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The University of New Orleans' Center for Hazards Assessment, Response & Technology (UNO-CHART)

CHART in the Community:

CHART's Director, Dr. Monica Farris, participated in the Louisiana's Strategic Adaptations for Future Environments (LA SAFE) presentation at the American Planning Association Conference, held in New Orleans in April.

At this year's Louisiana Floodplain Management Association (LFMA) Conference in Alexandria, CHART facilitated a panel of Community Rating System Users Groups in Southeast Louisiana.

At State of the Coast 2018, CHART Research Professor, Pamela Jenkins, served as both moderator and panelist in a session on LA SAFE, and CHART Assistant Director, Tara Lambeth, moderated a panel on indigenous adaptation strategies.

CHART Conducting Repetitive Loss Area Analysis for the City of New Orleans



The City of New Orleans has asked UNO-CHART to conduct a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA) for the City of New Orleans. A RLAA is a careful examination and mitigation assessment for an area with a high number of

repetitive loss properties. The purpose of the RLAA is to get a better understanding of how well the buildings in the city may be protected from flooding.

This is the largest RLAA conducted in the country. The analysis aligns to the city's Community Rating System (CRS) goals, and will provide critical information necessary to homeowners,

neighborhood leaders, and city officials on flood risk and mitigation opportunities for all properties located in Orleans Parish.

The information collected will present summary data for over 90,000 buildings, and will help the city set policies and programs to help owners protect their properties. The information will be available online at ready.nola.gov/rain when the study is completed.

Rockefeller Funded Global Transformation Convenings

UNO-CHART and the Foundation for Louisiana were awarded a \$1 million grant to create a three-part series of roundtable discussions designed to build a portfolio of best practices to address global climate change. Concordia LLC, a local firm that designs and plans community engagement throughout Louisiana, will help develop the series. The grants were awarded by the Rockefeller Foundation, which aims to promote the well-being of humanity throughout the world.

The first session was held March 14-15 in

Buras, a small community about an hour south of New Orleans that is on the frontlines of coastal change. The second session will be in Bellagio, Italy, in October 2018.

Using the LA SAFE project as a foundation (lasafe.la.gov), this series will connect local to global adaptive strategies through many levels of governance, and with a variety of voices, to enhance our collective understanding of how to plan for and adapt to climate change, with equity as a central consideration.

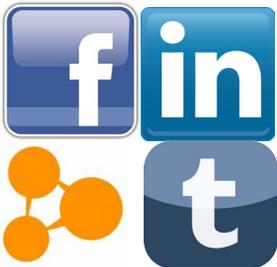


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Green Infrastructure Course Available in the Department of Planning and Urban Studies

CHART's Assistant Director, Dr. Lambeth, taught a green infrastructure course over the summer, offered in the Planning and Urban Studies Department. The course gave students an opportunity to learn about best practices in the green infrastructure field, and included citywide fieldwork opportunities.

On the first field work day, the class helped prepare materials for rain barrel construction, prepared a stormwater

planter, and weeded a rain garden in the Treme neighborhood. On another day, the class toured the green infrastructure across Dillard University's campus. The class also met at City Park to help with maintenance of the living wetland located near the Festival Grounds. On yet another fieldwork day, Dr. Lambeth led her class on a tour of residential, commercial and public infrastructure stormwater management across the city. The course will be offered again in Spring 2019.



About UNO-CHART...

Founded in 2001, UNO-CHART is an applied social science hazards research center that partners with and supports Louisiana communities in efforts to achieve disaster resilience. The objectives of UNO-CHART projects are to assist residents and local and state officials in reducing risk to natural hazards, especially hurricane and climate hazards, and to help them gain a better understanding of their risk and what they can do to protect themselves from these hazards.

UNO-CHART is comprised of a multi-disciplinary group of faculty, staff, and graduate research assistants representing various academic backgrounds including sociology, political science, public administration, planning, urban studies, engineering and geography. Research efforts address repetitive flooding, disaster mitigation planning, community resilience assessments, storm mitigation efforts by coastal communities, coastal restoration, community continuity, risk literacy, risk management and hurricane evacuation of vulnerable populations.