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## Resume

### Skills:

**Write:** Create text that goes deep, not dull.

**Edit:** Turn rough drafts into polished, compelling documents.

**Train:** Help experts share their work with peers and the public.

### Education:

**Harvard Kennedy School:** 2010. Master of Public Administration. Environmental Fellow sponsored by the Robert and Patricia Switzer Foundation. Degree included in-depth mediation training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**University of Virginia:** 1986. Bachelor of Arts, Political and Social Thought. Graduated with Highest Distinction.

### Accomplishments:

- Have written 30+ (and counting) high profile policy documents that make specialized knowledge easy to understand.
- Co-created an innovative program that brings scientists and coastal residents together to talk, learn, and solve problems.
- Wrote Louisiana's primary climate change adaptation documents, including plans governing \$50 billion. Documents won national awards for their groundbreaking presentation of technical analyses.

### Professional Experience:

Principal, Amy Clipp Consulting

I help experts connect with people outside policy and research bubbles. Recently, my work has examined ways to use systems thinking for peacebuilding and responding to climate change. Selected projects below.

Rule of Law, Justice, and Security Division, U.S. Institute of Peace (2015-present). Working with staff team to integrate systems thinking into peacebuilding efforts in regions recovering from conflict. Edited an [article](#) on this subject, and am advising the same team as they develop a book. Also writing content for multi-media site featuring peacebuilding in Burkina-Faso.

Professional  
Experience:

Ecosystem design materials for Louisiana State University (2017-present). Working with professor to create undergraduate lectures and textbook. Look at the world's deltas through the lens of systems thinking in order to address climate change and other challenges.

[Louisiana Discovery, Integration, and Application Program \(2014-2018\)](#). Helping Louisiana Sea Grant connect the academic community, community residents, and policy makers. Developed outreach training that helps scientists and residents listen to each other and take effective action in service to what they hear. Developed a fellowship program, in consultation with ecologists, which supports scientists seeking to connect their work with urgent policy and community issues.

Report for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Facebook (2017). Working closely with clients and their researchers, rewrote document to more clearly highlight how social media can provide opportunities for small businesses.

The Louisiana Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast (2006-2007, 2010-2012, 2016-2017). Primary author of plans that define how Louisiana will adapt to rising seas and disappearing wetlands. Wrote Louisiana's [2007](#) and [2012](#) coastal master plans as well as interim documents, helping the state develop science based policies and describe them in straightforward language. Consulted with science and engineering teams to clearly present findings, define key messages, and focus team attention on negotiated agreements. Guided the state's outreach and use of multi-stakeholder decision making.

- The 2007 Master Plan won the National Association of Environmental Professionals President's Award and the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation.
- For the third master plan, published in 2017, I wrote [Appendix B](#), which distilled highly technical content into accessible prose using both text and graphics. Copies of the appendix were distributed at public meetings to offer a concise guide to the state's latest thinking.

Integrating Social Science and Gulf Coast Restoration: Best Practices and Next Steps (2013). Worked with 60 social scientists and policy makers to identify how to better include the needs and knowledge of local residents when designing coastal restoration and community resilience projects. Condensed team discussions into a 10 page white paper, which was vetted and endorsed by the group.

Communications advisor (1992-present). Write, edit, and design policy texts. Convert the work of specialists into documents, presentations, and web content that attract and inform general audiences. Clients include national NGOs, research centers, businesses, and public agencies.

Awards:

- Special Recognition for Work on the Completion of Louisiana's Plan for a Sustainable Coast, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of Louisiana, 2007.
- Citation of Achievement, Mark Morial, Mayor, City of New Orleans, 1995.
- Award of Merit, US EPA, 1995.