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**DEPUTY EDITOR STEVE FENNESSY NAMED EDITOR OF *ATLANTA* MAGAZINE**  
***Atlanta* magazine also a finalist in the 2009 National Magazine Awards and**  
**City and Regional Magazine Association Awards**

ATLANTA – On April 1, 2009, Steve Fennessy, deputy editor, assumed the position of editor of *Atlanta* magazine. In this role, he will have overall responsibility for the content and direction of the monthly magazine, as well as budgets, circulation goals, and editorial staffing.

Fennessy came to *Atlanta* magazine in November 2005 and has excelled as a writer and editor throughout his tenure. His work was featured in the 2007 edition of Best American Crime Writing and earned him a prestigious Knight-Wallace fellowship at the University of Michigan. He is also a finalist for CRMA (City and Regional Magazine Association) writer of the year. With close to a decade of experience in the Atlanta market (he was an award-winning senior editor at *Creative Loafing* prior to joining *Atlanta* magazine), Fennessy brings a deep knowledge of the city to his new role, vital for any city magazine editor. Before moving to Atlanta in 2000, Fennessy worked as a reporter and editor at newspapers in upstate New York, and also as a journalist in Cairo, Egypt, from 1996 to 1998.

“As a seasoned reporter, writer, and editor whose work has taken him from upstate New York to Egypt, Steve will ensure that *Atlanta* magazine’s standards for journalistic excellence are maintained,” says Deborah Paul, executive vice president and editorial director of Emmis Publishing LP, *Atlanta* magazine’s corporate parent.

Rebecca Burns, who was named editor in chief of *Atlanta* magazine in 2002, moved into the newly created position of interactive director and editorial consultant. In this role she is responsible for *Atlanta* magazine’s overall online strategy. She will continue to oversee the development of new editorial products such as *Georgia College Guide* and will serve in an advisory role to the magazine’s editorial operations.

Founded in 1961, *Atlanta* magazine has served as the authority on Atlanta, providing its monthly readers with a mix of long-form nonfiction, lively lifestyle coverage, in-depth service journalism, and literary essays, columns, and profiles. *Atlanta* magazine has been recognized regionally and nationally for journalism and design excellence with more than 300 regional and national awards.

In 2008, *Atlanta* magazine took home its first National Magazine Award, the industry’s highest honor, for “You Have Thousands of Angels Around You,” by Paige Williams, which won in the feature-writing category. This year the magazine is a National Magazine Award finalist in the special issue category for the April 2008 issue on the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. The King issue is also a finalist in three categories in the 2009 awards presented by the City and Regional Magazine Association (CRMA). *Atlanta* magazine is a CRMA finalist as well for photo essay, cover design, reader service, lifestyle and leisure, general excellence, and writer of the year (Steve Fennessy).

*Atlanta* magazine is owned by Emmis Publishing, which owns a number of city and regional magazines, including *Texas Monthly* and *Los Angeles* magazine.