

## Film Premiere and Webinar: In Times of Crisis - Stories from the Gulf of Mexico

### AGENDA

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 | 1:00pm-3:00pm ET

Webcast Live Here: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/06-14-2022/film-premiere-and-webinar-in-times-of-crisis-stories-from-the-gulf-of-mexico>

The Gulf Research Program's Board on Gulf Education and Engagement and the Policy and Global Affairs Division's Board on Higher Education and Workforce are pleased to present the *In Times of Crisis: Stories from the Gulf of Mexico* Film Premiere and Webinar. This event will feature three short films demonstrating how colleges and universities are working with communities in the Gulf of Mexico region to prepare for and recover from various crises.

#### BACKGROUND

The Gulf of Mexico is a region that has faced numerous crises in the last fifteen years. Acute disasters – such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010, and COVID-19 plus a record-breaking five-hurricane season in 2020 – as well as longer-term and compounding disasters – the climate crisis and rising sea levels, the opioid epidemic, increasing health disparities, and more – pose grave threats to the region. The need to connect academic experts with local community knowledge, assets, and needs is urgent in order to prepare for and to recover from these crises. The *In Times of Crisis* project explores and brings attention to these campus-community partnerships through short films that offer insights into the lived experiences of campus professionals as they engage with local communities “in times of crisis.”

From a number of proposals submitted by Gulf region campus-based experts, three were chosen and funded by the National Academies to produce short films about their experiences working with a community facing one or more crises.

The three films to be premiered are:

- *Isle of Memories: Stories of the Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw* (Dr. Heather Stone, Assistant Professor of Education, University of Louisiana at Lafayette)
- *After Michael: Memory and Reinvention in Port St Joe* (Jeffrey Carney, Associate Professor + Director, FIBER, University of Florida)
- *Resilience in the Bayou* (Janel Lowman, Senior Manager, Community Outreach, University of South Alabama Health Mitchell Cancer Institute; Dr. Melissa L. Finucane, Senior Social and Behavioral Scientist, RAND Corporation)

The webinar will feature a discussion with the scholars whose work inspired the films and with experts in science and climate communications, disaster studies, and community resilience.

#### 1:00-1:10PM ET

##### OPENING REMARKS

- Dr. Matthew VanDyke, Chair of the In Times of Crisis Advisory Committee, University of Alabama
- Lauren Alexander Augustine, Executive Director, Gulf Research Program, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
- Laura Castillo-Page, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (pre-recorded remarks)

- 1:10 – 1:20**      **COMMUNICATING IN “TIMES OF CRISIS”**  
Dr. Sabrina McCormick, Associate Professor, George Washington University
- 1:20 – 2:00**      **STORIES FROM THE GULF OF MEXICO**
- *Isle of Memories: Stories of the Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw*
  - *After Michael: Memory and Reinvention in Port St Joe*
  - *Resilience in the Bayou*
- 2:00 – 2:15**      **RESPONSES**
- Dr. Craig Colten, Professor Emeritus, Louisiana State University
  - Ari Daniel, NPR
  - Dr. Liesel Ritchie, Professor of Sociology; Associate Director of the Center for Coastal Studies at Virginia Tech
- 2:15 – 2:30**      **Q & A, WITH QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**  
Dr. Matthew VanDyke (moderator)
- 2:30 – 2:50**      **A MODERATED DISCUSSION WITH THE FILMMAKERS**
- Isle of Memories: Stories of the Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw*
- Dr. Heather Stone, University of Louisiana – Lafayette
- After Michael: Memory and Reinvention in Port St Joe*
- Mr. Jeffrey Carney, University of Florida
- Resilience in the Bayou*
- Ms. Janel Lowman, University of South Alabama
  - Dr. Melissa Finucane, RAND Climate Resilience Center
- Dr. Matthew VanDyke (moderator)
- 2:50 – 3:00**      **CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**  
Dr. Matthew VanDyke (moderator)
- 3:00pm**          **ADJOURN**

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**NOTES**

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- For more information on this event: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/06-14-2022/film-premiere-and-webinar-in-times-of-crisis-stories-from-the-gulf-of-mexico>
- This meeting will be livestreamed and archived for future viewing at the link provided at the top of this document, along with the films.
- Public participants may submit questions for speakers online while viewing the webcast.
- Full speaker bios can be found here under “Meeting Materials”:  
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