

Louisiana Public Broadcasting

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Arts, Architecture & Literature

Art Rocks! The Series

Airdates: Fridays at 8:30pm; Saturdays at 5:30pm

Length: 30 min

Art Rocks! is LPB's weekly series that explores the broad spectrum of art. The series spotlights artists, performance, culture, literature, history and the impact of art in our world. Art Rocks! features Louisiana stories as well as segments from across the country. Each week, the Louisiana Arts Calendar highlights current events throughout our state, and *Louisiana Treasures* – offering a glimpse of items, styles and themes that are unique to Louisiana. The series aims to capture your imagination, introduce you to new artists, and offer close-up views from communities around the country and our own backyard, places where art truly rocks!

Hemingway

Airdate: 4/5/21, 4/6/21, & 4/7/21 7:00pm

Length: 120 min

The three-part series examines the visionary work and turbulent life of one of the greatest and most influential American writers -- Ernest Hemingway. This documentary film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick works to interweave his eventful biography — a life lived at the ultimately treacherous nexus of art, fame, and celebrity — with carefully selected excerpts from his iconic short stories, novels, and non-fiction, the series reveals the brilliant, ambitious, charismatic, and complicated man behind the myth, and the art he created..

Kate Chopin: A Re-Awakening

Airdate: 4/5/21, 9:00pm

Length: 30 min

This LPB production revisits the life and work of renowned nineteenth-century Louisiana author Kate Chopin. Her early stories were well-received nationally and earned her literary fame as a "local colorist," even appearing in the first issue of *Vogue*. However, her career was devastated when *The Awakening* was published in 1899. It drew a storm of criticism for its "shocking, morbid, and vulgar" story and quickly went out of print. The novel was not resurrected until the 1950s, when its importance was recognized by participants in the growing women's movement. Today, *The Awakening* is among the five most-read American novels in colleges and universities and is considered an early example of American realism.

Ernest J. Gaines: Louisiana Stories

Airdate: 4/5/21, 9:30pm

Length: 60 min

An in-depth look at the man who journeyed from the land of dirt roads, magnolias and majestic oak trees to the big city of San Francisco and back again. Ernest J. Gaines received national acclaim as the author of *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*, *A Gathering of Old Men*, and *My Father's House*. Old photographs illustrate what family members remember about Gaines' childhood and his career. Couple that with the reminiscences of Ernest J. Gaines himself, comments from other writers and scholars, and passages from his books, and you'll find yourself in the South of long ago.

Great Performances: Romeo and Juliet

Airdate: 4/23/21, 9:00pm

Length: 120 min

Experience a contemporary rendering of Shakespeare's romantic tragedy from the National Theatre where a company of actors in a shuttered theater bring to life the timeless tale of two young lovers.

Great Performances: The Arts Interrupted

Airdate: 5/14/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Take an inside look at how arts organizations nationwide are surviving the pandemic and how they

are maturing during the country's reckoning with systemic racism, featuring interviews with artists and performances made during lockdown.

Culture / Heritage

Jazz: A Masterpiece By Midnight (1961-present)

Airdate: 4/3/21, 9:00pm

Length: 120 min

By the early 1960s, jazz is in trouble, as young people now overwhelmingly prefer rock 'n roll. Desperate for work, some musicians go into exile overseas and critics divide the music into antagonistic "schools" like Dixieland, swing and bebop. When both Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington pass away during the 1970s, jazz seems to die with them. But just when things seem most desperate, a new generation of musicians, led by the trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, emerges. The musical journey that began in the dance halls and saloons and street parades of New Orleans in the early years of the 20th Century continues – and shows no sign of slowing down. As it enters its second century, jazz is still alive, still changing and still swinging.

