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<i>BP Found Guilty, Grossly Negligent for Gulf Oil Spill</i>	NBCNews.com		Sept 4, 2014	http://nbcnews.to/1pum2E3
<i>BP's reckless conduct caused Gulf oil spill, federal judge rules</i>	Associated Press, The		Sept 4, 2014	http://bit.ly/1twCZ8C
<i>The Sinkhole That's Eating Louisiana</i>	Newsweek	Alexander Nazaryan	Dec 17, 2013	http://bit.ly/1jiakiY
<i>Invasive species on the menu in New Orleans</i>	Earth Touch News Network	Amy Mathews Amos	Sept 17, 2014	http://bit.ly/1sTEaxY
<i>Interior secretary gets first-hand view of how climate change is affecting Louisiana's coast</i>	Advocate, The	Amy Wold	Sept 7, 2014	bit.ly/1pkPCMp
<i>Interior Secretary Sally Jewell praises Louisiana coastal restoration plan</i>	NOLA.com The Times-Picayune	Andrea Shaw	Sept 5, 2014	bit.ly/1Dm711U
<i>Interior Secretary Sally Jewell says Gulf of Mexico oil spill has increased focus on safety</i>	NOLA.com The Times-Picayune	Andrea Shaw	Sept 8, 2014	bit.ly/1ATBvUV
<i>Losing Ground</i>	Lens, The and ProPublica, respectively	Bob Marshall, and Brian Jacobs and Al Shaw, respectively	Aug 28, 2014	http://bit.ly/1u04FiL
<i>Kristin Jacobs says South Florida takes climate seriously</i>	ContextFlorida.com	Bruce Ritchie	Sept 2014	http://bit.ly/1yzzBNg
<i>Top 6: Ten Reasons Why Farmed Tigers Won't Save Wild Ones</i>	EarthTouch News Network	Chelsea Wald	Oct 14, 2014	http://bit.ly/ZZSrhy
<i>EPA May Change Ground-Level Smog Standards</i>	Wisconsin Public Radio	Chuck Quirnbach	Oct 7, 2014	http://bit.ly/1oaZxus
<i>This Week at Interior September 5, 2014</i>	US Dept of the Interior	Communications Dept	Sept 5, 2014	bit.ly/1uLnNmb
<i>Hey, America: It's Time to Talk About the Price of Water</i>	Ensia.com	Cynthia Barnett	Oct 6, 2014	http://bit.ly/1yK5rHi
<i>Chef cooks up new way to explain threats from invasive species.</i>	Michigan State University Knight Center for Environmental Journalism	David Poulson	Sept 8, 2014	bit.ly/1rheM4c
<i>Meet the small-town Alabama mayor on</i>	Al.com The Press Register	Dennis Pillion	Sept 17, 2014	http://bit.ly/1nn788n

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<i>President Obama's climate preparedness task force</i>				
<i>BP blasts Deepwater Horizon coverage hours before company found grossly negligent in spill</i>	AL.com The Press Register	Dennis Pillion	Sept 4, 2014	http://bit.ly/XFyVFh
<i>Army Corps officials, scientists talk levee safety and flood risks</i>	NOLA.com The Times-Picayune	Diya Chacko	Sept 5, 2014	http://bit.ly/ZEUPcH (video)
<i>Hurricane experts discuss how to improve forecasting</i>	NOLA.com The Times-Picayune	Diya Chacko	Sept 5, 2014	http://bit.ly/1Ddzvtx (video)
<i>As World's Largest Dam Removal Is Completed, Fish Already Returning</i>	Newsweek	Douglas Main	Sept 9, 2014	http://bit.ly/1pd31rf
<i>For Journalists Covering Climate Change, the Topic Goes Beyond Science</i>	PassBlue	Dulcie Leimbach	Sept 14, 2014	http://bit.ly/11oZwZp
<i>Risk and Resilience: Society of Environmental Journalists hosts annual conference this week in New Orleans</i>	Restore the Mississippi River Delta Campaign blog	Elizabeth Skree	Sept 4, 2014	http://bit.ly/1F0fmJd
<i>Get off your butt and report</i>	Michigan State University Knight Center for Environmental Journalism	Eric Freedman	Sept 8, 2014	http://bit.ly/1ti3zkt
<i>Is There A Right Price For Carbon?</i>	Ecosystem Marketplace	Gloria Gonzalez	Sept 15, 2014	http://bit.ly/1qx2HUq
<i>Paradise Restored: Inside the Fight to Save Louisiana's Wetlands</i>	Forest Carbon Portal	Gloria Gonzalez	Sept 10, 2014	http://bit.ly/1turvmY
<i>BP Apologist Loses Pissing Match with Environmental Journalists</i>	Green Chip Stocks	Jeff Siegel	Sept 5, 2014	http://bit.ly/1pd8Www
<i>What the national media are saying about the BP oil spill ruling</i>	NOLA.com The Times-Picayune	Jennifer Larino	Sept 5, 2014	http://bit.ly/1u6CU6D
