

# Jessica Parfait

## Anthropologist - The Water Institute of the Gulf

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### Education

#### **M.S. in Anthropology, 2017-Present**

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

#### **B.S. in Anthropology, 2014**

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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### Research Interests:

Environmental Equity, Community Vulnerability and Resilience, Social Policy Planning, Geographic Information Systems

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### Professional Experience:

#### **The Water Institute of the Gulf**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- *Anthropologist*

**2019-present**

#### **The United Houma Nation**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- *STOP DV Coordinator*
- *Archivist*

**2015-present**

#### **Louisiana Sea Grant**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- *Graduate Assistant*

**2017-2019**

### ACTIVITIES:

#### **2018 Women's Earth and Climate Action Network Divestment Tour**

*New York, NY & Washington D.C.*

Part of an Indigenous delegation meeting with members of the Equator Principals to urge bank divestment from oil and gas companies that violate human rights

#### **2018 Southern Movement Assembly-Southern People's Power Tour**

*San Juan, Puerto Rico*

*Dulac, LA*

Part of a southern peoples delegation meeting with Indigenous people from Puerto Rico for cultural exchange and solidarity in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria

**2018 Fossil Free Fest**

*New Orleans, LA*

Keynote Speaker - Oil and Water: Growing up in south Louisiana in an oil and gas family

**CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. **2019 Center for Natural Resource Economics and Policy New Orleans, LA.**  
Presenter-Multidisciplinary Knowledge Integration to Support Louisiana Coastal Indigenous Communities' Response to Natural and Technological Disasters and Adaptions to Climate Change
2. **2019 Coastal GeoTools Myrtle Beach, SC.**  
Presenter - Multidisciplinary Knowledge Integration to Support Louisiana Coastal Indigenous Communities' Response to Natural and Technological Disasters and Adaptions to Climate Change
3. **2019 Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability Vancouver, Canada.**  
Presenter - Multidisciplinary Knowledge Integration to Support Louisiana Coastal Indigenous Communities' Response to Natural and Technological Disasters and Adaptions to Climate Change
4. **2018 National Lawyers Guild Portland, OR.**  
Panel Participant - Land and Water Defense: How Can the NLG Support Resistance to Extractive Industries
5. **2018 Women of Color Network: Economic Policy and Leadership Summit Agenda Baltimore, MD.**  
Presenter - Cafa Oglá: The Houma of Louisiana, Historical Trauma, and Domestic Violence
6. **2018 Netroots Nation New Orleans, LA.**  
Panel Participant - discussing the Bayou Bridge Pipeline