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Education

Ph.D. in Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, August 2011

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

M.S. in Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, August 2005

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

B.S. in Biology, May 2003

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Research Interests

coastal ecology, aquatic ecology, water quality, benthic ecology, wetland ecology, benthic-pelagic coupling

Professional Experience:

The Water Institute of the Gulf <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Coastal Ecologist</i>	2013-Present
RESTORE Act Center of Excellence for Louisiana <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Director</i>• <i>Deputy Director</i>	2017-Present <i>2019- Present</i> <i>2017-2018</i>
Louisiana State University, Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Adjunct Faculty</i>	2015-Present
Center for Water Sciences, Michigan State University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Post-doctoral Research Associate</i>	2011-2013
Louisiana State University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Co-coordinator of EnvironMentors</i>	2010-2011
Louisiana State University & Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Graduate Research Associate (Ph.D.)</i>	2005-2011
Louisiana State University & Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Graduate Research Associate (M.S.)</i>	2003-2005
Limnology Laboratory, Iowa State University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Undergraduate Research Associate</i>	2002-2003
Boston University Marine Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)</i>	summer 2002
Limnology Laboratory, Iowa State University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Limnology Laboratory Technician</i>	2001-2002

Recent Research Projects

Partnership of our Working Coast Phase II, Port Fourchon, Louisiana (2019-current). Collaborated with natural and social scientists to identify beneficial and nature-based solutions for dredged material to contribute to Louisiana's coastal sustainability efforts, protect coastal communities, and support America's Working Coast. Evaluating the co-benefits of the placement of dredged material for created wetlands, including carbon capture in wetland soils and water quality improvements. Funded by Shell, Chevron, Danos, Greater Lafourche Port Commission and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

<https://thewaterinstitute.org/projects/partnership-for-our-working-coast>

Model Improvements for the 2023 Coastal Master Plan – Wetlands, Vegetation, and Soils Team Lead (2019-2020). Coordinated a diverse group of scientists and oversaw activities related to improving wetlands, vegetation, and soil dynamics in the modeling efforts for the 2023 Coastal Master Plan. Implemented and led documentation of the improvements via meeting summaries and technical reports. Developed and led work sessions to gain input on model improvement progress and track deadlines. Funded by Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. <http://coastal.la.gov/our-plan/2023-coastal-master-plan/>

System Wide Assessment and Monitoring Program or SWAMP (2019). The SWAMP was developed to include all coastal basins in Louisiana as a long-term monitoring program to ensure a comprehensive network of data collection activities in natural and human systems is in place to support the development, implementation, and adaptive management of the coastal protection and restoration program within coastal Louisiana. A rigorous statistical analysis, examination of modeling needs, and thorough reviews of previous planning and monitoring efforts were conducted to develop the sampling designs for the natural and human system monitoring plans. Funded by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

<https://cims.coastal.louisiana.gov/RecordDetail.aspx?Root=0&sid=23567>

Organic Matter Dynamics in Coastal Wetlands (2014-current)

Investigating potential climate change effects on coastal vegetation and ecosystem processes in coastal Louisiana. Estimating coast wide decomposition and soil carbon accumulation rates from four main, salinity driven, marsh habitats within coastal Louisiana to better understand how climate change or management actions could influence long-term changes in salinity and associated ecological processes. Also investigating how properties of buried carbon changes with various ages of ponds in saline wetlands. Funded by Science and Engineering Plan of the Water Institute of the Gulf, U.S. Geological Survey Ecosystem Program, Restore Mississippi River Delta Campaign via Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, and by U.S. Geological Survey under Grant/Cooperative Agreement No. G19AC00042.