<i>Ruling In BP Civil Case Sets The Stage With Potential Additional Funds For Coastal Restoration</i>	WWNO radio	Jesse Hardman	Sept 10, 2014	http://bit.ly/1wqPXTD
<i>Will Secretary Jewell address the (coal leasing) elephant in the room?</i>	Environmental Blog, The - Greenpeace	Joe Smyth	Sept 5, 2014	http://bit.ly/1ss56TF
<i>Pensacola can learn</i>	Pensacola News-	Kimberly	Sept 8, 2014	on.pnj.com/1tqQDZC

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<i>from New Orleans</i>	Journal	Blair		
<i>BP spokesman tells environmental journalists they got it wrong</i>	Louisiana Record, The; Southeast Texas Record, The	Kyle Barnett	Sept 8, 2014; Oct 1, 2014	http://bit.ly/1vvNvKE ; http://bit.ly/1uHHwV1
<i>Coastal Rundown: The 2014 Society Of Environmental Journalists Conference</i>	WWNO radio	Laine Kaplan-Levenson & Jesse Hardman	Week of Sept 11, multiple stories	bit.ly/1mhKgH7
<i>DNR's contamination findings put Minnesota's white pelicans in midst of BP fight</i>	MinnPost.com	Mark Neuzil	Sept 12, 2014	http://bit.ly/1utmOYs
<i>Mention in media interviews for book tour</i>	Book: <i>Carbon Shock: A Tale of Risk and Calculus on the Front Lines of the Disrupted Global Economy</i> . Chelsea Green Publishing	Mark Schapiro	Aug 2014	http://amzn.to/11p2YDc
<i>Society of Environmental Journalists explores Louisiana's issues: What others are saying</i>	NOLA.com The Times-Picayune	Mark Schleifstein	Sept 11, 2014	http://bit.ly/1r1XZRa
<i>Termite-studded cobbler by Ye Olde College Inn an interesting bite, website reports</i>	NOLA.com The Times-Picayune	Melinda Morris	Sept 9, 2014	http://bit.ly/1tus8gd
<i>Failure of Tsunami Reconstruction Leave Humanitarian Agencies Under Fire</i>	Associated Press, The	Michael Casey	Sept 24, 2014	http://bit.ly/1tHi6m9
<i>Conference Circuit: A Victory for Independent Bookstores</i>	AssociationsNow.com	Morgan Little	Aug 28, 2014	http://bit.ly/1rd7SZa
<i>How a bunch of scrappy reporters got chased off an oil well pad in Mississippi</i>	PublicSource	Natasha Khan	Sept 16, 2014	http://bit.ly/1qwZleT
<i>After BP Disaster, Is Gulf Drilling Safer?</i>	AlleghenyFront.org	Reid R. Frazier	Sept 26, 2014	http://bit.ly/11oZDUL
<i>Environmental journalists to tour Southeastern's Turtle Cove</i>	Southeastern.edu	Rene Abadie	Sept 2, 2014	http://bit.ly/1w9vLH6
<i>D.C. staffers, not scientists, should talk policy – spokesman</i>	EENews.net	Robin Bravender	Fr Greenwire Sept 4, 2014	http://bit.ly/1vf7H5J
<i>Gross Negligence</i>	OnEarth.org	Rocky Kistner	Sept 5, 2014	http://bit.ly/1lHia7y
<i>Chesapeake Oysters</i>	Bay Journal	Rona Kobell	Oct 13, 2014	http://bit.ly/1CioJjn

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<i>Being Shipped to Louisiana Shucking Houses</i>				
<i>Association of air regulators delays GHG tools</i>	Argus Media	Stephanie Tsao	Sept 8, 2014	subscription
<i>Lost Louisiana: the race to reclaim vanished land back from the sea</i>	Guardian, The	Suzanne Goldenberg	Oct 14, 2014	http://bit.ly/1sIr99U
<i>BP Lashes Out at Journalists and "Opportunistic" Environmentalists</i>	Mother Jones	Tim McDonnell	Sept 4, 2014	http://bit.ly/1rbFtYc
<i>Streets Named After Muses</i>	Gasconader, The	Tina Casagrand	Sept 11, 2014	http://bit.ly/1nndzIL
<i>New Orleans Accent: SEJ Gathers in a City of Risk and Resilience</i>	TVWeek.com/Newsporo – Environmental Journalism 2014	Tom Gilbert	Aug 2014	http://bit.ly/1DdjfsE
<i>Polluters are "hijacking our democracy," according to retired military general who took control of Hurricane Katrina emergency relief efforts in 2005</i>	ToledoBlade blog: Ripple Effect	Tom Henry	Sept 4, 2014	http://bit.ly/1rJsltc
<i>On Michael Bromwich, former chief federal regulator of the offshore oil and gas industry in the aftermath of the BP oil spill, who was a speaker on a tour aimed at explaining the status of offshore energy regulation</i>	Greenwire, a subscription newsletter		Sept 2014	http://bit.ly/ZqyCzb
