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## A BIT OF HISTORY



The Atlanta Press Club was established in 1964. Our mission is to serve the evolving professional, educational and social needs of our media community, foster journalistic excellence and advance the public's interest in and understanding of a free press. We are stewards of the Loudermilk-Young endowment, which funds our popular political Loudermilk-Young Debate Series. We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



# IN REVIEW: 2025

## 2025 IN REVIEW



# EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

IN PERSON, VIRTUAL, MEMBER MIXERS, AUTHOR TALKS, DEBATES, AWARDS & HALL OF FAME

# 2025 EVENTS

## Bending Without Breaking

Join us for an evening of connection, conversation and insight about trauma-informed journalism.

Enjoy light refreshments and a chance to network with fellow professionals before beginning a timely discussion about how to stay resilient and avoid burnout in today's demanding news media industry.

### The program will feature:

- Jeremy Redmon, reporter for The AJC and adjunct instructor for the University of Missouri Journalism School, sharing strategies and resources for resilience.
- A panel of veteran Atlanta-area journalists offering their own perspectives and answering your questions.
- Following the program, there will be an optional tour of The AJC's newsroom and new multimedia studio.

 **Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

 **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

 **The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

1200 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30309

This is a free event. Registration required at [AtlantaPressClub.org](http://AtlantaPressClub.org)



# GOLD DOME 2025

## LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW



Rep. Robert Dawson      Sen. Josh McLaurin      Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver      Rep. Bill Werkheiser

  Moderator: Nora Benavidez, Georgia First Amendment Foundation JAN. 28, 2025



# GOLD DOME 2025

**Tuesday, January 28  
8-9:30 a.m.**

**GFAF.org  
AtlantaPressClub.org**

**#GOLDDOME25**



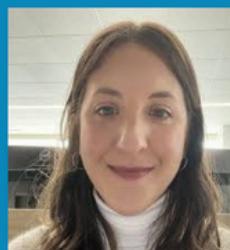
**Moderator  
Donna Lowry**

Capitol  
Correspondent  
GPB's Lawmakers

### Featuring panelists



**Jeff Amy**  
Staff Writer  
The Associated  
Press



**Michelle Baruchman**  
Politics News and  
Enterprise Reporter  
The Atlanta  
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**Deidra Dukes**  
Anchor/Reporter  
FOX 5

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## GOLD DOME RECAP 2025

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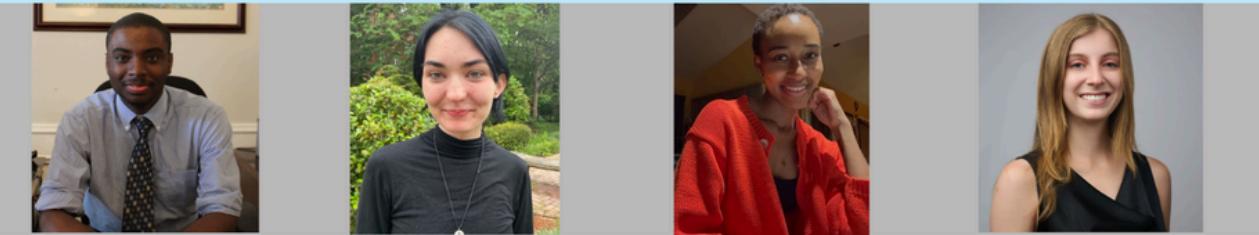
**FREE VIRTUAL GOLD DOME RECAP**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 22 • NOON - 1:00 PM**

Unpack the 2025 legislative session with political journalists and a First Amendment expert, who will decode major bills impacting government transparency, First Amendment rights and public policy. Moderated by Rahul Bali, WABE. Featuring panelist Nora Benavidez, GFAF Legislative Co-Chair. Additional panelists to be announced soon.

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Congratulations to our Atlanta Press Club  
2025 Summer Journalism Interns!



