The State of Louisiana
HNRS 2013.4, 1:30 – 3:00 TTH
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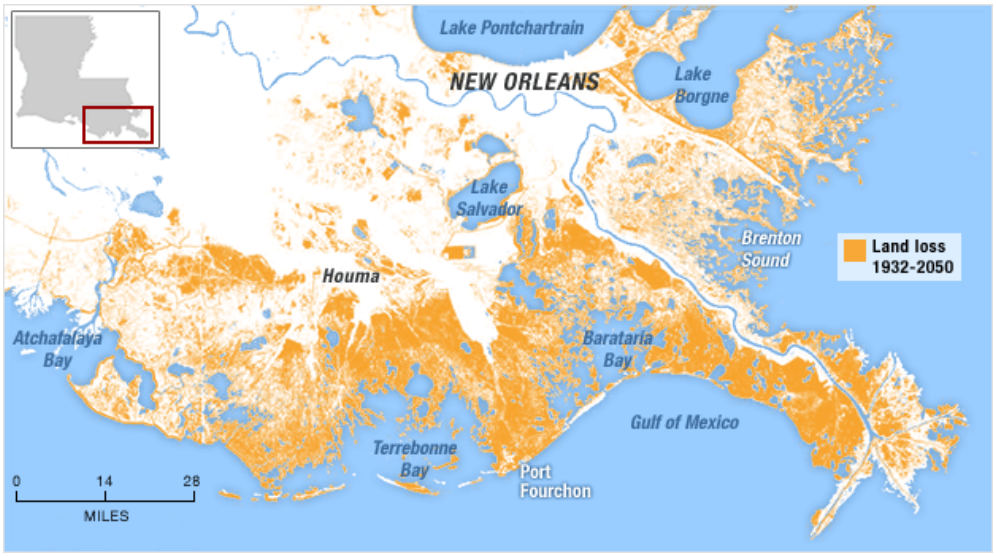
This course is the gateway course for the LASAL Scholars Program. At its conclusion, students should have a basic understanding of the root causes of poverty in Louisiana; a basic understanding of the daily challenges that Louisiana children and families face who live in poverty; and a basic understanding of the root causes of wetlands loss in Louisiana. The State of Louisiana is the foundation for the LASAL Scholar experience; it is designed to provide an advanced introduction to the greatest challenges facing Louisiana and to introduce LASAL Scholars to researchers and experts who are working to solve these problems.

Share of Louisianans in Poverty

	Total Population			Children 18 and under		
	2011	2012	CHANGE	2011	2012	CHANGE
Statewide	20.4%	19.9%	-0.5%	28.6%	28.0%	-0.6%
Alexandria	23.2%	21.9%	-1.3%	32.4%	32.5%	0.1%
Baton Rouge	17.6%	18.7%	1.1%	23.5%	25.2%	1.7%
Houma	18.9%	16.0%	-2.9%	27.0%	21.5%	-5.5%
Lafayette	18.6%	17.9%	-0.7%	23.2%	26.3%	3.1%
Lake Charles	18.6%	16.5%	-2.1%	25.7%	23.7%	-2.0%
Monroe	27.9%	25.9%	-2.0%	45.0%	40.4%	-4.6%
New Orleans	19.5%	19.4%	-0.1%	27.8%	27.7%	-0.1%
Shreveport	18.9%	18.1%	-0.8%	28.0%	26.2%	-1.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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