



# New Orleans Chapter Newsletter

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## Eric Smith

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AB Freeman School of Business.



### Chairman's Column

We kick off the 2014-2015 meeting year on Tuesday, September 16 at our regular venue and time, i.e., Andrea's restaurant in Metairie starting at 11:30 a.m.

Our speaker will be Prof. Eric Smith, the Associate Director of the Tulane Energy Institute, which is connected to the A.B. Freeman School of Business. This will be a return visit, since he has spoken to us several times in the past.

Future meeting dates are as follows. These are subject to change should unforeseen conflicts occur:

2014:	2015:
October 21	January 20
November TBA (joint API luncheon)	February 17
December 16	March 17
	April 21
	May 19

#### "CHAPTER ALERT"



In July of this year, I wrote to the chapter's membership, once again asking for help in the Vice Chairman's office, to line up speakers for the meetings. The response was zero!

In the six years I have been Chairman, we have not had a Vice Chairman for half the time.

I must caution you that unless there is some help in this area, we are looking at meetings without speakers or possibly even a reduction in the meeting schedule.

If you enjoy being a SIPES member and want to see the chapter continue as it has, I once again am urging you to consider this request!



Louis E. Lemarié

## Tuesday, September 16th

### Andrea's - Metairie

**Registration & Networking - 11:30 AM**

**Lunch and Talk - Noon**

**Reservations and guests: Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466**

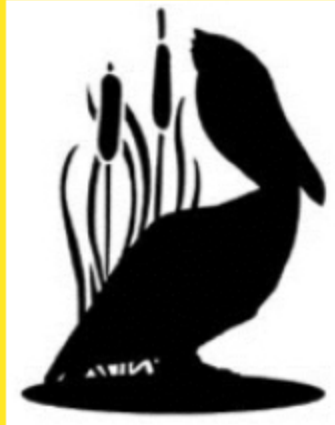
**Prof. Eric N. Smith** provides market analysis and economic research on a variety of issues affecting the energy sector. Examples include a series of reports on the potential for importing LNG into the US, studies on the economic impact of unconventional shale gas Development on US supplies of natural gas, reports on the use of Petroleum Coke as a feed stock for power generation and ongoing research into the use of bio-butanol as a substitute for ethanol. In addition, he teaches the required introductory courses leading to the energy specialization certificate available to both undergraduate and graduate level students. Finally, he functions as the public face of the University and the Energy Institute, providing requested information to local and regional media on a wide variety of energy related subjects.

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