Louisiana Legends Gala 2021

Airdate: 5/6/21, 8:00pm; 5/9/21, 3:00pm

Length: 60 min

The annual Louisiana Legends Gala recognizes some of Louisiana's best and brightest. This year's honorees include: Dr. Carolyn Leach Huntoon, scientist and first woman to serve as Director of NASA's Johnson Space Center; Dr. Terry King, world-renowned Pediatric Cardiologist and co-inventor of the "King Mills Cardiac Umbrella" device; Terry Landry, the first African American Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police; Johnny Robinson, LSU great and 2019 NFL Hall of Fame Inductee; and Donna Saurage, philanthropist and Manager of CCC Holding L.L.C., the parent company of Community Coffee Company.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4437

Airdate: 5/28/21, 7:00pm; 5/30/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Old State Capitol Building Restoration Needed

The Old State Capitol building is currently in need of \$6.6 million for restoration work, according to recent estimates. A small portion of that exterior work is currently underway, but future funding is in limbo. In this segment, LPB's Andre' Moreau talks with Mary Durusau, Director of the Old State Capitol, about new materials being used to keep the historic building in good shape and what it will take to finish the job.

Rick Steves: Europe Awaits

Airdate: 6/7/21, 8:30pm

Length: 120 min

Travel lovers have spent the last year or so dreaming of where they'll travel post-COVID. In this special, Rick Steves shares vivid and unforgettable visits to European favorites—off-beat, romantic, or just good for the soul-- that he'd love to visit when we can travel again.

Economy / Agriculture

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4431

Airdate: 4/16/21, 7:00pm; 4/18/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Legislative Session - Tax Reform Efforts

Republican leaders are determined to make changes to Louisiana's complex tax structure in hopes that simplifying it will make Louisiana more appealing to businesses from out of state. But how many of our citizens really understand what the lawmakers want to do? And will it mean more, or less, taxes to pay? In this segment, Barry Erwin, President of Council for a Better Louisiana, explains how a revised tax code could help the state.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4433

Airdate: 4/30/21, 7:00pm; 5/2/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Researching The Issues

Where do you stand on child care and the impact it has on our state's economy? How about the funding of infrastructure? The Blanco Public Policy Center at UL Lafayette provides short research and data driven policy briefs on these topics and other important policy issues being discussed in Louisiana. In this segment, we get a more detailed look at the center's mission, current focus and future plans.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4434

Airdate: 5/7/21, 7:00pm; 5/9/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: How Will Federal Rescue Dollars Be Spent?

Louisiana is due to receive federal stimulus dollars in the near future, but how will this money be spent? LPB's André Moreau talks with Robert Travis Scott, president of the government watchdog group Public Affairs Research Council (PAR) on which specific state programs are likely to see funds from this federal stimulus assistance. They also discuss proposed plans for a tax revamp in Louisiana.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4434

Airdate: 5/7/21, 7:00pm; 5/9/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Restaurants Return to Normal

Restaurants owners have waited for more than a year to return to "normal" business, as the pandemic has ensued. However, those eateries that survived are having new problems: finding staff. Local restaurant owner Deaton Trahan talks about the ongoing challenges brought about by the pandemic and the struggle to stay afloat.

Education / Youth

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4429

Airdate: 4/2/21, 7:00pm; 4/4/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: LSU's Early Childhood Institute

Excitement and anticipation is building about LSU's new Early Childhood Institute, and the potential impact it could have on the children of the surrounding community. In this segment, we speak with Institute Director Dr. Cynthia Di Carlo and Dr. Richard Baker, Associate Director of the LSU School of Education, to about the institute's goals, ambitions and long-term prospects.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4433

Airdate: 4/30/21, 7:00pm; 5/2/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana's Title IX Scandal

As LSU has recently been hit with a second major lawsuit in the aftermath of a Title IX scandal, LPB's Andre Moreau talks with LSU students who were victims of sexual assault, as well as with administrators and legislators about changing a prevailing culture that covered up and mishandled wrongdoing at the University.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4433

