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Atlanta Regional Commission's Emerging Technologies Roundtable

C2ER
May 4, 2023

- **A brief history of Emerging Technologies Roundtable (ETR)**
- **ETR Topics and Roundtable Members**
- **Benefits to ARC and our Region**
- **Thoughts on how to build your own ETR**

**Atlanta Regional Commission is the regional
planning and intergovernmental
coordination agency for the 11-County
Metropolitan Atlanta region**

(Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton,
Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale counties, and the city of Atlanta)

- **Transportation options**
- **Healthy, livable communities**
- **Water resources**
- **Services for older adults & individuals with disabilities**
- **Develop a competitive workforce**
- **Provide data**
- **Cultivate leaders**
- **Coordinate with local first responders**
- **Engage the public on key regional issues**

Why create Emerging Technologies Roundtable?

Emerging Technologies:

New or nascent technologies that have the potential to change the status quo.

Strategic Foresight:

“structured...way of using ideas about the future to anticipate and better prepare for change...exploring different plausible futures that could arise...use those ideas to make better decisions and act now.”

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To increase our ability to prepare for change on the horizon.

“ Roundtable members meet quarterly to explore, advise, and report on the ways in which emerging technologies may impact how we will live, work and travel in our region over the coming decade and beyond. ”

Topic Areas and Roundtable Members

- **Artificial Intelligence**
- **Infrastructure and Connected Communities**
- **Energy, Climate, Water and Environment**
- **Transportation**
- **Virtual Presence and Gaming**
- **Manufacturing and Construction**
- **Supply Chain and Logistics**

- **Fintech**
- **Food and Agriculture**
- **Robotics and Automation**
- **Aging and Health**
- **Safety and Security**
- **Computing**
- **The Intersection of...Community, Arts, Ethics
& Equity, Economy, Work and Workforce**

Muhammed Ahmed, *Research Scientist at Opendoor*

Dr. Justin B. Biddle, *Associate Professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology; Director of the Georgia Tech Ethics, Technology, and Human Interaction Center (ETHICx), and a Faculty Affiliate in the Georgia Tech Center for Machine Learning.*

Dr. Carolyn Bourdeaux, *Visiting Senior Scholar, School of Public and International Affairs UGA & U.S. Representative*

Brandon Branham, *CTO and Assistant City Manager at City of Peachtree Corners*

Dr. Marilyn A. Brown, *CEM, NAS, NAE, Regents' Professor School of Public Policy at Georgia Tech*

Mayor Michael Caldwell, *Mayor of the City of Woodstock and Managing Partner at Black Airplane*

Frank Fernandez, *President & CEO at Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta*

Dr. Brian German, *Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Air Mobility at Georgia Tech*

Robert Herrig, *Director of Supply Chain and Advanced Manufacturing at Metro Atlanta Chamber*

Dr. David Iwaniec, *Associate Professor of Sustainable Futures at the Urban Studies Institute, Andrew Young School of Public Policy Studies at Georgia State University*

Mark G. Lauby, *Senior VP and Chief Engineer at North American Electric Reliability Corporation*

Eric Levitan, *Founder and CEO at Team Vivo*

Laura Rogers, *Deputy Director at The Ray*

Martha Rust, *Director at Tools for Life, College of Design, Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation at Georgia Tech*

Costas Simoglou, *Director of the Center of Innovation for Energy Technology*

Dr. Sweta Sneha, *Founder and Executive Director of Healthcare Management & Informatics at Kennesaw State University / Professor of Information Systems & Security at Kennesaw State University*

Elizabeth Strickler, *Senior Lecturer and Director of Entrepreneurship Programs at Creative Media Industries Institute at Georgia State University*

Keith Wilson, *Head of Connected Car Strategy & EV Charging at Mercedes-Benz USA, and Founder, Klearcoat Labs*

Chairman Kerry Armstrong, *ARC Board Chairman and Managing Director of Development and Investment Services at Pope & Land Real Estate*

