

MEET THE INTERNS



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SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



The Louisiana Sea Grant (LSG) legal interns had the opportunity to hold a dried buffalo fish skin during their field trip to the Seafood Processing Demonstration Lab at the Ibearia Research Station in Jeanerette, LA.

Back Row L-R. Jed, Nicholas H., Nicholas D., Alex, Jim Wilkins, Thomas Hymel. **Second Row L-R.** Anne Dugas, Evelyn Watts. **Front Row L-R.** Dottie Reid, Piper, Jayden.



In addition to field visits, the Law & Policy Program held a series of Lunch & Learns for the interns on a wide range of coastal issues.

Seen here, Dr. Jeff Plumlee, Fisheries Specialist, provided students with an overview of federal fishing regulations.

See the full list of programming on page 3.



Clockwise. Jayden, Jed, Jacob Groby, Nicholas H., Nicholas D., Piper.



Back Row L-R. Nicholas D., Mason Marcantel, M.P. Hayes, Jayden, Nicholas H. **Front Row L-R.** Carol Franze, Melissa Daigle, Jim Wilkins, Alex, Niki Pace, Piper, Dottie Reid, Jed.

The Law & Policy Program spent the day on the Northshore with M.P. Hayes and Carol Franze. First, they participated in a tour of the Mandeville Wastewater Treatment Facility led by Jacob Groby. Afterwards, they visited the Hammond Research Station and learned about floating solar panels and water quality testing.

INTERNINSIGHTS

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The field trip and lunch series during our summer at LSG has been a valuable experience because it provides us with an up-close view of where the law intersects with management of coastal resources. With all of the demonstrations of how the law intersects with coastal resource management, we are provided with inspiration for ways that we can help improve conditions for Coastal Louisiana through the law in our capacity as future lawyers.

– Nicholas D.

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I loved learning at our Lunch & Learn with Merritt McCall about the variety of Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) and the testing completed before certification.

– Alex

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“My favorite part was visiting the Hammond Research Station where I got to drive the remote-controlled boat used to take measurements of the water. I learned so many interesting things about solar panels and wastewater treatment on that trip.”

– Jayden

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I’ve had the opportunity to collaborate with brilliant individuals across disciplines, including science, engineering, law, and commercial sectors, while researching emerging changes in the state’s water policies and fisheries industry. I’ve also enjoyed helping LSG strengthen its outreach throughout Louisiana. This rewarding experience has equipped me with valuable insights and skills for a future legal career in environmental law.

–Nicholas H.

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RESEARCH PROJECTS

Students worked on a wide range of research projects, producing legal memoranda, factsheets, presentations, and other outreach materials.

The following is a selection of student research topics:

- SBA Disaster Loans
- Homeowners Insurance
- Flood Insurance – Homeowners and Renters
- Disasters and the Posse Comitatus Act
- Water Code and Water Budgets
- Shark Fishery Regulations
- Menhaden Season and Bycatch Issues
- Heir’s Property and Disaster Aid
- USACE Residential Elevation Projects
- Changes to Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- Homeowner’s Handbook Multi-State Review
- Disaster Declaration Analysis Since Hurricane Katrina

FIELDTRIPS

- Mandeville Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour and Floating Solar Project & Water Quality Extension Lab, Hammond Research Station – M.P. Hayes and Carol Franze
- LSG Seafood Processing Demonstration Lab, Iberia Research Station – Thomas Hymel, Evelyn Watts, and Anne Dugas
- LaHouse Research and Education Center – LSU AgCenter
- LSU Lower Mississippi River Model – CPRA and the Center for River Studies

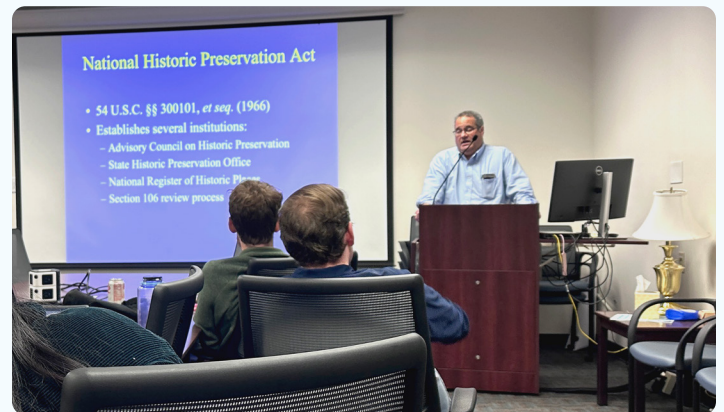


On the wastewater treatment tour, students were able to see the unique man-made wetland which is used as the final treatment before discharge. The students were able to witness environmental law and compliance in action.



LUNCH & LEARNS

- Dr. Matt Bethel – Working with Tribes and Co-Production
- Dr. Jeff Plumlee – Federal Fishing Regulations
- Merritt Walker and Tiffany Pasco – Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs)
- Dr. Elizabeth Robinson – Oyster Research Lab and Hatchery
- Dr. Rex Caffey – Restoration Economics
- Dr. Ryan Seidemann – Policies Surrounding Sunken Vessels



During a Lunch & Learn with Dr. Ryan Seidemann, students learned about historic preservation law in Louisiana. They also learned about the policies surrounding sunken vessels, lost treasure, and cemetery preservation.

LEFT: M.P. Hayes showcased the Floating Solar Project and remote-controlled water analysis vessel. Students learned about the intersections of law, research, and extension. All are needed to create policies and programs to help communities.

A LETTER FROM THE LAW & POLICY PROGRAM

We want to thank everyone who participated in our law student enrichment program this summer, whether as a speaker during lunch or taking us out in the field. By sharing your work - and, more importantly, the passion you have for your work - the students were able to see the broader picture of what it means to be involved in Sea Grant research and extension. We hope to continue this into future semesters. If you have ideas for law student engagement or research, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you again!
Jim, Melissa, Niki, and Dottie