Airdate: 4/30/21, 7:00pm; 5/2/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Young Heroes 2021

LPB recently announced the 2021 Louisiana Young Heroes, which celebrates the achievements of high school age students who have inspired those around them and devoted their time, talents and

energy to making their communities better places. In this segment, we get a closer look at the recipients and the good they have done for those around them.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4435

Airdate: 5/14/21, 7:00pm; 5/16/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Proposed Year-Round School Pilot Program

Could Louisiana phase in year-round classes for public schools? LPB's Andre' Moreau takes a closer look at a bill currently being debated in the legislature that would establish a pilot program for 12 month school attendance. State Superintendent of Schools Cade Brumley believes it may not work for every school district, but sees it as a way for Louisiana to gain back the ground it loses in public education each year.

Louisiana Public Square: Louisiana's Early Learners

Airdate: 5/26/21, 7:00pm; 5/30/21, 11:00am

Length: 60 min

In some Louisiana parishes, more than 90% of children enter kindergarten unprepared to learn. Statewide, the figure is close to 50%. Louisiana's Early Literacy Commission says \$15 million annually is needed to solve the problem. Currently \$2 million has been approved for 12 pilot projects in urban and rural districts. New Orleans has put funding for early education in its budget. Federal COVID dollars are coming directly to the state's school districts. Will they go towards literacy needs or to improve broadband connectivity? Louisiana Public Square explores these issues and more on "Louisiana's Early Learners"

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4438

Airdate: 6/4/21, 7:00pm; 6/6/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: LSU Interim President Nearing End of Tenure

In this segment, we speak with interim LSU President Tom Galligan, who in the last weeks on the job, discusses plans for the fall semester, as students gear up to return to campus for the first since the Covid-19 pandemic hit over a year ago. Galligan also talks with us about his broader stint in leading the flagship campus, while also looking forward to returning to his permanent job as Dean of the LSU Law School.

Healthcare

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4429

Airdate: 4/2/21, 7:00pm; 4/4/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19 - Vaccine Myths

As distribution of the COVID-19 vaccination increases to the general public, a number of people in Louisiana are still hesitant to get it. Experts point to fears about unknown long-term effects and pregnancy concerns. LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits down with Dr. Joseph Kanter with the Louisiana Department of Health and Dr. Pam Simmons with Woman's Hospital as they debunk myths about the vaccine and what long-term effects it can cause.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4429

Airdate: 4/2/21, 7:00pm; 4/4/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: COVID-19 - Taste Test Kits

In this segment, LPB's Andre' Moreau interviews Baton Rouge rhinologist Dr. Henry Barham about potential groundbreaking Covid-19 research. Dr. Barham's simple taste test study looks at potential ways of predicting the outcomes and severity of the virus. Now, a new company has been created that will offer at-home taste test kits and could have important implications for overall health and other illnesses.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4432

Airdate: 4/23/21, 7:00pm; 4/25/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min **Segment:**

COVID-19: Fearing A Fourth Surge

As vaccination efforts ramp up throughout the nation, some states find themselves with rising cases of COVID-19. Though Louisiana is not in that group of states experiencing a fourth surge, experts still feel precautions are necessary. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr speaks with Dr. Joseph Kanter from the Louisiana Department of Health about the status of Louisiana's COVID statistics and related efforts.

Frontline: The Virus that Shook the World

Airdate: 4/26/21, 8:00pm

Length: 120 min

Living the year of the pandemic, filmed around the world, from lockdowns to funerals to protests. Using extensive personal video and local footage, how people and countries responded to the virus, across cultures, race, faith and privilege.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4433

Airdate: 4/30/21, 7:00pm; 5/2/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Mask Mandate Lifted

As Gov. John Bel Edwards has recently lifted the statewide mask mandate, health officials warn that the vaccination effort is still crucial in helping people transition back to normal. But mass vaccination efforts have hit a plateau with more than half the state's population lacking the vaccine. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr talks with Raneesha Ford of the Baton Rouge General Medical Center about COVID hesitancy among younger groups and how smaller venues may make getting vaccinated more comfortable.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4434

Airdate: 5/7/21, 7:00pm; 5/9/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Covid-19 Vaccine Struggles

The struggle to get more people fully vaccinated continues, even as vaccine manufacturer Pfizer announces that younger teenagers are now eligible for the shots. LPB's Kara St. Cyr gives us the latest updates from Governor Edwards and health leaders on this important topic, as the state continues a return to normal operations.