<https://thewaterinstitute.org/projects/determining-habitat-function-decomposition-and-carbon-accumulation-across-four-marsh-habitat-types-in-coastal-louisiana>

Incorporating Nutrient Effects into Ecosystem Modeling (2013-current)

Provided technical expertise on the potential impacts of nutrients from proposed sediment diversions to the coastal ecology of Louisiana. Elicited expert input about the influence and uncertainties of nutrient enrichment to wetland vegetation, soils and estuarine pelagic and benthic habitats. Used experts, literature and available data to develop a work plan that incorporated nutrient dynamics into a simulation model known as Integrated Biophysical Model. Coordinated and oversaw project activities related to modeling (Delft3D) the potential nutrient effects from diverted Mississippi River water. Implemented and led estuarine field and laboratory data collection (estuary open water and sediments, wetland vegetation and soils) to help validate the current basin-wide conditions (Barataria and Breton Basins, Louisiana) and for future nutrient effects from proposed sediment diversions. Led collaborative efforts with sub-contractors (e.g., Deltares, ULL, LSU) to meet project deadlines. Developed and led worksessions with external experts to gain input on nutrient-related modeling progress. Managed project budget as well as junior staff, research interns and undergraduate workers. Currently testing scenarios and projects. Funded by Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2018.05.019>

Peer-reviewed Publications

Google scholar link: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Gp7ZFvoAAAAJ&hl=en>

- **Baustian, M.M.**, Stagg, C.L., Perry, C.L., Moss, L.C., Carruthers, T.J.B., and M. Allison. In Press. Long-term carbon sinks in marsh soils of the Mississippi River Deltaic Plain are at risk to wetland loss.
- Barra, M., Hemmerling, S and **Baustian, M.M.** 2020. A model controversy: Using environmental competency groups to inform coastal restoration planning in Louisiana. *Professional Geographer*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00330124.2020.1777574>
- N.N. Rabalais and **Baustian, M.M.** 2020. Historical shifts in benthic infaunal diversity in the northern Gulf of Mexico since the appearance of seasonally severe hypoxia. *Diversity*. <https://doi.org/10.3390/d12020049>
- **Baustian, M.M.**, Brooks, Y.M., Baskaran, M., Liu, B., Ostrom, N.E., Stevenson, R.J. and J.B. Rose. 2020. Paleo-environmental examination of human-driven ecosystem change in Lake St. Clair region of Laurentian Great Lakes basin. *Journal of Paleolimnology*. <https://doi-org.libezp.lib.lsu.edu/10.1007/s10933-019-00108-x>
- **Baustian, M.M.**, Jung, H., Bienn, H., Barra, M., Hemmerling, S. Wang, Y., White, E., and E. Meselhe. 2020. Engaging Coastal Community Members about Natural and Nature-Based Solutions and Assessing Their Ecosystem Functions. *Ecological Engineering*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoena.2019.100015>
- Meselhe, E., Wang, Y., White, E., Jung, H., **Baustian, M.M.**, Hemmerling, S.A., Barra, M., and H. Bienn. 2020. Knowledge-Based Predictive Tools to Assess Effectiveness of Natural and Nature-Based Solutions for Coastal Restoration and Protection Planning. *Journal of Hydraulic Engineering* 146(2): [https://doi.org/10.1061/\(ASCE\)HY.1943-7900.0001659](https://doi.org/10.1061/(ASCE)HY.1943-7900.0001659)
- Hemmerling, S.A., Barra, M., Bienn, H.C., **Baustian, M.M.**, Jung,H., Meselhe, E., Wang, Y. and E. White. 2019. Elevating Local Knowledge through Participatory Modeling: Active Community Engagement in Restoration Planning in Coastal Louisiana. *Journal of Geographical Systems*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10109-019-00313-2>
- **Baustian, M.M.** Meselhe, E., Jung, H., Sadid, K, Duke- Sylvester, S., Visser, J., Allison, M., Moss, L., Ramachandirane, C, van Maren, B., Jeuken, M., and Bargu, S. 2018. Development of an Integrated Biophysical Model to represent morphological and ecological processes in a changing deltaic and coastal ecosystem. *Environmental Modeling and Software*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2018.05.019>
- **Baustian, M.M.**, Bargu, S., Rabalais, N.N., and W.L. Morrison. 2018. The polychaete, *Paraprionospio pinnata*, is a likely vector of domoic acid to the benthic food web in the northern Gulf of Mexico. *Harmful Algae*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.hal.2018.06.002>
- Stagg, C., **Baustian, M.M.**, Perry, C., Carruthers, T. and Hall, C. 2018. Direct and indirect controls on organic matter decomposition in four coastal wetland communities along a landscape salinity gradient. *Journal of Ecology*. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1365-2745.12901/full>
- **Baustian, M.M.**, Clark, R. Jerabek, A.S., Wang, Y. Bienn, H.C., White, E.D. 2018. Modeling current and future freshwater inflow needs of a subtropical estuary to manage and maintain forested wetland ecological conditions. *Ecological Indicators*. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1470160X17306295>
- Price, A., **Baustian, M.M.**, Turner, R.E. Rabalais, N.N., Chmura, G. 2017. Dinoflagellate cysts track eutrophication in the northern Gulf of Mexico. *Estuaries and Coasts*. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12237-017-0351-x>
- **Baustian, M. M.**, Stagg, C. L., Perry, C. L., Moss, L., Carruthers, T., and Allison, M. A. 2017. Relationships between salinity and short-term soil carbon accumulation rates from marsh types across a landscape in the Mississippi River Delta. *Wetlands*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13157-016-0871-3>
- Brooks, Y.M., **Baustian, M.M.**, Baskaran, M., Ostrom, N.E. and J. B. Rose. 2016. Historic associations of fecal indicator marker concentrations to anthropogenic activities and climate in freshwater sediment cores. *Environmental Science and Technology*. 50:6902-6911. <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.6b01372>
- Price, A., **Baustian, M.M.**, Turner, R.E. Rabalais, N.N., Chmura, G. 2016. *Melitasphaeridium choanophorum* – a living dinoflagellate cyst fossil in the Gulf of Mexico. *Palynology*. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01916122.2016.1205676>

