

Schedule of Events

8:00 - 9:00 am

Registration and Morning Refreshments - Exhibit Hall

9:00 - 10:30 am

Session I - Rivergate Room

- **A Strategy to Combat Our Land Loss Problems**
Alisha Renfro, National Wildlife Federation
- **Louisiana's Master Plan and its Implementation**
Bren Haase, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
- **Planning for the Next Generation's Coast and Community**
Corey Miller, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana

10:30 - 11:00 am

Morning Break and Student Awards- Exhibit Hall

11:00 - 11:30 am

Session II - Rivergate Room

- **How you can Engage and Take Action**
Colette Pichon Battle, Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy

11:30 - 12:30pm

Panel Discussion - Rivergate Room

Carol Bebelle, Ashé Cultural Arts Center
Chief Thomas Dardar, Jr., United Houma Nation Tribe
Jonathan Foret, Wetlands Discovery Center
Ryan Lambert, Cajun Fishing Adventures, Inc.
Denese Shervington, The Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies



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Alisha Renfro, Ph.D. - Alisha is a coastal scientist with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) working on the Mississippi River Delta Restoration Campaign. In her role with the NWF, she works to ensure the best available science is used to highlight the ecological and economic importance of the Mississippi River Delta and the solutions that are needed in the pathway forward to a more sustainable future.

Bren Haase - Bren is Division Chief of the Planning and Research at the Louisiana Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority. He manages the research, planning and development of Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast, in addition to the Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Restoration Program, the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Program, and the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program.

Corey Miller - Corey leads the Outreach and Engagement Program for CRCL since 2012. A 3rd-generation native of the New Orleans area and an alumnus of LSU and UNO, he works to improve resiliency for residents of coastal Louisiana and their communities in the face of a degrading landscape and increasing flood risks.

Colette Pichon - Colette is the Executive Director for the Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy. There, she develops and manages programming focused on Equitable Disaster Recovery, Global Migration, Community Economic Development, Climate Justice and Energy Democracy. Colette works to build multi-racial regional alliances and leads advocacy initiatives that intersect with race, systems of power and ecology.

Carol Bebelle - Carol is the Co-founder and Executive Director of the Ashe' Cultural Arts Center- providing opportunities for art presentations, community development, artist support and the creation of partnerships that amplify outreach and support efforts. A published poet and writer, she's spent nearly 20 years in the public sector as an administrator and planner of education, social, cultural and health programs.

Chief Thomas Dardar, Jr. - Chief Thomas is the Principal Chief of the United Houma Nation Tribe located in Southeast Louisiana. He is a long-time member of the United Houma Nation Tribal Council. He serves on the Teche Action Clinic Board of Directors, the Terrebonne Parish Council on Aging Board of Directors, Bayou Blue Volunteer Fire Fighters' Board of Directors, and a Volunteer Fire Fighter and First Responder for the Bayou Blue Area.

Jonathan Foret - Jonathan is currently the Executive Director of the Wetlands Discovery Center and has over 10 years of non-profit experience. He has developed many innovative programs and fundraisers including the Rougarou Fest, a family-friendly festival with a spooky flair that celebrates the rich folklore that exists along the bayous of Southeast Louisiana.

Ryan Lambert - Ryan, Founder and President of Cajun Fishing Adventures, Inc., has been a professional angler for over 39 years and is a successful entrepreneur in southeast Louisiana. He is an active spokesperson for coastal restoration and a contributor to the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan Framework Development Team; he also serves on the advisory board of Vanishing Paradise.

Denese Shervington, MD/MPD - Denese is the President and CEO of The Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES), a community-based public health institute, and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Tulane University. At IWES, she directs the community-based post-disaster mental health recovery division that she created in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.