Frontline: The Healthcare Divide

Airdate: 5/18/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

An investigation with NPR into growing inequities in American healthcare exposed by COVID-19. How pressure for profit and uneven government support is widening the divide between rich and poor hospitals and endangering care for the most needy.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4437

Airdate: 5/28/21, 7:00pm; 5/30/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Covid-19 Vaccine in Rural Areas

As Covid-19 vaccines have become more readily available in recent months, the more rural areas of our state are still lagging behind when it comes to vaccination rates. Parishes in southwestern Louisiana - including Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Beauregard, and Allen Parishes - currently have the lowest number of vaccinated people in the state. In addition to hesitancy, medical and public officials say that catastrophic weather events in cities like Lake Charles have shuttered interest in getting the vaccine. Kara St. Cyr gives us more detail in this segment on recovery efforts and vaccine rollouts for the area.

The Mystery of Mental Illness

Airdate: 6/22/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Throughout history, we've grappled with difficult questions about mental illness: What causes it? How can it be treated? Explore the evolution of understanding and the dramatic attempts across generations to unravel the mysteries of mental illness in this two-night event.

History / Military

Africa & Britain: A Forgotten History

Airdate: 4/4/21, 12:00pm

Length: 60 min

This four-part series explores the enduring relationship between Britain and people whose origins lie in Africa. It documents the history of Black people in Britain and its colonies, and relates that history to modern Black British identity. Hosted by Historian David Olusoga, the series starts with those who arrived as part of the Roman occupation. From the African Romans who guarded Hadrian's Wall in the 3rd century AD to the black trumpeter of the Tudor courts, David uncovers a history that is as surprising as it is revealing.

World War II & Cinema

Airdate: 4/4/21, 6:00pm

Length: 60 min

This series examines how World War II and Cinema are inextricably linked. Films were made to boost public morale, and as a highly effective form of propaganda. And long after the war's end, directors have continued to return to the subject. World War II, is a genre of film all to itself.

Baseball

Airdate: 4/10/21, 9:00pm

Length: 120 min

This epic series follows the game of baseball from its origins as a neighborhood and club affair to its quest for racial justice, the clash of labor and management, the transformation of popular culture, ultimately resulting in the unfolding of the national pastime. Along the way, we join storytellers and commentators for classic baseball stories from the Great Depression through the 1950s, from Joe DiMaggio and Satchel Paige to Ted Williams and Jackie Robinson, to Willie Mays and Don Larsen.

Seize and Secure: The Battle for La Fiere

Airdate: 4/25/21, 6:00pm

Length: 60 min

This LPB production examines a relatively unexplored but pivotal battle to secure a critical route inland for allied forces invading France in June 1944. The fight for the La Fièrè causeway and bridge is one of the bloodiest small arms battles in U.S. military history.

Secrets of the Royal Palaces

Airdate: 5/2/21, 12:00pm

Length: 90 min

In this documentary, historian and Chief Curator of England's Historic Royal Palaces Lucy Worsley invites viewers into three iconic London palaces. Viewers learn about the Tower of London's terrifying past, Hampton Court's magnificent display of Tudor power and Kensington Palace's role in the making of a modern royal family.

Asian Americans

Airdate: 5/3/21, 10:00pm

Length: 60 min

This film series chronicles the contributions and challenges of Asian Americans, the fastest-growing ethnic group in America. Personal histories and new academic research will cast a fresh lens on U.S. history and the role Asian Americans have played in it.

