

## PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**True Transition** | 2021-Present

### Founder

- Founded a public policy think tank focused on the workforce challenges and opportunities of the energy mid-transition.
- Conduct in-depth research and analysis on global and domestic energy industry trends within the context of global, national and regional level public policy frameworks. Extensive experience writing persuasive reports and leading debates on complex policy issues.

**Decarbonization Consultant & Freelance Researcher** | May 2018 – 2021

- Consulted with non-governmental organizations and governments on energy system supply and demand planning, water resource planning, and remediation of orphaned oil and gas infrastructure.
- Successfully led an effort to petition the Governor of Louisiana to formally request the establishment of Federal wind energy areas off the coast of Louisiana which led to the region's first wind auction in 2023.

**U.S. Department of the Interior** | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) | August 2010 – May 2018

- Worked within the agency for eight years in various program offices with increasing responsibility.

### BOEM Office of Environment (OE)

**Environmental Operations Supervisor Rotation** | March 2018 – May 2018

- Managed a team of scientists and analysts responsible for conducting Environmental Reviews of Outer-Continental Shelf (OCS) mid- and upstream oil and gas activities.
- Led an effort to investigate, catalog, and revise a decades-old practice of allowing industry to abandon pipelines in place.

### BOEM Office of Leasing and Plans (OLP)

**Program Analyst** | October 2015 – March 2018

- Lead advisor to Regional Supervisor for the Office of Leasing and Plans. tracked and analyzed legislation, performed program evaluation, and wrote policy proposals and briefings. Developed and provided training to department staff to facilitate the transition of in-person oil and gas lease sales to virtual.
- Represented the Bureau at international meetings including a workshop with the Denmark Energy Administration on offshore wind energy best practices and hosted a delegation from Brazil's Petrobras.
- Researched, proposed, and wrote adopted oil and gas lease stipulation related to offshore orphaned oil and gas infrastructure.
- Helped lead the region's renewable energy strategy working group that conducted research of local supply chain, evaluation of energy technologies, transmission and electrical grid needs and other related infrastructure. Pitched, planned, and coordinated the bureau's participation in the Offshore Wind Executive Summit and wrote the Regional Director's keynote speech.

### BOEM Office of Environment

**Environmental Protection Specialist** | August 2010 – October 2015

- Served as the regional Infrastructure Subject Matter Expert providing qualitative and quantitative analysis, including physical scenario analysis and socioeconomic impacts of the federal government's offshore energy program. Used inhouse MAG-PLAN, a two-stage input-output modeling program to estimate employment, personal income, and similar economic impacts from OCS activities. Performed socioeconomic and energy analysis to both the marine minerals program and the emerging offshore wind program.
- Supported the Environmental Studies Program by planning and overseeing government contracted research. Acted as liaison between external academic Project Investigators and internal experts and senior managers. Designed yearly socioeconomic research agenda, contracted out, and managed various research teams including: [The Economic Benefits of an Improved Gulf of Mexico Observing System](#), [Subsistence In Coastal Louisiana: An Exploratory Study](#), and the [Economic and Geomorphic Comparison of OCS Sand vs. Nearshore Sand for Coastal Restoration Projects](#).

# Megan M. Biven

## The Pontchartrain Conservancy

### PMF Rotational Assignment | January – June 2012

- Assisted in fundraising, advocacy campaigns, and education in support of the Pontchartrain Conservancy and the Louisiana coastal program.
- Performed field research and presented research under Dr. John Lopez on the Bohemia Spillway (a historic flood protection project in response to the 1927 flood).
- Conducted research and wrote reports on the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality enforcement of the Clean Water Act and a comparison of rapid-land building technologies in the Netherlands and the U.S.

