

Workshop 3: Assisted Resettlement and Receiving Communities in Louisiana

Executive Agenda | Courtyard by Marriott Houma | Versailles Meeting Room | 142 Library Dr, Houma, LA 70360

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022 (all times CST)

Objectives

- Hear the stories, and learn from, community members who are contemplating resettlement or have experienced displacement, relocation, or the receiving end of the process.
- Learn about the challenges and needs of strategic climate adaptation.
- Learn from local leaders and experts about the implications of housing, health, and planning in the context of resettlement and receiving communities.

9:30-9:40

Welcome and Introduction to NASEM and the Study

John Ben Soileau, Study Co-Director and Program Officer,
National Academies
Dr. Chandra L. Middleton, Study Co-Director and Program Officer,
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9:40-9:45

Native Land Acknowledgement

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9:45-9:55

Welcome and Introduction from the Committee

Dr. Craig Colten, Professor Emeritus, Louisiana State University

9:55-10:00

Welcome from the Sponsor: The Gulf Research Program

Dr. Jessica Simms, Associate Program Officer, The Gulf Research Program, National Academies

10:00-12:00

Community Testimonials: Assisted Resettlement and Receiving Communities in Louisiana

Facilitator: Jonathan Foret, Executive Director, South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center

Community Participants:

Genie Ardoin
Bette Billiot
Thaddeus (Mike) Pellegrin
Bonnie Theriot
Cherry Wilmore
Sherry Wilmore

- 12:00-12:10** **Summation by Committee Member**
Debra Butler, Mellon Foundation NAIS Fellow, A.W. Mellon Foundation Native American and Indigenous Studies-NAIS Five Colleges, Inc.
- 12:10-1:10** **Lunch**
- 1:10-2:50** **Resettling and Receiving Stories from Across Louisiana**
Facilitator: Dr. Shana Walton, Toups Professor of Cultural Studies, Department of English, Modern Languages, and Cultural Studies, Nicholls State University
- Mark VanLandingham, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Studies of Displaced Populations, Tulane University
The Vietnamese-American Experience with Resettlement
Cyndi Nguyen, Executive Director, Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training
Beth Butler, Executive Director, A Community Voice
Envisioning Resettlement from the Lower 9th Ward
Cindy Robertson, Director, Micah 6:8 & Community Member, Dee Knowles
Displacing and Integrating the Homeless in West Louisiana
Sam Oliver, Executive Director, Acadiana Center for the Arts Resettling and Receiving in Lafayette Parish
Resettling and Receiving in Lafayette Parish
- 2:50-3:00** **Break**
- 3:00-4:55** **Panel 1: Housing, Health, and Planning in the Context of Resettling and Receiving Communities**
Moderator: Dr. Craig Colten, Professor Emeritus, Louisiana State University
Panelists
Kelli Cunningham, Director, Terrebonne Parish Housing and Human Services
Jessica Domangue, Terrebonne Parish Councilwoman, Houma District 5
Chris Pulaski, Director of Planning and Zoning, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
Mark Goodson, Principal, Planning and Resilience Practice Lead, CSRS
Pat Forbes, Executive Director, Louisiana Office of Community Development
- 4:55-5:00** **Closing Remarks**
John Ben Soileau, Study Co-Director and Program Officer, National Academies
Dr. Chandra L. Middleton, Study Co-Director and Program Officer, National Academies
- 5:00** **Adjourn**