

Leveraging partnerships with MSIs and educational institutions for workforce development, engagement, and successful project deployment

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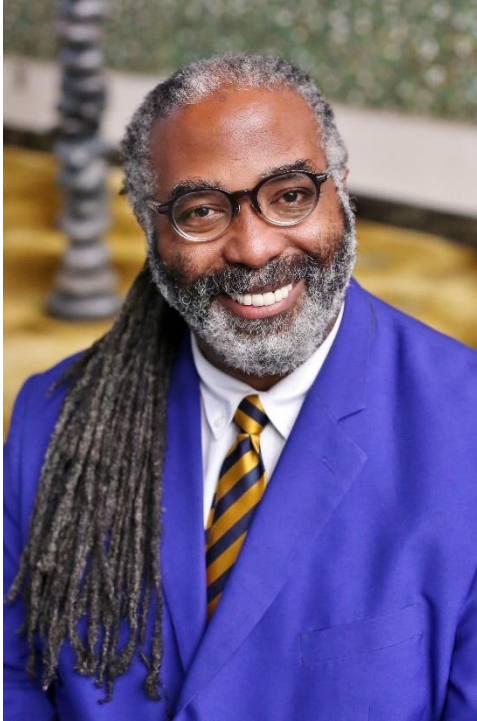
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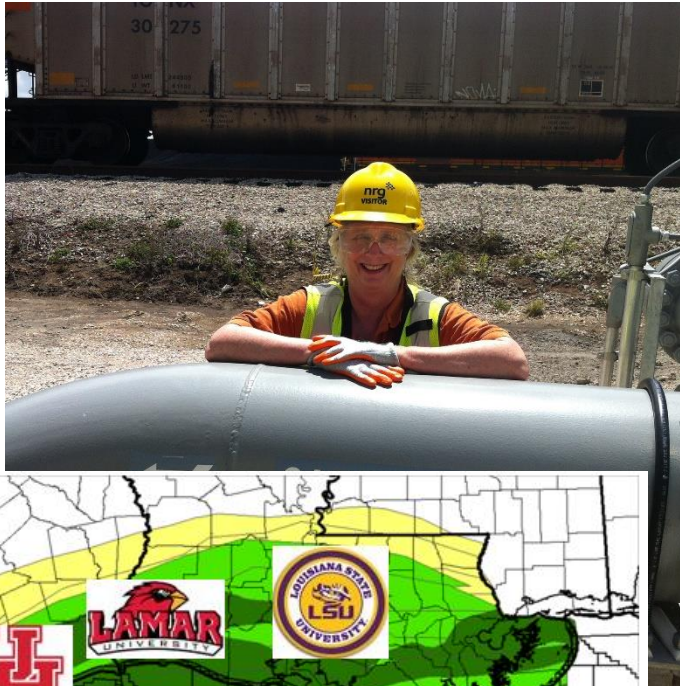
- Idaho National Laboratory
- Director, IDEAL Workforce Programs
- National and Homeland Security Directorate
- B.S. Business Management & Operations - Washington State University
- PMP – Project Management Institute (PMI)
- 20+ years of experience collaborating across the US DOE National Lab complex

Bryan Kent Wallace, D.Ed.



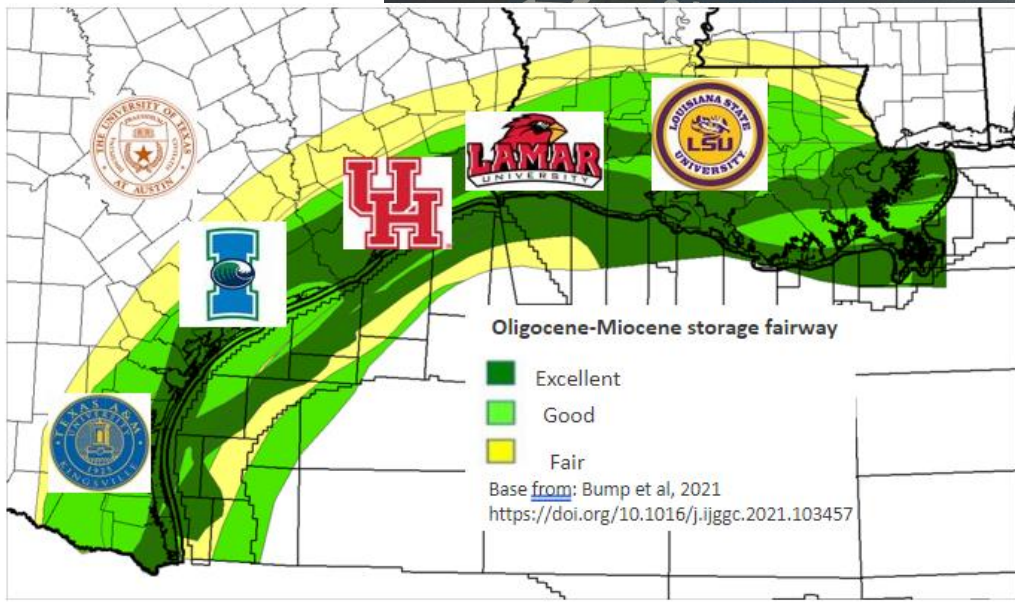
- Fisk University
- Dean of Graduate Studies
 - Need subject matter experts in DOE and university researchers to work with experts in community engagement and educational best practices for underrepresented minorities for STEM Engagement
 - Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is not a bad word!
 - Classrooms across the US are more than 50% diverse.

Susan Hovorka, Ph.D.



- University of Texas – Austin
- Researcher, Bureau of Economic Geology
- Texas-Louisiana (TXLA) Carbon Management Community Gulf Coast Carbon Collaborative

- Using the skills and trust of educational institutions to get the word out on CCS
- Build from existing programs
- Local need is the key that unlocks the door to welcome in new solutions



Peter Romine, Ph.D.



- Navajo Technical University (NTU)
- Founder and Head of the NTU Electrical Engineering Program
 - August 2018 - Became 1st ABET program at a TCU
 - Project Based Learning – Teach students to be engineers
 - January 2024 – Started Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
 - 1st graduate engineering program at a TCU
 - Focus on Clean Energy and Nuclear Safety

Vernon Travis



- **Vernon Parish School Board**
- **Board President, Louisiana School Boards Association**
- **Capturing Better Futures Initiative**
 - Local liaison for CTE partnership VPSB
 - Program development and update
 - Creating benefits for community

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