## City of New Orleans, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

### Hazard Mitigation Intern | May – August 2009

- Performed cost-benefit analysis for National Flood Insurance Program's repetitive loss properties eligible for elevation mitigation grants.
- Conducted fieldwork in repetitive loss zones of Orleans Parish and counseled eligible homeowners on available mitigation measures and products as well as the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant program.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Biven, M.M. and Scott Eustis, and Christian Thomas. (2025, June). It's Time to Finish the Job: Louisiana's Forgotten Fleet. [https://www.truetransition.org/files/ugd/0ad80c\\_dc45a7c0d92e45cebe82e9eb14260134.pdf](https://www.truetransition.org/files/ugd/0ad80c_dc45a7c0d92e45cebe82e9eb14260134.pdf)
- Panel Discussion. (2024, October). Tulane Future of Energy Forum. Optimizing End-of-Life Well Management in Louisiana. <https://energyforum.tulane.edu/optimizing-end-of-life-well-management-louisiana>
- Biven M.M. and Dr. Gregory Cumpton (2024, June). Addressing Methane Emissions in Louisiana: How many jobs will it take? [https://www.truetransition.org/files/ugd/0ad80c\\_dc74a6cc64fa49f2bd08cc5e251f4a17.pdf](https://www.truetransition.org/files/ugd/0ad80c_dc74a6cc64fa49f2bd08cc5e251f4a17.pdf)
- Biven, MM. (2023, October). Written Testimony Of Megan Biven, True Transition. U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. [https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/testimony\\_biven.pdf](https://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/testimony_biven.pdf)
- Biven, M.M. and Leo Lindner. (2023, March). The Future of Work and Energy in the United States: The American Oil & Gas Worker Survey. [https://www.truetransition.org/files/ugd/0ad80c\\_069ea867b3f044afba4dae2a1da8d737.pdf?index=true](https://www.truetransition.org/files/ugd/0ad80c_069ea867b3f044afba4dae2a1da8d737.pdf?index=true)
- Biven, M.M. and Virginia Palacios. (2022, November) Orphan well video series <https://commissionshift.org/news/orphaned-well-video-series/>
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- Biven, M.M. (2022, January) Testimony to the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1OoKeP\\_FGY&list=PLpwAEXLpeKyczy7Q2oPFOLjq\\_28Hwx6W&index=9](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1OoKeP_FGY&list=PLpwAEXLpeKyczy7Q2oPFOLjq_28Hwx6W&index=9) (Begins at 2:47).
- Biven, M.M. (2021, September) The American Oil and Gas Well Crisis and The Abandoned Well Administration: Presentation to Department of Energy leadership.
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (US DOI, BOEM), Biven, M. M. (2018). Decommissioning Liability and Financial Assurance Options (to minimize risk with increased offshore bankruptcies), Internal agency white paper.
- US DOI, BOEM, Biven, M. M. (2017). Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy and Action Plan, Internal agency white paper.
- US DOI, BOEM, Biven, M. M. (2017). Primer on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) Regulation on Deep Seabed Mining, Internal white paper.
- US DOI, BOEM, Biven, M. M. Socioeconomic Impacts of Proposed Royalty Rate Changes, Internal agency publication. 2017.
- Biven, M.M. (2014). A Legal & Cost Analysis of Rapid Land-Building Technologies in the Netherlands and Louisiana - Presented at the 2014 State of the Coast Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA.

## PUBLICATIONS IN THE MEDIA

- Biven, M.M. (2024, February). Louisiana's coast fighting for its future. Don't undercut its general, CPRA. [https://www.nola.com/opinions/guest-column-dont-undercut-cpra-in-louisiana-coastal-fight/article\\_b12ac5fc-d05a-11ee-beda-cb1dec74532c.html](https://www.nola.com/opinions/guest-column-dont-undercut-cpra-in-louisiana-coastal-fight/article_b12ac5fc-d05a-11ee-beda-cb1dec74532c.html)
- Biven, M.M. and Virginia Palacios, Ted Boettner (2022, June). The Fossil Fuel Industry Should Pay for Its Own Cleanup. The American Prospect. <https://prospect.org/environment/fossil-fuel-industry-should-pay-for-its-own-cleanup/>

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- Biven, M.M. and Scott Eustis (2021, November). Guest column: An energy transition has begun, and it's taken Louisiana jobs in energy with it. [https://www.theadvocate.com/baton\\_rouge/opinion/article\\_37e419fc-3c21-11ec-ab1d-8b48aa5566d6.html](https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/opinion/article_37e419fc-3c21-11ec-ab1d-8b48aa5566d6.html)
- Biven M.M, (2021, January). The Wreckage of the Last Energy Epoch: Abandoned Wells & Workers. *Current Affairs Magazine*. <https://www.currentaffairs.org/2021/01/the-wreckage-of-the-last-energy-epoch-abandoned-wells-and-workers>
- Biven, M.M. (2020, May). Dredging Up the Past. *Current Affairs Magazine*. <https://www.currentaffairs.org/2020/05/dredging-up-the-past>

## SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Lubben, Alex. (2025, September) Hundreds of oil platforms are rusting in Louisiana waters. The state doesn't track them. The Times Picayune. [https://www.nola.com/news/environment/louisiana-abandoned-oil-platforms-report/article\\_981ec055-93e3-4178-b758-367b719856d8.html](https://www.nola.com/news/environment/louisiana-abandoned-oil-platforms-report/article_981ec055-93e3-4178-b758-367b719856d8.html)
- Olalde, Mark. (2024, February) The Rising Cost of the Oil Industry's Slow Death. Propublica. <https://www.propublica.org/article/the-rising-cost-of-the-oil-industrys-slow-death>
- Sneath, Sara (2023, February) Growing body of research suggests offshore oil's methane pollution is underestimated. Louisiana Illuminator. <https://lailluminator.com/2023/02/08/growing-body-of-research-suggests-offshore-oils-methane-pollution-is-underestimated/>
- Poche, Kaylee (2022, July). Working toward the future: How offshore wind could help save Louisiana's energy industry long term. Gambit. [https://www.nola.com/gambit/news/the\\_latest/working-toward-the-future-how-offshore-wind-could-help-save-louisianas-energy-industry-long-term/article\\_02421a24-f7dd-11ec-acb3-7ffd4f3ee65c.html#/#/](https://www.nola.com/gambit/news/the_latest/working-toward-the-future-how-offshore-wind-could-help-save-louisianas-energy-industry-long-term/article_02421a24-f7dd-11ec-acb3-7ffd4f3ee65c.html#/)
- Mercogliano, Sal. (2022, April). What the Dredge! Megan Milliken Biven Discusses Why The US Needs Its Own Dredges! What is going on with shipping? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkF3RuQL2xM>
- Dermansky, Julie (2022, February). One Woman's Quest to Safeguard Federal Funds Meant to Clean up the Oil and Gas Industry's Mess. DeSmog. <https://www.desmog.com/2022/02/23/orphan-well-methane-memo-biven-landrieu-louisiana/>
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- SeaChange Radio Podcast Interview (2021, March). <https://www.cchange.net/2021/03/09/megan/>
- Marshall, Bob. (2019, September). A New Boom in Offshore Energy Jobs? Here's How it Might Happen. The Times Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate. [https://www.nola.com/our\\_drowning\\_louisiana\\_coast/article\\_5251ba5a-e080-11e9-9f51-db8981fe8a7d.html](https://www.nola.com/our_drowning_louisiana_coast/article_5251ba5a-e080-11e9-9f51-db8981fe8a7d.html)

## EDUCATION

### University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

Master of Public Policy, May 2010

**Relevant Coursework:** Microeconomics, Statistics, Environmental Economics, Analysis of Energy System Design, Benefit-Cost Analysis, State & Local Finance, Political Economy, Policy Approaches to Climate Change, Energy Policy, Political Institutions & Public Policy.

### Loyola University Chicago

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature (Minors: Philosophy & Theology), May 2005

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria  
Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems, 2019
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management - Management Training, 2015
- Electric Utility Modeling Workshop, 2014
- Federal Acquisition Institute - Contracting Officer Representative Certificate Program, 2012
- Presidential Management Fellowship - Management Training Program 2010-2012
- Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment - Duke Environmental Leadership Program, 2010

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## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- BOEM Unsung Hero Award, “Mover and Shaker,” 2016: Peer-nominated award for exceptional service to fellow employees and dedication to the agency mission.
- BOEM Star Awards, 2016, 2017: Management award for quality of work.
- [Presidential Management Fellow](#), 2010-2012: An American government fellowship that recruited and tested candidates from a variety of academic disciplines into government service. The fellowship required an additional 160 hours of formal classroom training over the two years and a work rotation outside of the host agency.
- Harris School Community Service Student Award, 2010: A student-nominated award that recognizes a fellow student committed to service in the greater Chicago community.
- [Amy Marie Bosman Fellow](#), 2009: A stipend awarded to a Harris School student (to fund an unpaid internship) who, in his or her academic and professional pursuits, demonstrates a dedication to enhancing social justice, political and economic conditions, and environmental resources in the local or global community.