



**APRIL
11-24**



CALLING ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS
TWO WEEK EXPEDITION FOLLOWING THE LOWER
MISSISSIPPI RIVER
FROM MEMPHIS, TO NEW ORLEANS, TO THE GULF!



Join Dr. Micah Russell and Dr. Pat! Magee for “Ecosocial Crossroads: Lower Mississippi River” (ENVS 623, 3 credits). Explore management of big river systems, natural history, environmental justice, and coastal restoration. Dive deep into the complexity of the American South through history, music and literature. Includes a 4-day canoe camping adventure and so much more! This course is open to all graduate students, regardless of year and program.

Tentative Itinerary

Memphis, TN

Fly in Thursday April 11th

Or depart in Western fan on Tuesday April 9th

April 12th:

- National Civil Rights Museum
- Payne's Bar-B-Que
- Mud Island Riverwalk
- Memphis Riverboat Tour

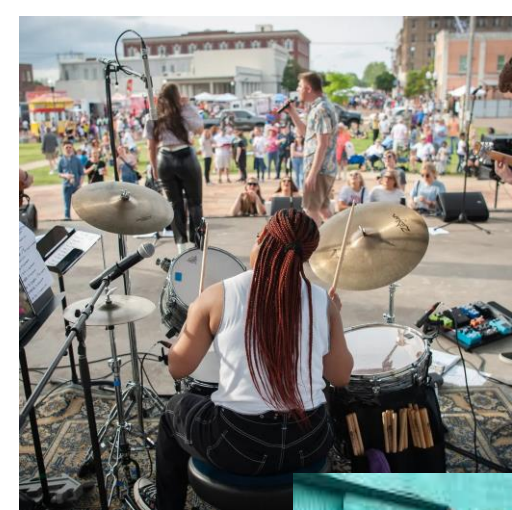
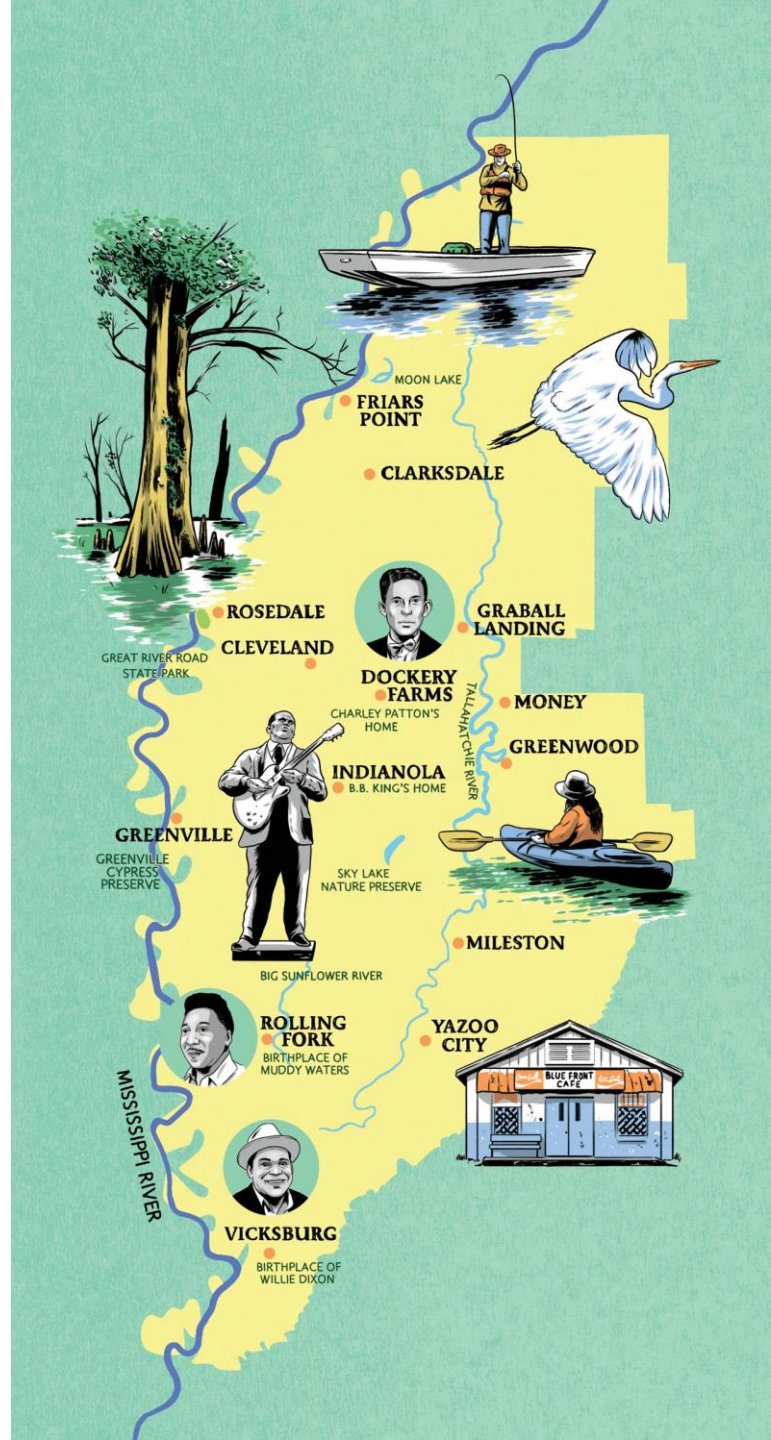