Blood of the Clans

Airdate: 5/18/21, 10:00pm

Length: 60 min

The thrilling sequel to Rise of the Clans and they're bigger and meaner than ever. From the fall of the Stuart kings to the rise of Bonnie Prince Charlie, this series journeys through one of the most explosive periods in British history. The clans – still clashing with each other – face brutal civil war, dirty double-dealing from the legendary Rob Roy MacGregor, and a doom-laden challenge from a new king. Blood and betrayal are around every corner. Can the clans survive?

Nova: Hindenburg - The New Evidence

Airdate: 5/19/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Never-before-seen amateur footage of the Hindenburg crash has surfaced, showing the airship's final seconds from a fresh angle and in unrivaled clarity. Taking clues from the footage and other sources, NOVA leads a fresh investigation that might finally reveal the answer to what caused the infamous crash.

National Memorial Day Concert 2021

Airdate: 5/30/21, 7:00pm

Length: 90 min

Tune in to the 32nd annual broadcast of America's national night of remembrance, honoring the military service of all our men and women in uniform, their families, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Nova: Ship that Changed the World

Airdate: 6/2/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Five centuries ago, the Age of Exploration and Europe's imperial colonization of far-off lands was launched by a revolution in ship design that made long-distance ocean voyages practical. But exactly how this momentous innovation happened eludes historians. Now, the excavation of a rare intact wreck discovered off the coast of Sweden offers vital new clues to a maritime mystery.

Inside the Tower of London

Airdate: 6/16/21, 7:00pm

Length: 90 min

The Tower of London has stood at the center of British history for nearly 1,000 years. This series explores its incredible stories and goes behind closed doors to see how the Tower runs today.

Nature / Ecology

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4430

Airdate: 4/9/21, 7:00pm; 4/11/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana's Coastal Future

A recently released coastal wetlands study provides a dire outlook for Louisiana, as well as other coastal areas around the world. The study was co-authored by a number of global coastal experts, including LSU Professor Emeritus John Day and Torbjorn Tornqvist of Tulane University. In this segment, the researchers explain what the data means for the future of Louisiana, and why NASA is teaming up with LSU to study our coast.

Nature: Sharks of Hawaii

Airdate: 4/21/21, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

Learn surprising facts about the sharks that call the warm waters near Hawaii's islands their home. Meet the White Tip Reef shark, Whale shark, Tiger shark and more.

Greta Thunberg: A Year to Save the Planet

Airdate: 4/22/21, 8:00pm

Length: 180 min

The series follows teen environmental activist Greta Thunberg as she seeks to raise awareness of the accelerating climate change. Over the course of the three episodes, Greta explores the science as she travels to extraordinary locations across the globe, meeting leading climate scientists, witnessing first-hand the consequences of climate change and confronting the complexity of what is required to make change happen.

Pacific Heartbeat: The Australian Dream

Airdate: 5/5/21, 10:00pm

Length: 60 min

Race, identity and belonging as told through the remarkable story of Australian Football League legend Adam Goodes. Goodes experience with racism eventually led to his retirement from the game. The program is part of the Pacific Heartbeat anthology series highlighting Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

National Parks: America's Best Idea

Airdate: 5/7/21, 12:00pm

Length: 120 min

Simultaneously a biography of both historical and contemporary characters and a uniquely American idea, this six-part documentary traces the evolution of national parks beginning in the mid-1800s and follows it over the next 150 years. It is the story of an idea as unique as the Declaration of Independence, and just as radical: that the most special places in the nation should be preserved, not for royalty or the rich, but for everyone.