- Bargu, S., **Baustian, M.M.**, Rabalais, N.N., Del Rio, R., Von Korff, B., and R.E. Turner. 2016. Influence of the Mississippi River on Pseudo-nitzschia spp. Abundance and Toxicity in Louisiana Coastal Waters. *Estuaries and Coasts*. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12237-016-0088-y>
- **Baustian, M.M.**, Hansen, G., de Kluijver, A., Robinson, K., Henry Norton, E., Knoll, L., Rose, K., and C. Carey. 2014. Linking the bottom to the top in aquatic ecosystems: mechanisms and stressors of benthic-pelagic coupling. Invited Eco-DAS X chapter for ASLO e-book. http://www.aslo.org/books/ecodas10/ecodas10_025.pdf
- Monk, M.H., **Baustian, M.M.**, Saari, C.R., Welsh, S., D'Elia, C., Gaston, S., and J.E. Powers. 2014. EnvironMentors: mentoring at-risk high school students through university partnerships. *International Journal of Environmental and Science Education*. 9:385-397. <http://www.ijese.com/ijese.2014.223a.pdf>
- Hansen, G.A., Sadro, S., **Baustian, M.M.**, and B. Stauffer. 2014. Shifting career pathways of Ph.D. ecologists: Is it time to redefine the “alternative” career? *Limnology and Oceanography Bulletin*. 23:2-5. http://aslo.org/bulletin/issues/14_v23_i1.pdf
- **Baustian, M.M.**, G. Mavrommati, et al. 2014. A one hundred year review of the socioeconomic and ecological systems in Lake St. Clair, North America. *Journal of Great Lakes Research*, 40:15-26. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jglr.2013.11.006>
- Mavrommati, G., **M.M. Baustian**, and E. Dreelin. 2013. Coupling socioeconomic and lake systems for sustainability: a conceptual analysis using Lake St. Clair region as a case study. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s13280-013-0432-4>
- **Baustian, M.M.**, Rabalais, N.N., Morrison, W.L. and R.E. Turner. 2013. Microphytobenthos along the Louisiana continental shelf during mid-summer hypoxia. *Continental Shelf Research*. 52:108-118. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.csr.2012.10.014>
- **Baustian, M.M.**, Rabalais, N.N., Morrison, W.L. and R.E. Turner. 2011. Seasonal microphytobenthos on the hypoxic northern Gulf of Mexico continental shelf. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*. 436: 51–66. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3354/meps09262>
- Qian, S.S., Craig, J.K., **Baustian, M.M.** and N.N. Rabalais. 2009. A Bayesian hierarchical modeling approach for analyzing observational data from marine ecological studies. *Marine Pollution Bulletin*. 58:1916–1921. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.marpolbul.2009.09.029>
- **Baustian, M.M.**, Craig, J.K. and N. N. Rabalais. 2009. Effects of summer 2003 hypoxia on macrobenthos and Atlantic croaker foraging selectivity in the northern Gulf of Mexico. *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology*. 381:S31-S37. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jembe.2009.07.007>
- **Baustian, M.M.** and N.N. Rabalais. 2009. Seasonal composition of benthic macroinfauna exposed to hypoxia in the northern Gulf of Mexico. *Estuaries and Coasts*. 32:975–983. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12237-009-9187-3>
- **Baustian, M.M.**, Bentley, S.J. and J.H. Wandersee. 2008. Innovative assessment tools for a short, fast-paced, summer field course. *Journal of College Science Teaching*. 37:37-43. http://learningcenter.nsta.org/product_detail.aspx?id=10.2505/4/jcst08_037_06_37
- **Millman, M.**, Teichberg, M, Martinetto, P and I. Valiela. 2002. Response of shrimp populations to land-derived nitrogen in Waquoit Bay. *Biological Bulletin*. 203:263-264 <http://www.biobull.org/content/203/2/263.full.pdf+html>