Chapter One: Mississippi Delta

Clarksdale, MS

April 13th:

- Civil Rights Walking Tour
- Juke Joint Music Festival



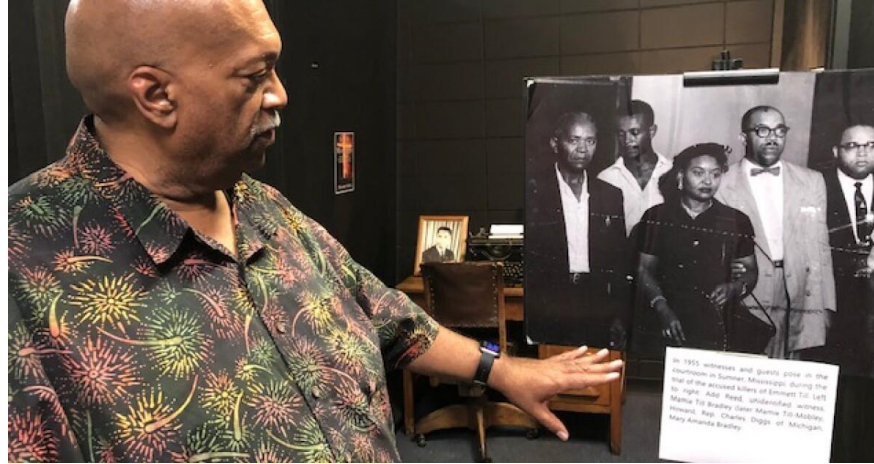
On the River

April 14-17

- 4-day canoe camping adventure on the last wild reach of the Mississippi with the legendary Quapaw Canoe Company.



Clarksdale to Greenville, MS



April 18th:

- Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley Natl. Monument (Sumner, MS)
- Mound Bayou Museum of African American History and Culture
- Winterville Mounds State Park



Greenville to Vicksburg, MS



April 19th:

- Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge
- Rolling Fork
- Yazoo Backwater Project



Vicksburg, MS

April 20th:

