

August Update

My internship is in Baton Rouge at Louisiana State University (LSU). I am embracing the task of introducing a partnership between Sea Grant and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations Office of Response and Restoration (NOAA OR&R) to provide strong scientific and cultural linkages in the environmental and social sectors. This bridging will occur by various public outreach interactions both on a community level in addition to speaking with parish (county) representatives. This process will also enlighten NOAA and Sea Grant on the important social and cultural characteristics of our coastal residents when dealing with oil spills. Thus far, I have been attending various meetings, testing the extraction process in the lab, researching, schmoozing, solidifying my internship goals and objectives, and attempting to put together a presentation while embracing my fear of public speaking.