Life at the Water Hole

Airdate: 5/19/21, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

Explore the daily drama as African wildlife flock to a manmade waterhole rigged with cameras. Dr. M. Sanjayan and his team uncover the complex dynamic of this bustling oasis where elephants, lions, leopards and more meet and compete for water.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4436

Airdate: 5/21/21, 7:00pm; 5/23/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Heavy Rains Hit South Louisiana

South Louisiana recently experienced a week of flooding, as heavy rains pounded the region for several days straight. In this segment, LPB's Kara St. Cyr takes a look at the damage in the hardest hit areas of Lake Charles and metropolitan Baton Rouge. We also talk with Mayor Nic Hunter of Lake Charles about the extreme weather that has plagued the city this past year, including two hurricanes, ice, snow and freezing temperatures... and now floods.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4436

Airdate: 5/21/21, 7:00pm; 5/23/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Cajun Navy Responds to Flooding

In this segment, we talk with the President of Cajun Navy Relief, and learn how this group began as an emergency response effort during the 2016 floods. This Cajun navy group has now grown into a year-round volunteer operation that specializes in providing rescue and relief services following hurricanes and other water-related natural disasters.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4438

Airdate: 6/4/21, 7:00pm; 6/6/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Start of Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is upon us, even though Louisiana has still yet to recover from previous hurricanes, ice storms and severe flood, all occurring within the last year. Hurricane experts predict that the current season may follow 2020's pattern of being an above average year for named storms.

LPB's Kara St. Cyr talks with meteorologist Sean Sublette of the weather research group Climate Central about possible weather patterns in our area.

Louisiana Public Square: Renewable and Reality

Airdate: 6/23/21, 7:00pm; 6/27/21, 11:00am

Length: 60 min

President Joe Biden has aggressive plans to transform the nation's heavily fossil-fuel powered economy into a clean-burning one by 2035. Governor John Bel Edwards is encouraging members of the state's new Climate Initiatives Task Force to explore wind power in the Gulf. While oil and gas consumption has declined recently, domestic oil production still remains essential to the economy of Louisiana. How realistic are plans to rapidly move towards a nationwide reliance on wind and solar energy? Louisiana Public Square looks for answers to these questions and more on "Renewable and Reality".

Nature: Cuba's Wild Revolution

Airdate: 6/23/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Cuba piqued the interest of filmmakers who hoped to capture the wildlife of an island widely unknown. To capture intimate details of the nation's wildlife, filmmakers had to explore dark caves full of bats, cockroaches and boas.

News / Current Affairs

Amanpour and Company

Airdate: Monday-Friday at 11:00pm

Length: 60 min

The nightly series features wide-ranging, in-depth conversations with global thought leaders and cultural influences on the issues and trends impacting the world each day, from politics, business and technology to arts, science and sports.

Washington Week

Airdate: Fridays at 7:30pm

Length: 30 min

Washington Week is the longest-running primetime news and public affairs program on television. Since 1967, viewers have come to rely on *Washington Week's* roundtable of award-winning journalists to provide objective reporting and incisive analysis of the major news events of the week.

Frontline: Escaping Eritrea

Airdate: 5/4/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

An unprecedented undercover investigation into one of the world's most repressive regimes. Exclusive secret footage and testimony shed new light on shocking allegations of torture, arbitrary detention and indefinite forced conscription.

Politics

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4431

Airdate: 4/16/21, 7:00pm; 4/18/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Legislative Session's Upcoming Agenda

As the legislative session kicks off for its annual spring session, several high-profile topics are expected to be covered by legislators. First, Louisiana is preparing for its next fiscal year, and lawmakers will likely spend time building the financial budget. Also on the agenda are related issues like proposals to raise the minimum wage and increased pay for teachers. In addition, it is expected that bills will address the governor's power during an emergency and LSU's sexual-misconduct scandal.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4432

Airdate: 4/23/21, 7:00pm; 4/25/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Legislative Session Update

In this segment, we give an update to political happenings in the current state legislative session. In recent weeks, debate has taken place regarding LSU's sexual misconduct scandal, with secondary focus on efforts to turn Louisiana into a "Fossil Fuel Sanctuary State.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4436