Zaire Breedlove

Kennesaw State University

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*The Atlanta  
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Salem Burdett

Agnes Scott College

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Atlanta Magazine*

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Abisola Dahunsi

Kennesaw State University

*Placed with  
Georgia Public Broadcasting*

**GPB**

Katie Guenthner

University of Georgia

*Placed with  
Atlanta Civic Circle*

**ACC**

Audrey Hamm

University of Georgia

*Placed with  
Canopy*

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Amber Roldan

University of Missouri

*Placed with  
Georgia Recorder*

**3GR**

Madeline Shapiro

Emory University

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Atlanta Magazine*

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Oli Turner

Emory University

*Placed with  
WABE*

**WABE**

Devyn Woodard

Kennesaw State University

*Placed with  
State Affairs*

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# 2025 APC SUMMER JOURNALISM INTERNSHIPS

**APC PAIRS INTERNS WITH MANY OF ATLANTA'S TOP  
NEWS ORGANIZATIONS, WHERE THEY RECEIVE  
HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN WRITING AND REPORTING.**

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 MEDIA PARTNERS!

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- **GEORGIA RECORDER**
- **STATE AFFAIRS**
- **THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION**
- **WABE**



## 2025 EVENTS: MEMBER MIXERS

Wind down and relax at Manuel's Tavern

### Atlanta Press Club Summer Mixer & Intern Appreciation

JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR TO  
WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS, SAY  
HELLO TO OLD FRIENDS AND CELEBRATE  
OUR SUMMER INTERNS!

5:30 - 7:30 PM

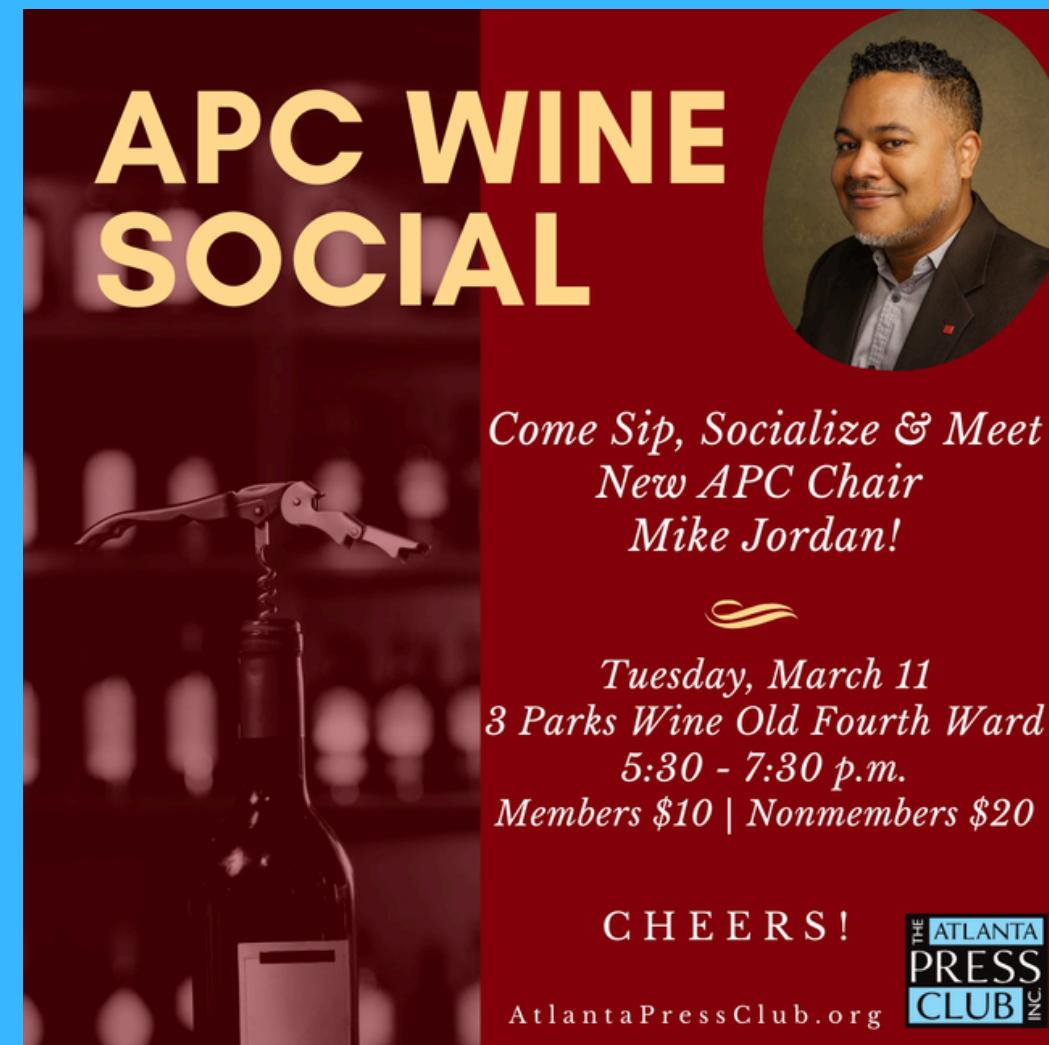
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025

