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Yterenickia S. Bell

B.A.Sc. in Criminal Justice '11, M.S.W. '14, M.P.A. '16

City Councilmember, Clarkston, Georgia



Yterenickia S. Bell has been an advocate in her community for many years. A Georgia native, Bell is a three-time graduate of Georgia State University and holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice, Master of Social Work and Master of Public Administration. Her passion to help vulnerable populations led to her career in urban planning, community organizing, social work, public policy and outreach.

A champion for the people, Bell is serving her third year as a City of Clarkston Councilmember, diligently working to create an inclusive city that provides opportunities and eliminates challenges to improve the quality of life for all residents of Clarkston, Georgia.

Bell holds board positions with New Leaders Council – Atlanta, Sagal Radio, The Bizzie Group, Inc., Our Future Generation Inc., National Association of Social Workers – Georgia and Atlanta Beltline 67.

Recently, she was selected for Georgia State University's 40 under 40 Class of 2019 and its #MakeYourMark campaign partnership with MARTA, designed to inspire by highlighting alumni prevailing in their field.

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY

Nancy Dickinson

B.S., 1976, University of California, Davis

M.S.W., 2009, Georgia State University

Dissertation: *Exploring the Role of Coercive Control in Arrest Incidents of Intimate Partner Violence*

Chair: Dr. Dean Dabney

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – ECONOMICS

Francisco Beltran Silva

B.A., 2012, Mexican Autonomus Institute of Tecnology

M.A., 2019, Georgia State University

Dissertation: *Essays in Applied Microeconomics on Mexico*

Chair: Dr. Alberto Chong

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY – ECONOMICS

Nicardo Sedaka McInnis

B.Sc., 2012, The University of the West Indies

M.Sc., 2014, The University of the West Indies

M.A., 2020, Georgia State University

Dissertation: *Long-term Health Effect of Family Income Received at Different Stages in the Lifecycle*

Chair: Dr. Thomas Alvin Mroz

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