



Resume

Skills: **Science Communication:** Help specialists convey their ideas in clear text and graphics.
Strategic Outreach: Create innovative ways to exchange ideas and build coalitions.
Decision Support: Use inclusive processes to develop high stakes plans and policies.

Education: **Harvard Kennedy School:** 2009-2010. Master of Public Administration. Selected as Environmental Fellow by the Robert and Patricia Switzer Foundation. Degree included in-depth mediation training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
University of Virginia: 1986. Bachelor of Arts, Political and Social Thought. Graduated with Highest Distinction. Eight academic scholarships.

Key Accomplishments:

- Wrote Louisiana's primary climate change adaptation documents post-Hurricane Katrina, including two plans governing \$50 billion in coastal investments. Plans won national awards for their groundbreaking presentation of technical analyses.
- Designed a process that invited two million south Louisiana residents to consider how to protect their communities from land loss and sea level rise.
- Created economic development models that encouraged wise use of urban land and supported profitable green businesses.

Professional Experience: *Principal, Amy Clipp Consulting, 1992 to Present*

Help people make better decisions in the face of change. Bring together public servants, residents, business people, and scientists in mediated processes. Document the group's work in negotiated texts. Current focus on addressing the Gulf Coast's vulnerability to climate change. Support Louisiana and other states as they find the best path forward. Selected projects below.

- *Louisiana Discovery, Integration, and Application Program (2014-present).* Helping Louisiana Sea Grant connect the academic community, community residents, and policy makers. Developing outreach options that will help scientists and residents listen to each other and take effective action in service to what they hear. Conducting a fellowship program, in consultation with a team of ecologists, that will support scientists seeking to connect their work with urgent policy and community issues.
- *Achieving Resilience in Coastal Communities: Resources and Recommendations (2014).* Converted several hundred pages of research from the National Wildlife Federation into a reader friendly collection of resources. The resulting web based document includes case studies, directories, and policy summaries for diverse audiences.

Professional Experience:

- *Integrating Social Science and Gulf Coast Restoration: Best Practices and Next Steps (2013)*. Worked with a team of 60 social scientists and policy makers to better account for the needs and knowledge of local residents when designing coastal restoration initiatives. Distilled team discussions into a 10 page white paper that outlines how to achieve more inclusive planning and make social science integral to technical analyses. The original group vetted the document and fully endorsed the finished product.
- *The Louisiana Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast (2010-2012)*. Wrote Louisiana's 2012 Coastal Master Plan as well as interim documents, helping the state develop science based policies and describe them in straightforward language. Worked closely with 60 member science and engineering team to clearly present findings, define key messages, and focus team attention on negotiated agreements. Guided the state's plan related outreach and use of multi-stakeholder decision making. Helped the state support these deliberations as integral to the overall process.
- *Mississippi River Delta Science and Engineering Special Team Report: Answering Ten Fundamental Questions About the Mississippi River Delta (2012)*. Worked with a national team of economists, engineers, and scientists to present extensive research findings to the general public. The resulting summary document is being used by the media, members of Congress, and citizens to understand the future of coastal restoration in Louisiana.
- *Saving America's Wetland: Annual Report on Progress Made and Future Challenges (2002-2007, 2010)*. Wrote annual reports on behalf of a governor appointed group charged with monitoring and evaluating the state's coastal efforts. Identified progress made and ongoing challenges, working with 30+ commission members to draft text and seek agreement on assessments and recommendations.
- *The Louisiana Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast (2006-2007)*. Synthesized ideas of scientists and hundreds of citizens into easy to read, technically accurate text. Document won the National Association of Environmental Professionals President's Award and the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation.
- *Science communication advisor (1992-present)*. Edit and design policy texts for state and national review. Convert the work of specialists into documents, presentations, and web content that can be understood by general audiences. Clients include: the Water Institute of the Gulf, the Louisiana Coastal Sustainability Studio, the Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences, national NGOs, and public agencies.

Explore innovative options for upgrading economic development, environmental, and land use practices.

- *Louisiana EcoVenture (1998-2000)*. Led Ford Foundation project to integrate sustainable practices into small business operations. Used economic research that showed strong links between job creation and a clean environment to help small business owners build market share. Led the group in investigating methods of certifying green businesses and offered our model to local business leaders.
- *Brownfields redevelopment initiatives (1994-2004)*. As Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs for the City of New Orleans, created a national model for identifying

brownfields investment priorities. Hired by EPA to teach brownfield administrators throughout the U.S. how to use inclusive public engagement practices. Gained funding for and directed brownfield initiatives in the New Orleans area.

- *Environmental Policy Initiatives, City of New Orleans (1994-1996)*. As Deputy Director for the City of New Orleans, clarified the office's goals and implemented a range of programs designed to address urban environmental problems such as environmental health threats in low and middle income communities, wetland loss, Superfund sites, and industrial emissions. Created neighborhood advisory committees to ensure strong communication among residents and the mayor's staff. Hosted the city's first conference on women's health and the environment, which was attended by leading international scientists along with 250 women from neighborhoods across the metro area.

Awards:

- *Special Recognition for Work on the Completion of the Comprehensive Plan for a Sustainable Coast*, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of Louisiana, 2007.
- *Citation of Achievement*, Mark Morial, Mayor, City of New Orleans, 1995.
- *Award of Merit*, US EPA, 1995.