MANUEL'S TAVERN

602 NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE NORTHEAST

ATLANTA, GA 30307

FREE EVENT WITH LITE BITES & CASH BAR



**APC WINE SOCIAL**



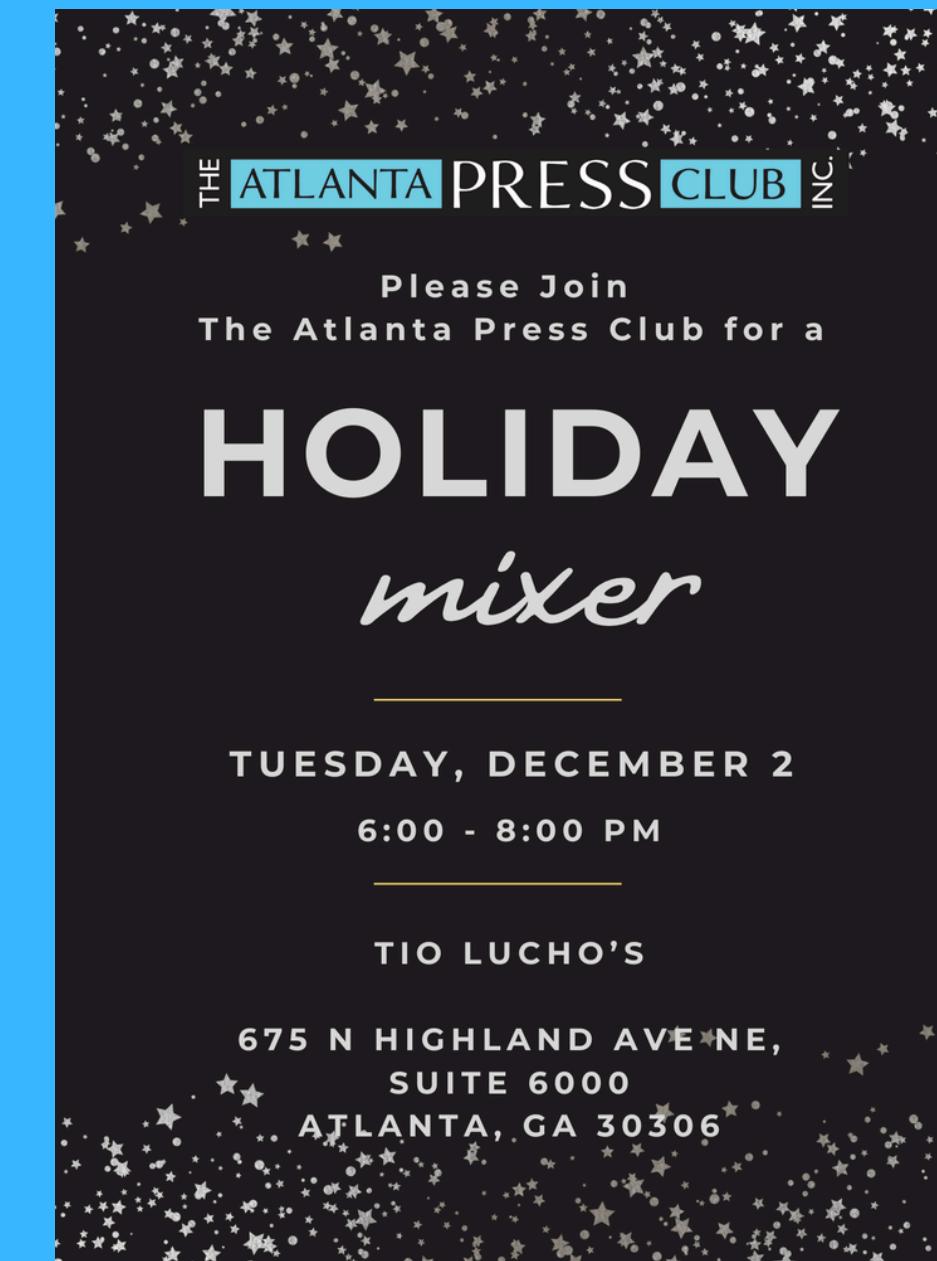
Come Sip, Socialize & Meet  
New APC Chair  
Mike Jordan!

