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Research interests: coastal restoration, coastal ecology, stormwater management, regional  
restoration, community and ecological resilience

### Research

I have worked with several teams to link watershed activities with estuarine health and  
identify the need for creative applied research to support that restoration, as well as long  
term monitoring to inform adaptive management. I have a strong focus on partnerships,  
including agencies, organizations, local governments, citizens, and non-traditional partners  
in collaborative restoration, most notably the Lightning Point Restoration Project in Bayou  
La Latre, Alabama.

I am an adept grant writer, having secured more than \$81M in competitive grants to  
support recent coastal planning and restoration projects that link science and management  
with on-the-ground actions and community and ecosystem resilience.

### Recent Research

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Infrastructure Investment and  
Jobs Act - Implementing Nature-Based Solutions for Habitat, Community, and  
Coastal Resilience in Mississippi Sound, AL
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Infrastructure Investment and  
Jobs Act - Perdido Watershed Habitat and Community Resilience Initiative:  
Incorporating Nature Based and Hybrid Solutions Across Alabama and Florida

- US Environmental Protection Agency, Gulf of Mexico Program – Building the Northern Gulf's Transportation Hub Resilience
- US Environmental Protection Agency, Gulf of Mexico Program – Mapping Bayou La