Available Data Sets:

- **Baustian, M.M.**, Stagg, C.L., Perry, C.L., Moss, L.C., Carruthers, T.J.B., Allison, M.A., and Hall, C.T., 2021, Long-term soil carbon data and accretion from four marsh types in Mississippi River Delta in 2015: U.S. Geological Survey data release. <https://doi.org/10.5066/P93U3B3E>

- **Baustian, M.M.**, Stagg, C.L, Perry, C.L., Moss, L.C., Carruthers, T.J.B., and M. Allison. 2020. Short-term soil carbon accumulation rates from marsh types across a salinity gradient suggest implications of climate change. (2015-2017): U.S. Geological Survey Data Release. <https://doi.org/10.5066/P9M5YSOL>
- Stagg, CL, **Baustian, M.M.**, Perry, CL, Carruthers, TJB, Hall CT. 2017c. Organic Matter Decomposition across a Coastal Wetland Landscape in Louisiana, U.S.A. (2014-2015): U.S. Geological Survey Data Release. <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7639MVK>
- Meselhe, E, **Baustian, M.M.**, Allison, MA. 2015. Basin Wide Model Development for the Louisiana Coastal Area Mississippi River Hydrodynamic and Delta Management study. Mississippi River Hydrodynamics and Delta Management Study Data Portal. <http://mrhdms.coastal.louisiana.gov/>

Awards, Honors:

- Coastal Steward 2018, awarded by Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, given to those that demonstrated outstanding commitment to the coast and made significant contributions to the restoration and conservation of Louisiana's coastal wetlands. May 2018.
- Awarded travel funds to attend the ASLO-sponsored *Ecological Dissertations in Aquatic Sciences* (Eco-DAS X) week-long symposia that fosters sustained, cross-disciplinary interactions among the top new researchers in ecological oceanography and limnology, Honolulu, HI, October 2012
- Joseph Lipsey, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Award, "For Excellence in the Studies of Marine Sciences," Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, LSU, Spring 2009
- Dr. Theodore B. Ford Memorial Scholarship, Department Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, LSU, Fall 2008
- Second place for excellent presentation at Graduate Student Symposium, LUMCON, Spring 2008
- SEASPACE, Inc. scholarship for academic excellence, Spring 2006
- Honored in the "Top 50" student presentations at the Estuarine Research Federation conference, Norfolk, VA, Fall 2005
- "Honorable Mention" for an excellent presentation at Graduate Student Symposium, Cocodrie, LA, Spring 2005
- "Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award", Iowa Water Resources Research Institute, Spring 2003 (given to only one undergraduate in the state of Iowa per year)
- "Outstanding Upperclassman Award," ISU Biology/Zoology/Genetics Club, ISU, Fall 2002
- Iowa State University Study Abroad Scholarship, ISU, Fall 2002
- Nominated for "Student Employee of the Year" by Animal Ecology Department, ISU, Fall 2001
- Beta, Beta, Beta Biological Honor Society, ISU, 2001 - 2002
- Mortar Board Honor Society, ISU, 2001 - 2002
- Iowa State University Dean's list: Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Spring 2003
- Iowa Veterans Foundation scholarship, Fall 2000
- *Culver's* restaurant VIP Leadership scholarship, Fall 1999

