



Katrina Consequences: What Has the Government Learned?

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- 8:30 a.m. Registration and coffee
Location: *Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law, Broadway Campus, 526 Pine Street, New Orleans, Room 308*
Map: www.loyno.edu/neworleans/maps/maps-campus.php
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome from Brian Bromberger, Dean of Loyola University College of Law
- 9:10 a.m. Introduction by Robert R.M. Verchick, Gauthier-St. Martin Chair in Environmental Law at Loyola University New Orleans, and member of the board of directors of the Center for Progressive Reform (CPR)
- 9:15 a.m. The Path of Destruction
Mark Schleifstein, New Orleans Times-Picayune
- 10:00 a.m. **First panel discussion – Hurricane Katrina and Environmental Justice**
-11:15 a.m.
- Issues to be discussed:**
- ♦ The Gulf Coast hurricanes and their aftermath
 - ♦ Toxics and waste disposal
 - ♦ Long-term planning and housing issues
- Panelists:**
- Moderator: Luz M. Molina, Clinical Professor of Law at Loyola University
- ♦ Sheila Foster, member scholar of CPR and Professor at Fordham University School of Law

- ♦ Bill Quigley, Professor of Law at Loyola University New Orleans and Director of The Loyola Law Clinic and the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center
- ♦ Reverend Vien thé Nguyen, pastor of Mary Queen of Vietnam Catholic Church and a leader of the Vietnamese community in eastern New Orleans
- ♦ Wilma Subra, President of Subra Company, Inc.

11:15 a.m. Break
-11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. **Second panel discussion – Levees and Coastal Wetlands**
-12:45 p.m.

Issues to be discussed:

- ♦ “Proximate” and “ultimate” causes of levee failure
- ♦ Status of coastal erosion in Gulf and plans for restoration
- ♦ Improving the organizational structure of government, which may include creating a new supervisory agency of storm protection or a re-tooling of the Army Corps.

Panelists:

Moderator: Thomas O. McGarity, President of CPR and W. James Kronzer
Chair at the University of Texas Law School

- ♦ Troy Constance, New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- ♦ Oliver A. Houck, Professor of Law at Tulane University Law School
- ♦ Laura Steinberg, Southern Methodist University School of Engineering
- ♦ Ivor van Heerden, Louisiana State University Hurricane Center

12:45 p.m. Buffet Lunch
-1:45 p.m.

2:00 p.m. **Third panel discussion – Energy and Global Warming**
-3:15 p.m.

Issues to be discussed:

- ♦ Energy extraction in the Gulf
- ♦ Effects of global warming on flooding and storms in the Gulf
- ♦ Using royalties on energy extraction as a means of redressing coastal erosion

Panelists:

Moderator: John Lovett, Associate Professor of Law at Loyola University New Orleans

- ♦ Monique M. Edwards, Executive Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
- ♦ Robert L. Glicksman, member scholar of CPR and Robert W. Wagstaff Professor of Law at the University of Kansas School of Law

- ♦ Joe Tomain, member scholar of CPR, dean emeritus of the University of Cincinnati College of Law and the Wilbert and Helen Ziegler Professor of Law

3:15 p.m. Break
-3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. **Fourth panel discussion – Environmental and Administrative Policy as it relates to Katrina**
- 5:00 p.m.

Issues to be discussed:

- ♦ Emergency Preparedness
- ♦ How to improve FEMA: re-staff it, revamp it, replace it?
- ♦ Measuring and minimizing risk where resources are necessarily limited

Panelists:

Moderator: David J. Gottlieb, member scholar of CPR and Professor of Law at the University of Kansas School of Law

- ♦ Daniel A. Faber, Sho Shato Professor of Law at University of California-Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)
- ♦ Erik Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council
- ♦ Representative of Student Hurricane Network

Commentators:

- ♦ Christopher Schroeder, member of the board of directors of CPR and the Charles S. Murphy Professor of Law & Public Policy Studies and Director of the Program in Public Law at Duke University School of Law
- ♦ Sidney A. Shapiro, member of the board of directors of CPR and the University Distinguished Chair in Law at Wake Forest University School of Law

5:00 p.m. **Closing Thoughts**

-5:30 p.m. Robert R.M. Verchick, Gauthier-St. Martin Eminent Scholar Chair in Environmental Law at Loyola University New Orleans, and member of the board of directors of CPR

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