- Lower Mississippi River Museum
- Riverfront Murals

Optional: free time or
National Historic Cemetery &
Military Park

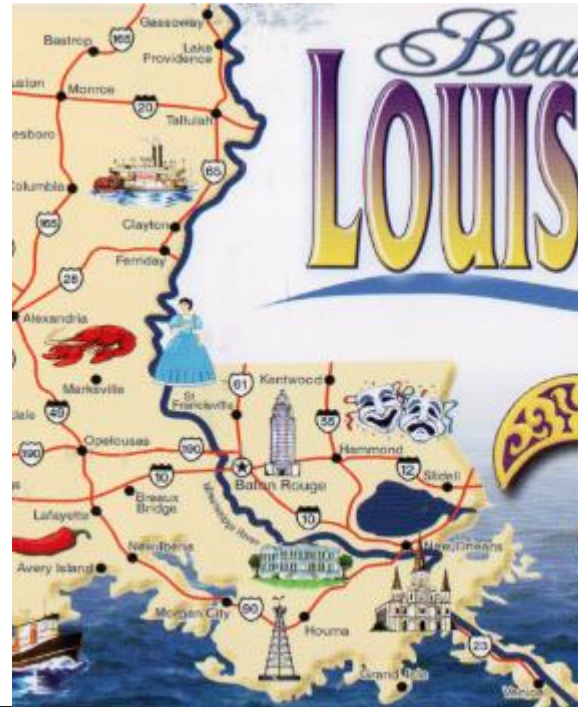


Chapter Two: Louisiana Delta

Vicksburg to Baton Rouge, LA

April 21st:

- Old River Lock and Dam
- Clark Creek State Park



Baton Rouge, LA

April 22nd:

- Atchafalaya Conservation Center and basin tour with The Nature Conservancy
- Cajun BBQ or Boil



Baton Rouge to New Orleans, LA

April 23rd:

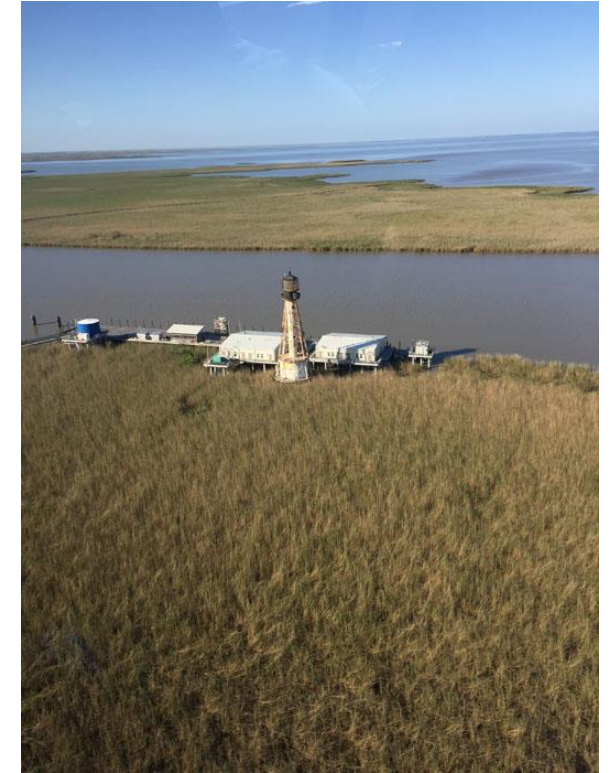
- Cancer Alley
- Port of New Orleans



New Orleans to Port Eads, LA

April 24th:

- Boat tour through the “Birdsfoot” coastal restoration sites and the Gulf
- Final dinner together in New Orleans



Optional: New Orleans, LA

Fly out Thursday April 25th

Or, stay the weekend to take in the city's history and culture during the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. Make your own lodging and travel arrangements.

Return no later than Sunday, April 28th;
ENVS 690 workshops April 29-30,
MEM/MSE Community Forum May 1-3.



Trip Costs

- Normal course registration: \$2,385.75 (3 credits)
- Course fee: approximately \$2500

Note: includes van transportation, lodging (camping, Airbnbs, hostels), guided canoe/boat trips, some group meals, entrance tickets, and more. Fee subject to change based on enrollment.

- Airfare: approximately \$600

Note: van option is free.

- Miscellaneous individual meals and purchases



Course expectations

- Take a few pre-trip reading quizzes
- Organize a literature discussion
- Participate in a synthesis presentation
- Bring cultural humility, positivity, and an inquisitive frame of mind.

Important: an application will precede permission to register. Financial deposit deadlines to follow.

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