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Water Quality – Delft3D modeling short course
 Environmental Issues & Public Policy
 EnvironMentors
 Introduction to Oceanography
 Marine Field Geology

Professional Memberships

Member, Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO)
 Member, Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF)
 Member, Gulf Estuarine Research Society (GERS)

Science Service and Outreach

- Peer-reviewer for journals: Continental Shelf Research, Ecosystems, Estuaries and Coasts, Freshwater Biology, Global Change Biology, Hydrobiologia, J of Restoration Ecology, Marine Ecology Progress Series, Marine Pollution Bulletin
- Peer-reviewer for institutions: USGS, US EPA
- Peer-reviewer for funding agencies: Florida Sea Grant, Louisiana Sea Grant, National Science Foundation, The Water Institute of the Gulf
- Keynote speaker, Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation in New Orleans, LA on 6/4/19 for their annual STEM awards reception. This event provides Emmy Noether Awards (up to \$75,000 per award) to top achieving female high school students in the region who are pursuing STEM fields.
- Mississippi River discussion and tour, LSU Chapter of EnvironMentors, Scotlandville Magnet High School, Baton Rouge, LA, 3/18/19
- Guest speaker, Coast and Environment Graduate Organization (CEGO) Career Workshop, Louisiana State University. Gave advice to graduate students about being a research scientist. 3/13/19.
- Guest speaker, Coastal Habitats and Climate Change, University Presbyterian Church, Parks Wilson Class, Environment and Climate Change. 10/27/19.
- Interviewed with journalists and reporters:
 - Pam LeBlanc, freelance writer, discussed lower Mississippi River and Hypoxia, 5/19/20
 - GRIST online news. Greta Moran. 11/26/18. Discussed why wetlands soils are great at storing carbon. <https://grist.org/article/wetlands-are-a-natural-climate-solution-guess-whos-turning-them-into-big-polluters>
 - NOLA.com, Sara Sneath. Discussed harmful algal blooms. 7/12/18. https://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2018/07/a_tiny_sea_worm_could_be_a_vec.html
 - CWWPRA WaterMarks magazine. Sharon Coogle. 5/16/18. <https://lacoast.gov/new/Data/WaterMarks/Watermarks58WEB.pdf>
 - Radio interview (WHYY in Philadelphia) with journalist, Zoe Sullivan about why soil organic matter holds water. 5/10/18
 - BRAF Currents (Q1, 2018) – Discussed Atchafalaya SwampBase. <https://www.braf.org/stories/2018/2/6/fuc3414qh6ob46400vq359ou59atb0>
 - Participated in a radio interview about coastal change in Louisiana with Mr. Doug Daigle (30 min), for Environmental Update on 96.9 FM WHYY.org, 9/8/17
- Guest lecturer, Nicholls State University, Dr. Jonathan Willis. 2/27/18. The Water Institute of the Gulf's Integrated Approach to Applied Research.
- Guest expert scientist for Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium's (LUMCON) inaugural science communication event, OCEANDOTCOMM. Discussed coastal habitats of Louisiana with communicators (n=42) via social media, radio interviews, podcasts, and blogs. Examples out of 26 products are:
 - Pod cast: Coastal Louisiana Coastal Habitat Change - Season 1 Ep4 <https://open.spotify.com/episode/2iKtwwegodKplHoWVihX3a?si=Z2AmPOAMQCyljUS11XzCQ>
Interviewed by: Sheanna Steingass and Andrew Lewin
 - Radio interview, Instagram story: Bayou Women <http://www.laseagrant.org/communications/voices/bayou-women/>
- Video Interview (2 hr) for outreach exhibit at State of Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and LSU's Center for River Studies, Water Campus, Baton Rouge, LA 7/26/17
- Hosted a volunteer high school student from St. Joseph's Academy to get exposure to environmental work, 8/2/17
- Answered questions in a telephone interview (30 min) from High School science teacher (Ms. Annie Tete) from S. McGeehee School, New Orleans, LA, 8/11/17
- Discussed swamp ecology with The Lens reporter via telephone interview, 9/28/17
- Applied research outreach presentation to YSI workshop (30 min), 10/19/17
- Interviewed by journalist about mangrove expansion that was published in the Baton Rouge Area Foundation (BRAf) magazine *Currents*, page 20, June 2017. https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56bba43086db4378db7e026d/t/58fe18ecbe6594f266ee1b38/1493047544667/Currents+Q217_website.pdf

