Student Press Law Center about whether schools can take action against students who participate in the planned walkout.

5. Environment

On Second Thought

GPB

February 13, 2018, 9am.

Mountain lions, pumas, panthers... Whatever you call them; big cats once roamed every U.S. state. But they've long been a ghostly presence east of the Mississippi. This year, federal wildlife managers officially declared the Eastern Cougar extinct. The last confirmed sighting was in 1938. The key word there is "confirmed." People still report seeing cougars in the South. People like **Todd Lester**,

former president of the Eastern Cougar Foundation. Guest host Adam Ragusea talked to Lester about his close encounter.

On Second Thought

GPB

January 23, 2018, 9:00am.

Last week, the Coca-Cola Company unveiled an ambitious plan to recycle a bottle or can for every drink it sells by 2030. It is the latest move by the Atlanta-based soda giant to address environmental concerns tied to its production. Will this plan work? Host Celeste Headlee talked with environmental historian Bart Elmore, author of the book, "*Citizen Coke: The Making of Coca-Cola Capitalism.*"

On Second Thought

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January 26, 2018, 9:00am.

Georgia's Cumberland Island is 14 miles of beaches, forests and marshes. Ecologist Carol Ruckdeschel has lived among the plants and animals there for 45 years. Her observations are presented in a recently published book: "A Natural History of Cumberland Island Georgia." Ruckdeschel also helped organize the sea turtle stranding network. But the turtles aren't the only creatures on Cumberland Island to capture her attention, or her affections. We learn about her unlikely favorite animal in an audio postcard produced by *On Second Thought's* Emily Cureton.