Tuesday, March 11  
3 Parks Wine Old Fourth Ward  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Members \$10 | Nonmembers \$20

CHEERS!

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Please Join  
The Atlanta Press Club for a

# HOLIDAY mixer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:00 - 8:00 PM

TIO LUCHO'S

675 N HIGHLAND AVENUE,  
SUITE 6000  
ATLANTA, GA 30306

# 2025 EVENTS: THE 2025 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE





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# 2025 HALL OF FAME

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# 2025 EVENTS: NEWSMAKER LEADERSHIP SERIES

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## 2025 NEWSMAKER LEADERSHIP SERIES Featuring **Mayor Andre Dickens**

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Buckhead Club

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Business Reporter  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

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## NEWSMAKER LEADERSHIP SERIES

Featuring **Ed Bastian and Ricky Smith**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
Delta Flight Museum



**Ed Bastian**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Delta Air Lines



**Ricky Smith**  
General Manager  
Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport

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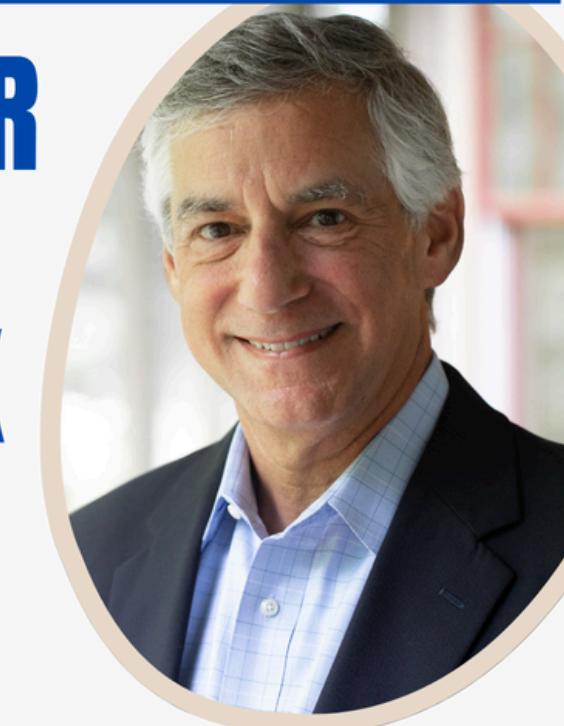
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## APC AUTHOR TALK WITH KEVIN SACK