- Discussed mangrove expansion into salt marshes to educate science teachers that are part of the LSU Coastal Roots program, Baton Rouge, LA, January 2017. <http://coastalroots.lsu.edu/>
- Answered questions via Skype about careers in science from high school girls of McGehee High School (via Ms. Annie Tete), New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2016
- Interviewed for a documentary about nutrient pollution in Mississippi River watershed and impacts to coastal Louisiana led by Water Quality Indiana, a class project from Ball State University. Baton Rouge, LA. Sept. 2016. waterqualityin.com See YouTube video here: <https://youtu.be/1125AxuZ2N8>
- Guest speaker at Pre-K classroom (4-5 year olds) for their ocean theme, developed 3 activities about the ocean, Southdowns PreK, Baton Rouge, LA, May 2015
- Discussed coastal Louisiana habitats and common organisms to general public as part of The Water Institute of the Gulf exhibition at the 2015 Kenilworth STEM Expo, February 2015
- Answered emailed questions about marine science careers from a student at Southeastern University, Hammond, LA, July 2014
- Guest lecturer for Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and Brown University about *Coastal Hypoxia*, Annunciation Mission, New Orleans, LA April 2014.
- Guest lecturer at Mason Area Historical Society about *History of Water Quality in the Great Lakes*, Mason, MI, May 2013. <http://www.masonmuseum.org/Home.html>
- Guest speaker at preschool classroom (2-3 year olds) for their ocean theme, Michigan State University Child Development Laboratory, East Lansing, MI, Feb. 2013
- Mentor for the ASLO Multicultural Program at Aquatic Sciences Meeting. Met with minority students daily to help navigate the meeting and to help meet other scientists. New Orleans, LA, Feb. 2013.
- Conference judge for student oral and poster presentations:
 - Gulf Estuarine Research Society, virtual, November 2020
 - State of the Coast, New Orleans, LA, June 2018
 - American Geophysical Union, New Orleans, LA, Dec. 2017
 - Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation, Providence, RI, Nov. 2017
 - Gulf Estuarine Research Society, Pensacola Beach, FL, November 2016
 - International Association for Great Lakes Research, West Lafayette, IN, May 2013
 - Association for Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography, New Orleans, LA, Feb. 2013
 - Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation, Daytona Beach, FL, Nov. 2011
- Participant in the development and planning of the state of Louisiana *Environmental Literacy Plan* part of the *No Child Left Inside* initiative, July 2010 to Aug. 2011
- Science Fair Judge:
 - LSU Chapter of *EnvironMentors*, Scotlandville Magnet High School, Baton Rouge, LA, April 2014, April 2015
 - Scotlandville Magnet High School, Baton Rouge, LA, Nov. 2010
 - Terrebonne Parish Science Fair (Jr. High), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Dec. 2008
 - St. Joseph's Academy, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 9th-12th grade, Spring 2007
 - Louisiana State Region VII, 9th -12th grade, LSU Field House, Spring 2007
 - Baton Rouge Earth Day Festival volunteer:
 - The Water Institute of the Gulf's activity, *Testing our Coastal Waters*, April 2015
 - The Water Institute of the Gulf's activity, *Testing our Coastal Waters*, April 2014
 - LUMCON's interactive animal specimen display, April 2010
- Volunteer scientist for LUMCON's weekend-long workshop titled *From H-2-O* that helped local science teachers develop lesson plans and activities that engage students in the importance of water quality, Jan. 2009
- Answered emailed questions about careers in science from a student of St. Amant High School, Ascension Parish School District, LA, Jan. 2009

