



## RÉSUMÉ February 2024

### Skills:

**Write:** Create text that goes deep not dull.

**Mediate:** Help teams turn rough drafts into polished documents.

**Train:** Guide experts as share their work with peers and the public.

### Education:

**Harvard Kennedy School:** Master of Public Administration. Environmental Fellow sponsored by the Robert and Patricia Switzer Foundation. Degree included in-depth mediation training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**University of Virginia:** Bachelor of Arts, Political and Social Thought. Graduated with Highest Distinction.

### Accomplishments:

- Have written 30+ high profile policy documents that make specialized knowledge easy to understand.
- Co-created an innovative program that brings scientists and coastal residents together to talk, learn, and solve problems.
- Author of Louisiana's primary climate change adaptation documents, including plans governing over \$50 billion. Documents won national awards for their groundbreaking presentation of technical analyses.

### Professional Experience:

#### **Principal, Amy Clipp Consulting**

I help experts find the words they need to make a better world. My specialty? Explaining complex ideas to complex audiences. Recent projects include:

Writing and communications strategy for Rule of Law, Justice, and Security Division, U.S. Institute of Peace (2015-present). Advising team on document writing, editing, and promotion of report on Ukraine's rule of law sector. Worked with chaos theory experts to describe a computational model in layman's terms. Writer and chief editor of [report](#) on elite capture of the security sector, which was presented at 2023 Munich Security Conference. Advised staff and edited text of [article](#) on integrating systems thinking into international peacebuilding efforts. Wrote content for [multi-media site](#) featuring the institute's groundbreaking community work in Burkina Faso.

Professional Experience:

Communications strategy and writing for [Louisiana's Seafood Future](#) (2019-2020). Supported three Louisiana agencies as they investigated how coastal fishers are innovating in the face of climate change. Helped design surveys, created public documents, and distilled over 1000 pages of survey results into reports shared with state leaders and the public.

Startup strategy, training, and advising for the [Louisiana Discovery, Integration, and Application Program \(2014-2020\)](#). Helped Louisiana Sea Grant connect the academic community, community residents, and policy makers. Developed a fellowship program, in consultation with ecologists, that helps researchers and residents listen to each other and take effective action in service to what they hear.

Communications strategy and chief writer/advisor for successive iterations of the Louisiana Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast ([2006-2007](#), [2010-2012](#), [2016-2017](#), 2019-2020). Each plan explains how Louisiana will adapt to climate change. Because they are read by thousands of people, the plans must make highly technical information accessible to a broad audience.

Strategic planning for Tulane University's ByWater Field Station (2019). Helped ByWater Institute staff explore ideas for doing expanded field research on climate change adaptation. Designed meetings for 20 advisors as well as regional partners. Distilled meeting results and staff deliberations into a five-year plan for the National Science Foundation.

Course development for Louisiana State University (2017-2018). Collaborated with an internationally known ecologist to create undergraduate lectures, textbook, and book proposal for Yale University Press. Encouraged students to view the world's deltas through the lens of systems thinking, thereby illuminating new options for addressing climate change and other challenges.

Writing and editing for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Facebook (2017). Rewrote joint document to highlight how social media can provide opportunities for small businesses.

Awards:

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