<i>An Invasive Menu: Eating Termites and Water Rats to Save New Orleans</i>	Newsweek	Zoe Schlanger	Sept 10, 2014	bit.ly/1o6ZjPl
<i>Former Army General Lambasts Oil Industry for 'Hijacking' Democracy</i>	Newsweek	Zoe Schlanger	Sept 9, 2014	http://bit.ly/1r1Zxuj
<i>BP Says Lab Studies Can't Prove Spill's Harm, but New Evidence Says They Can</i>	Newsweek	Zoe Schlanger	Sept 10, 2014	http://bit.ly/1qMvZCp
Other:				
Documentary about BP oil spill, filmed from	France O - French public television		2015 release	

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Comments from survey indicating journalists better equipped to report on issues of the Gulf Coast:
I had last visited Louisiana in 2006, less than a year after Katrina, so it was quite informative to see what had happened since then. I've not yet pitched or written stories related to the conference (I already had a lot of assignments in the works and have been very busy), but I was quite interested to learn that the Army Corps had changed its policy to basically acknowledge the futility of protecting some lands. I do plan to pitch that as an adaptation policy. There's another angle that interested me that I don't want to give away yet, but I'd like to pursue a story on that too.
In particular, getting out into the field really helped, and speaking to local folks about the issues at hand.
Since I don't cover the Gulf Coast, this wasn't my goal in attending the conference. Since my region (St. Louis) has many characteristics in common with New Orleans (Mississippi River, prone to natural disasters, issues with levees and flooding), I'd hoped to apply what I learned in New Orleans to covering St. Louis. With some sessions there was an obvious connection, or the speakers made an effort to broaden the discussion beyond the Gulf -- these were the most useful to me.
I plan to cover proposed offshore oil and gas exploration in the Atlantic off North Carolina.
What excellent resources SEJ brought to bear on Gulf Coast issues!
I don't cover Gulf Coast issues, but do have an interest in water issues, especially in California, now experiencing a historic drought. I was sensitized the Gulf Coast issues which have left the spotlight but continue to cause suffering for the people of the area.
through the field trips and talks, I did learn more about the issues there.
I had covered Katrina, and oil spills. But I knew nothing about the Atchafalaya Basin before the SEJ tour. It was illuminating.
As a speaker and stopping point during two of the tours it was nice to see the interest in the gulf coast from reporters from around the country.
I connected with many members that will make great interview guests on my radio show on SoFloRadio.com
I did an interview with Mark Schleifstein on my weekly environment show on KBOO-FM in Portland on September 15: http://kboo.fm/content/louisianaanintersectionofimpendingdisasters
Will use the photos I took over the next year or so.
The field trip and beat dinner both provided fodder for a story. I've already written one story and will be pitching a second this week. I was able to ask followup questions at one of the topic sessions later in the conference to help fill out the information from the field trip.
Great information on risk and resilience. I got a ton of great sources for climate change coverage, especially during the Wednesday workshops.
The tours were great in getting out into the field, to meet with stakeholders and see the landscape. I got some story ideas and a lot of background that will make future stories stronger. I have pitched a story on Cajuns as climate refugees, though I got some initial pushback that ProPublica just covered that
Not an area I will write much on as a Midwest journalist, but I will use it in my college teaching, which I also do.