Airdate: 5/21/21, 7:00pm; 5/23/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Remembering Former Governor Buddy Roemer

Louisiana's 52nd governor, Buddy Roemer, passed away recently at the age of 77. In this segment, LPB's Andre' Moreau talks with Roemer's son Chas about the Governor's politics and his legacy. Also featured is an archived interview with Roemer (2017), where he tells Andre' about a 2014 stroke and the impairments it caused. Roemer also explains how it sparked the writing that ultimately became his memoir, centered around his childhood at the family home.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4438

Airdate: 6/4/21, 7:00pm; 6/6/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Legislature Rolls On

The legislative session rolls on into its eighth week, as tempers flare amid racial tension over Ronald Greene protests and recent slavery remarks by Rep. Ray Garofalo. A small stream of bills have trickled to the Governor's desk for his signature including those designed to protect the interests of sexual assault survivors. But the vast majority of bills, including those targeting budgets, casinos, and taxes still are being negotiated among lawmakers. LPB's Kara St. Cyr gives us a wrap up of this week.

Public Safety / Crime / Justice

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4430

Airdate: 4/9/21, 7:00pm; 4/11/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Criminal Justice Reform In Louisiana

LPB recently hosted a virtual preview screening of the Independent Lens docuseries Philly D.A., which chronicles the campaign and aftermath of a reform minded district attorney in Philadelphia. The series covers controversial topics like police brutality, the opioid crisis and mass incarceration, which are all problems widely debated in Louisiana. In this segment, we'll explore how our state is coping with these problems and hear what experts suggest as a solution.

Philly D.A. (8-Part Series)

Airdate: 4/20/21 – 6/1/21 (Tuesdays), 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

Philadelphia has one of the highest incarceration rates in the U.S., and the new D.A. is leading an experiment that may reshape American prosecution. This series explores the most pressing social issues of our time—police brutality, the opioid crisis, gun violence, and mass incarceration—through the lens of unapologetic District Attorney Larry Krasner and his idealistic team attempting fundamental overhaul from within the system.

Independent Lens: The People vs. Agent Orange

Airdate: 6/29/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Follow Vietnamese activist Tran To Nga, who, in a French court, is suing the American chemical industry for poisoning her and her family in Vietnam. And in Oregon, Carol Van Strum battles to stop the ongoing spraying of toxins by the timber industry.

Science / Technology / Infrastructure

Nova: Picture a Scientist

Airdate: 4/14/21, 8:00pm

Length: 120 min

Women make up less than a quarter of STEM professional in the United States, and numbers are even lower for women of color. But a growing group of researchers is exposing longstanding discrimination and making science more inclusive.

Human: The World Within

Airdate: 4/28/21, 10:00pm

Length: 60 min

Using revolutionary medical technology and a state-of-the-art approach to filmmaking, the series explores the amazing universe inside of us. This first episode examines the functions of the brain, spine and nerves through stories that show how bodies send and receive messages, and what happens when these wires get crossed -- or cut. Compare nervous system functions to lightning and the electrical grid.

NOVA: First Man on the Moon

Airdate: 5/5/21, 8:00pm

Length: 60 min

In this program, NOVA presents an intimate portrait of Armstrong through interviews with his family and friends, many of whom have never spoken publicly before. Discover and relive Armstrong's achievements before and after Apollo, from his time as a Navy combat veteran and later as a pioneer of high-speed. Along the way, we learn how Armstrong's life became the inspiring story of heroic risk-taking and humble dedication that ultimately advanced humanity's adventure in space.

Extra Life: A Short History of Living Longer

Airdate: 5/11/21, 7:00pm

Length: 60 min

This series uncovers the little-known story of the innovations in science and medicine that doubled the human lifespan in less than a century and celebrates the unsung heroes of public health who believed change was possible and acted on it.

