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CRCL announces kickoff of new lecture series with free New Orleans event

David Muth will speak this Friday on "Our Once and Future Coastal City"

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, the first statewide nonprofit dedicated to confronting coastal land loss in Louisiana, will kick off its new series, *CRCLectures*, this Friday (Oct. 21) with a talk in downtown New Orleans. The speaker will be David Muth, lifelong resident of Louisiana who has studied our coast's geology, ecology, plants, wildlife, history and culture. He will be speaking on "Our Once and Future Delta City."

The lecture will be held at the Helis Foundation John Scott Center at the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities at 938 Lafayette Street, New Orleans. It will start at 6 p.m.; wine and snacks will be served. The *CRCLectures* series is free. Registration is [online](#).

The bimonthly lecture series was conceived of as a new way to connect with supporters of coastal restoration, one that is both fun and interesting. Speakers will address a variety of topics that may or may not be directly related to coastal restoration. The next lecture in the series will be held in Baton Rouge in December.

"People have a strong desire to gather together to talk and learn about south Louisiana and its communities, not just to perform the physical work of restoration," said Kim Reyher, executive director of CRCL. "We also recognize that not everyone is willing or able to get out into the marsh to get their hands dirty, so *CRCLectures* provides another way for them to get involved."

Muth, the speaker for the first lecture, graduated with a degree in history from the University of New Orleans. He then worked at the National Park Service at Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve and as the Louisiana state director of the National Wildlife Federation. His talk will focus on how living in a delta means living with water, but we are still trying to patch together a system designed when the intention was to drain, fill and develop for agriculture and industry.

The Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities is the sponsor of this Friday's lecture.

[The Helis Foundation John Scott Center](#), which had its grand opening in September, is an interactive gathering space that fosters dialogue and cultivates community. Housed in Turners' Hall, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities' historic building in New Orleans's central business and arts district, the center integrates arts and humanities programming.

To learn more about the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, visit the organization's [website](#).

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[The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana](#) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to unite people in action to achieve a thriving, sustainable Louisiana coast for all. Incorporated in 1988, CRCL represents a unique mix of businesses, local governments, industries, scientific communities, national and local conservation groups, hunters, anglers and a broad spectrum of concerned citizens who all share a common vision and commitment to the sustainability of coastal Louisiana.