I thought all of the concurrent sessions and talks were very informative about the various situations that the Gulf Coast has faced, is facing, and will continue to face in the coming future.
being part of the "Long Road Home" THURSDAY tour was especially educational. And the Saturday plenary lunch with sea level rise/coastal restoration experts. On Julia Kumari's tour, I enjoyed meeting the speakers and hearing about the New Orleans economy. Having been in NOLA post Katrina and participated in one of the first Mardi Gras celebrations after the hurricane, I did write about the city and its recovery for several magazines. I hope to re-approach these editors again, 9 years later, or perhaps in anticipation of 10th year anniversary packages.
I may end up writing a story based on my Thursday "Long Road Home" tour if I can find the right outlet. I've written about resiliency recently; the tour of the Lower 9th Ward on the tour could prove to be valuable as a case study in a future story.
The conference helped me to generate plenty of story ideas---and not just the kind of stories I would have written anyway. Speakers from around the world and experts across disciplines all opened the door to conversations that I wasn't previously aware were happening. For example, Melanie Bahnke led a talk called "Skating on Thin Ice: Climate Change at the Poles" that discussed environmental concerns in the arctic; however, the problems that her village faced in Alaska were more than just stereotypical melting ice, endangered animals, etc...The story she told was from a human being's perspective rather than environment-centric.
I'm currently based in New England and don't plan to write much about the Gulf coast overall, but I did pick up on a potential story I'd like to pitch to YES! Magazine for their website (which I hope to contribute more regularly to as a climate beat reporter). The story would be about the issue of coal export terminals in the Gulf area and the residents who are fighting back.
I don't cover Gulf Coast issues, but were I too, I felt like I got a really good sense of place, would know the issues and begin to know whom to contact.
I do not cover the Gulf Coast region - I wanted to be able to apply information from that region to the coastal region I cover, &

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the conference was partially successful in that regard
My oyster reef tour may result in a story pitch to NPR or PRI's The World.
I'm pitching one story on the citizen science tool panel.
I'm interested in writing about the potentially devastating effects of continued sea-level rise and coastline erosion on southern LA's ecology as well as its utterly unique Cajun culture, which is facing an existential crisis as its native habitat succumbs to rising seas.
I met lots of great sources and other writers who have covered the region and these issues during the Long Road Home tour in particular but throughout the conference. Based on people I met at the conference and on the tour, I'm working on a series of articles about the state of solar in Louisiana, and may use that as a template for a larger nationwide / state-by-state series.
I am from Maine and don't write about Gulf Coast issues but I feel like the tour of the 9th ward (the Road Home) opened my eyes to some story possibilities and issues that I didn't know about before.
I came out of this conference with at least 4 separate, strong story ideas. In truth, I'll probably turn them into a few more.
We covered the speech by Geoff Morrell of BP America in our newscast the following day. WWNO reporters collected several interviews and will produce a 30-minute program from material recorded at the SEJ conference.
I am not a reporter covering the Gulf Coast, but I took the question literally: if I were to go down to New Orleans right now and start covering those issues, I'd be much better prepared than I was a week ago.
Thank you for dedicating so much of the conference to BP-related issues. The information was very useful to those of us for whom the spill is a new topic of coverage. I wrote this: http://www.motherjones.com/blue-marble/2014/09/bp-geoff-morrell-deepwater-horizon And plan in the next couple days to write another short piece about the ongoing ecological fallout from the spill.
Good speakers, especially on the coastal restoration tour.
I'm much more aware of multiple issues.
I can't believe how little I knew about the subsidence, social, and oil & gas issues on the Gulf coast.
1) Possible feature story on the return of the endangered Whooping Crane to Louisiana, looking at the birds adapting to new food sources and how wildlife officials are coping with illegal hunting of the birds. 2) Possible story on the death of Cypress Trees with a focus on USGS scientists who grew up running in Cypress forests in Louisiana.
Plan to write a story on nutrient pollution
I don't cover the Gulf coast, but I picked up some tips for covering offshore oil issues in Peru, where I live and work
I have been focused on carbon emissions this year, and two Saturday panels addressing carbon regulations and carbon pricing were most helpful. i'm pretty deep into the weeds on this stuff, the speakers who were brought in really knew their stuff. so that was good
The opening ceremony was especially well done -- many perspectives on the Katrina and Deepwater Horizon disasters -- and the lists of experts are always a terrific resource. My Thursday tour introduced me to salt mining, which I hadn't ever thought much about, but will now take a closer look at. The tour was also valuable for seeing the bayous and learning about the complex engineering and infrastructure systems that have remade southern Louisiana.
Pretty sure my master's project is going to be a spin off of my conference field trip - Rebuilding Barrier Islands
I really enjoyed the Thursday tour "After BP" because it really opened my eyes to what ACTUALLY goes on during oil recovery instead of what I read in the papers/online after the spill.