Nova: Great Electric Airplane Race

Airdate: 5/26/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

A look at the array of promising new electric planes on the horizon. Boeing, Airbus, Raytheon and other major companies are currently racing to develop practical short-haul passenger planes that promise to slash the operating costs and emissions of regular flights. But first, significant hurdles of battery weight, energy storage and cooling must be overcome. How long will it be before the dream of super-quiet, super-efficient airliners becomes a reality?

Chasing the Moon: American Experience

Airdate: 6/15/21, 7:00pm

Length: 120 min

Explore the early days of the space race, the struggle to catch up with the Soviet Union and the enormous stakes in the quest to reach the moon. The first episode reveals both the breathtaking failures and successes of the developing U.S. space program.

Social Issues

Reel South: Flat Town

Airdate: 4/8/21, 7:00pm

Length: 30 min

A small Cajun town in rural Louisiana holds an annual exhibition football game between the majority-Black public school and majority-White private school, called the Tee Cotton Bowl. This

meditative small town portrait examines the effects of racial segregation, and a range of perspectives on the game.

Louisiana: The State We're In: #4430

Airdate: 4/9/21, 7:00pm; 4/11/21, 4:30pm

Length: 5 min

Segment: Louisiana's Georgetown Slave Compensation

In 1838, Catholic Jesuit priests in Maryland sold 272 slaves to planters in Louisiana in order to fund Georgetown University in Washington. Now, the Jesuit Order is pledging a hundred million dollars in penance to the descendants of slaves they once owned and sold to land owners, many of them still in Louisiana. Organization and church leaders say that money will be used to start racial healing projects and will be distributed to descendants in the form of scholarship money and other projects. LPB's Kara St. Cyr sits down with foundation president, Joseph Stewart, and Jesuit priest, Father Kasecki, to talk about the long-term implications of the commitment.

Frontline: American Insurrection

Airdate: 4/13/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

Frontline investigates the rising threat of far-right violence in America, with ProPublica, exposing the individuals and ideologies behind a wave of crimes, culminating in the attack on the Capitol.

Louisiana Public Square: Louisiana's Title IX Problem

Airdate: 4/28/21, 7:00pm; 5/2/21, 11:00am

Length: 60 min

Louisiana colleges and universities have come under fire for their recent handling of Title IX investigations. Louisiana State University is under intense scrutiny after an independent investigation by Husch Blackwell revealed a culture that covered up sexual assaults and harassment, rather than sanction them. LSU Shreveport is in a Title IX scandal of its own after the chancellor of LSU Health Sciences Center was accused of sexual discrimination and harassment by multiple female employees. Are our young people safe at Louisiana colleges? And is the culture of "protecting the brand at all costs" a bigger problem in Louisiana schools than in other states? Louisiana Public Square explores these issues and more on "Louisiana's Title IX Problem."

Race Matters: America After George Floyd

Airdate: 5/25/21, 9:00pm

Length: 60 min

One year after the police killing of George Floyd, where does America go from here? in the special "Race Matters: America after George Floyd," PBS NewsHour anchor and managing editor Judy Woodruff and our reporters talk to people and experts across the country about the lasting effects of systemic racism, the lingering distrust between communities of color and law enforcement, the trauma that remains for so many and what the future looks like.

Tulsa: The Fire and the Forgotten

Airdate: 5/31/21, 8:00pm

Length: 90 min

In this program, learn about the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, on the 100th anniversary of the crime, and how the community of Tulsa is coming to terms with its past, present and future.

Freedom Summer: American Experience

Airdate: 6/15/21, 9:00pm

Length: 120 min

The story of 10 memorable weeks in 1964 known as Freedom Summer, when more than 700 student volunteers from around the country joined organizers and local African Americans in a historic effort to shatter the foundations of white supremacy in Mississippi - then one of the nation's most viciously racist, segregated states.