- Mentored an international high school science fair recipient on a research cruise to learn more about hypoxia in aquatic systems, Summer 2008
- Volunteer scientist for the NSF funded program, Centers for Ocean Science Education Excellence (COSEE) - Central Gulf of Mexico Teacher/Scientist Institute, a week-long intensive workshop at LUMCON, Summer 2007
- Education Outreach Coordinator for Marine Environmental Researchers (MER), LSU, Fall 2006 - Spring 2007
- Active volunteer for Louisiana Sea Grant sponsored event, *Ocean Commotion*, Fall 2004 – 2010, 2014, 2016
- Taught first graders at University Laboratory School about the ocean, Baton Rouge, LA, Fall 2007
- Co-lead MER to create a booth at Polk Elementary School Science Fair, Baton Rouge, LA, Fall 2005
- Educated the public about the *Dead Zone* at LUMCON's open house, 2004, 2006, 2008
- Invited K-12 students into the LSU laboratory to teach them about marine macrobenthos, Baton Rouge, LA, Spring 2004

Training Courses

- Macrobenthic Organisms as Indicators of Estuarine Health. November 2016. Pensacola Beach, FL.
- Compass: Communicating Your Science. September 2016. Lacombe, LA.
- R Software Training Workshop, January 14, 2015, Baton Rouge, LA
- Delft3D Water Quality Modeling Workshop, March 16-17, 2014, New Orleans, LA
- Aquatic GIS course, St. Louis University, June 12-14, 2013, St. Louis, MO
- Write Winning Grants course, Michigan State University, January 4, 2012, East Lansing, MI

Invited Seminars

- “Meeting the Challenges of Conserving the Gulf Coast in the face of Climate Change” Gulf Estuarine Research Society. Virtual presentation. November 2020.
- “Insights on Effective Collaboration Between Natural and Social Scientists”. Seminar to U.S. Society for Ecological Economics. Virtual presentation. September 2020.
- “Coastal Impacts of Harmful Algal Blooms”. Seminar to the School of Renewable Natural Resources. Baton Rouge, LA. February 2020.
- “Finding the Right Flow: Modeling Current and Future Freshwater Inflow Needs of Lake Maurepas and Maurepas Swamp.” Seminar to the School of Renewable Natural Resources, November 2019. Co-presented with Ryan Clark.
- “Model Development for Ecosystem Restoration in Mississippi River Delta: Hydrological and Sedimentary Processes and Potential Influence on Nutrients and Phytoplankton (including HABs).” Webinar to EPA HABs working group. Webinar. January 2017. Co-presented with Hoonshin Jung, Ehab Meselhe, Sibel Bargu, and Tim Carruthers.
- “Mississippi River Hydrodynamics and Delta Management Study: Basin-Wide Model Development and application.” Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, New Orleans, LA. December 2016. Co-presented with Ehab Meselhe.
- “Bayou Vermilion Water quality of Bayou Vermilion: potential impacts and lessons learned from other models and case studies.” Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association. Lafayette, LA. November 2016. Co-presented with Ehab Meselhe.
- “The essential role of coupling in coastal systems, habitats and ecosystem models.” University of Louisiana Lafayette Biology Department Seminar Series. Lafayette, LA. December 2014.
- “The essential role of coupling in coastal systems, habitats and ecosystem models.” LSU School Coast and Environment Seminar Series. Baton Rouge, LA. November 2014.
- “Benthic-pelagic coupling in aquatic ecosystems in relation to nutrient enrichment.” Water Wednesdays, Center for Water Sciences Seminar Series. East Lansing, MI. December 2011.
- “Benthic-pelagic coupling in lakes in relation to nutrient enrichment.” Brown-bag presentation to NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL), Ann Arbor, MI. October 2011

- “Microphytobenthos of the northern Gulf of Mexico hypoxic area and their role in oxygen dynamics.” Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON), Cocodrie, LA. July 2011

Conference Oral Presentations

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 - d. LUMCON, Cocodrie, LA, March 2007
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