Although I'm an academic, I have been working on a book about Deep Water Horizon since it happened (with a couple of derailments along the way). This conference was very important for finding the contacts I need to get my project back on track. In addition, I got ideas for the LSU mass comm program.

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Comments from post-conference survey that indicate articles will be produced on a variety of conference topics:
I plan to write stories about climate change, sea level rise, chemical pollution in agriculture and groundwater and the consequences of oil drilling.
I may also pursue a story about the Missouri River supplying sand to rebuild barrier islands in the Gulf.
I will be covering the controversy around coal trains in SE Louisiana.
I will write at least one column about my experience at SEJ. I will use some of the contacts made there four stories.
My stories have long lead times, so I haven't published or posted anything yet. That will come later.
We're considering a whole bunch of ideas over at Newsweek: -Alligator hunting season -DIY gold recovery is killing people - How chronic illness plays into dropout rates in low-income school districts -the false promises of genomics with regard to environmental health -Gen. Honore's comments on the oil & gas industry- "They have hijacked our damn democracy," etc. - Photo essay on eating Louisiana's invasive species, with context about the species and whatnot -UN: If Food Waste Were a Country (cool stats based on comments from a UN person on a panel) -These High-Tech Vessels Will Respond to the Next BP Spill (photos from the recovery equipment and the people that are on-call to operate them) -BP spokesman's comments on "exaggeration" and "cherry-picking" among studies done by government scientists, etc. -Terminated offshore rig whistleblower on his life, and how rig workers fabricate water quality tests using things like coffee filters, and how he says "we engage in criminal activity a lot more than we would have you believe." Plus comments half-disputing that from an ex-Shell executive. Sally Jewell also suggested at the conference she wants to collect fees from industry for oversight, said "We are grossly under-resourced for the job that is expected of us" re: inspections. -Offshore Drilling Industry's Staffing Problem: Turns out a huge portion of the people who work on rigs are about to retire. The industry people call it the upcoming "big crew change." More drillers will wind up being younger and less experienced. It used to take 12 years to move up the ranks to become head driller, now it takes three, because there are fewer skilled people. We toured the drillers' training center where Shell is trying to make up for "the competencies that we're losing." Plenty of photos. -Short piece on the Elwa dam being taken down, with comments from Sec. Jewell. -I'm trying to track down Virgil, the guy who catches wild boars and "nurses them to health" for sale to restaurants, etc. -"Inside New Orleans \$14 Billion Storm Defenses" or something like that -- a story about what the city has done and built since Katrina to protect it from the next big one, based on my tour of levees and pumps and whatnot. -Why South Louisiana is Sinking Into The Ocean, and What's Being Done -On our swamp tour the ranger said that if the Mississippi was allowed to change course, as it naturally does, it would run straight south and empty into the Atchafalaya Basin, far to the west of where it now is.
Series of blog posts at http://oceanbites.org/
http://contextflorida.com/bruce-ritchie-kristin-jacobs-says-south-florida-takes-climate-change-seriously/ There may be another story and book material to come.
I would like to do a story or series of stories about how much carbon New Yorkers actually create.... looking not just through *production* (we directly produce less carbon to live our lives than people in most places because of transit, small homes, etc.) but also through *consumption* (i.e., our level of affluence means we consume more goods, and those goods have been produced with carbon, though the carbon was generated in China, etc.). This was directly a result of a conversation I had with Mark Schapiro, one of your moderators, who recently wrote a book on a similar theme. Also, the Levee Safety session on Friday reinforced the idea that homes protected by levees do not have to pay flood insurance. I should do a story about that, given that we are considering building levees here. The news will come as a big relief to those in flood plains struggling with rising premiums under Biggert-Waters, but also will only add to confusion as people are ALSO trying to figure out how much to elevate. Also, Patrick Parenteau at the Obamaair session on Saturday inspired me to look more into RGGI. He says it's done great at raising money, but not so great at reducing emissions.
I'm currently writing a CQ Researcher report about stresses on the world's oceans (going to press in late October), which will definitely include comments from several sources who attended the conference. Topics I'm planning to quote them on will include the effectiveness of marine sanctuaries and strategies to reduce hypoxia and dead zones.
story on the gulf oyster industry
I plan to write a story on the air pollution plenary session
One other story I plan to pursue was inspired by a chat with a representative from the International Fund for Animal Welfare -- this story is not related to the southeast--and has to do with captive tigers in the U.S.