Anna Roach, *Executive Director and CEO of the Atlanta Regional Commission*

Mayor Tom Reed, *Mayor of the City of Chattahoochee Hills and Co-Chair of the Emerging Technologies Roundtable*

David Giguere, *Geospatial Administrator at ARC and Co-Chair of the Emerging Technologies Roundtable*

Katherine Atteberry, *Stormwater Planning Manager in Natural Resources at ARC and ETR Advisor*

Bennett Foster, *Principal Project Administrator in Mobility Services at ARC and ETR Advisor*

Amy Perez, *Senior Data Analyst in Research and Analytics at ARC and ETR Advisor*

Q4 2021 Meeting on November 19, 2021

***Emerging Technologies, The Perspective of an Elected Official:
Mayor Tom Reed, City of Chattahoochee Hills***

***Transportation Technology:
Laura Rogers, The Ray***

***Artificial Intelligence:
Muhammed Ahmed, Mailchimp***

Intro to Future Scenarios on February 11, 2022

An Introduction to Future Scenarios

Q1 2022 Meeting on February 25, 2022

Energy, Electrification and Resiliency:

**Mark G. Lauby, Senior VP and Chief Engineer at
North American Electric Reliability Corporation**

Connected Communities:

**Brandon Branham, CTO and Assistant City Manager
at the City of Peachtree Corners, Georgia**

Q2 2022 Meeting on April 27, 2022

Alternative Futures for Solar Power in Georgia:

**Dr. Marilyn A. Brown, Regents' Professor School of Public Policy
at Georgia Institute of Technology**

Virtual Presence:

**Elizabeth Strickler, Senior Lecturer and Director of
Entrepreneurship Programs at Creative Media Industries Institute
at Georgia State University**

Q3 2022 Meeting on July 29, 2022

***Responsible AI:* Dr. Nashlie Sephus, Applied Science Manager at Amazon AI
and Founder/CEO at The Bean Path**

***The State of Digital Art in Atlanta & Possible Futures:* Jessica Anderson,
Research Scientist and Director of DataWorks
at Georgia Institute of Technology**

Applied Future Scenarios on October 20, 2022

***Explored Four Futures* created by Roundtable Members,
Two Strategic Foresight Tools and *Co-created Future Scenarios***

Q1 2023 Meeting on January 18, 2023

EVs, Electrification and Future Modes of Transportation:
Andrew J. Heath, P.E., Deputy Chief Engineer at Georgia
Department of Transportation

Trends in Supply Chain and Advanced Manufacturing:
Robert F. Herrig, Director of Supply Chain and Advanced
Manufacturing at the Metro Atlanta Chamber

Q2 2023 Meeting on April 27th, 2023

Artificial Intelligence: Ethical and Societal Impacts

**Dr. Justin B. Biddle, Director of the Georgia Tech Ethics,
Technology, and Human Interaction Center (ETHICx)**

Benefits to ARC and our Region

- **Anticipate trends and challenges**
- **Identify opportunities for economic development**
- **Protect our communities from future shocks**

- **Access to SME insights and collaboration**
- **Inspire teams to be creative and innovative**
- **Improve policy**

Lessons Learned

- **Trust and safety**
- **Demanding schedules**
- **Available resources**
- **Always be recruiting**
- **Identify champions**

How can you create your own ETR?



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Amy Webb
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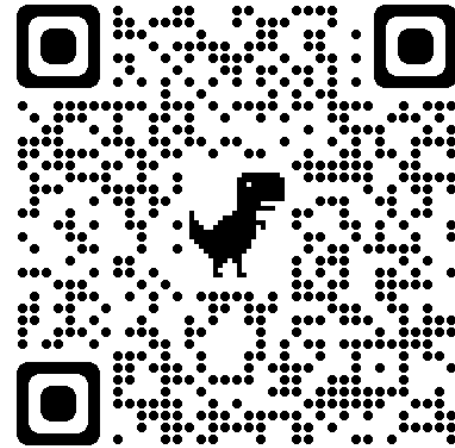


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AI, building trust in Web3 technologies and boosting cyber resilience: these issues will dominate in 2023, according to experts on LinkedIn.



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