MOTHER  
EMANUEL

TWO CENTURIES OF RACE,  
RESISTANCE, AND FORGIVENESS  
IN ONE CHARLESTON CHURCH

KEVIN SACK

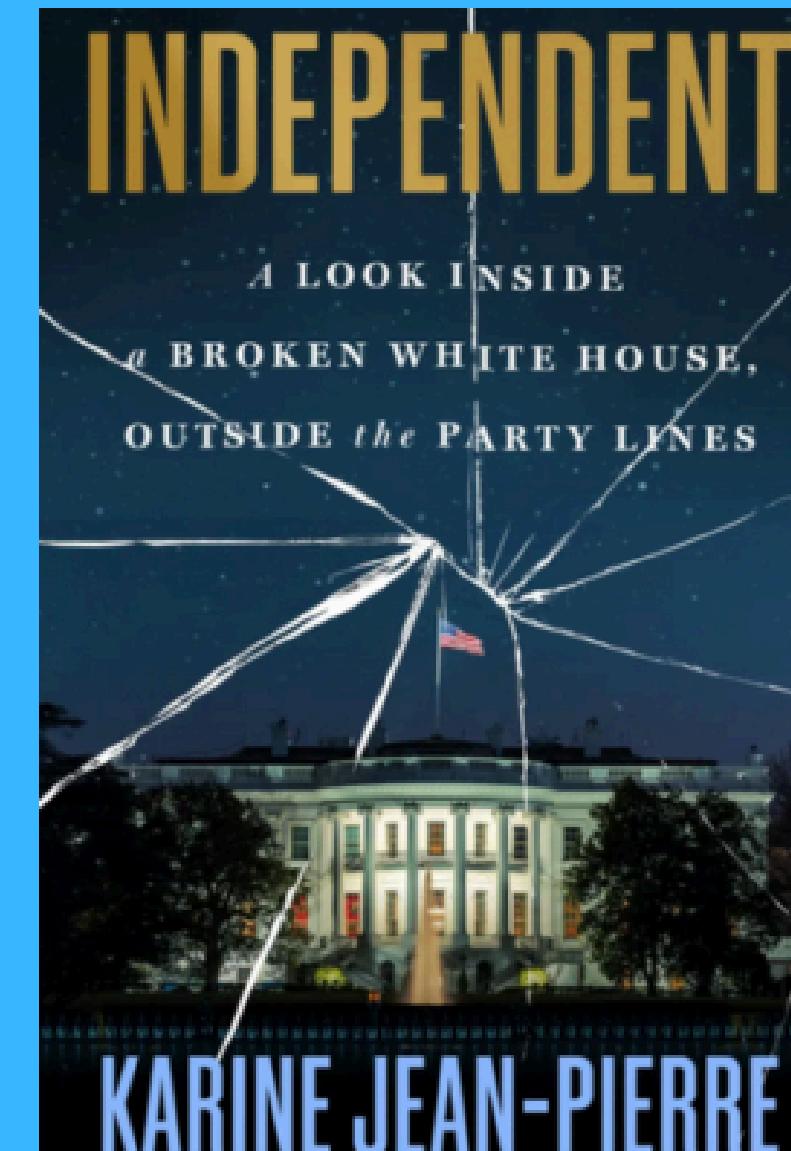


Tuesday, July 22

6:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
Manuel's Tavern

APC Members Free  
Nonmembers \$10

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A CAPPELLA BOOKS AND  
THE ATLANTA PRESS CLUB PRESENT  
**KARINE JEAN-PIERRE**  
IN CONVERSATION WITH  
PAMELA KIRKLAND

THURSDAY  
OCT 30 | 7 PM



WILD HEAVEN WEST END GARDEN CLUB

1010 WHITE STREET, SW  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30310

# 2025 EVENTS: LOUDERMILK-YOUNG DEBATE SERIES

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DEBATE SERIES





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