



Research Committee on the Sociology of Disasters

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

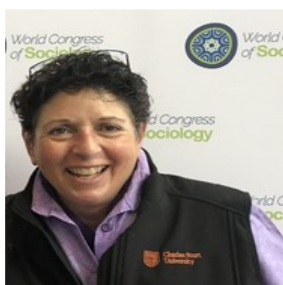
Welcome to this issue of Unscheduled Events. We have all sorts of news and information for you to read about in this issue. To start with, I want to thank, Thank, THANK Bill Lovekamp for his incredible leadership as the RC-39 President over the past 5 years. Bill has been incredible to work with and I am so grateful for his leadership and guidance. He graciously served an additional year in office, as the International Sociological Association rescheduled the World Congresses and Forums in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to thank the entirety of our previous board for working through that additional year and keeping us moving forward. You are so appreciated!



Michele Companion

I would also like to thank the body of this organization for electing me as your new President. I am deeply humbled and honored to serve and represent you. As Lori Peek recently reminded me at the Researcher’s Meeting, I am only the second woman President of

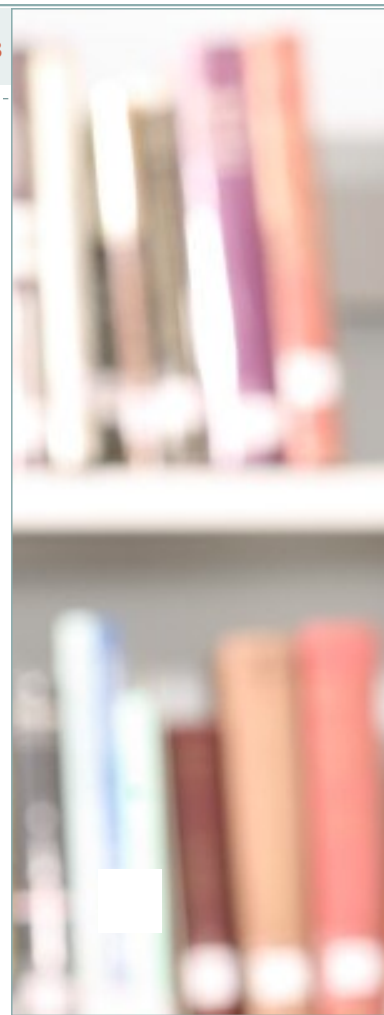
our organization. I am proud to serve. Deeper in this issue, I will be introducing you to the remainder of your new board.



Val Ingham

Last, but seriously not least, I want to thank Val Ingham for all her amazing work (and dealing with me with great humor and patience) as the Program-Co-Coordinator at the ISA’s World Congress in Melbourne, Australia.

Val, you are incredible! Let’s see where else in the world we can find yuzu gelato!



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A huge debt of gratitude goes out to everyone who made the trip or presented virtually! I made it to every session where I didn't have a conflicting meeting. I was wowed by the amazing work all our colleagues are doing around the globe! I look forward to hearing updates about your research at the ISA World Forum in a few years. ISA should be announcing the dates and location in October.

Just a few more quick notes before you dive in – our new board is already hard at work. Tristan Wu, Bill Lovekamp, and I have been working to ensure an orderly transition of offices. We are so excited to tackle some overdue projects now that the International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters has moved over to Sage. We are going to be focusing on recruitment and student participation, along with digitizing our archives.

I am looking forward to working with you all and learning more about your work over the next few years. Stay safe and well!

With tremendous respect,
Michèle Companion

Meet the new Board

Our terms run from 2023 – 2027. I am your new president. Our general information and emails can be found at the RC-39 webpage: RC39 Sociology of Disasters (isa-sociology.org)

During my term, I will be working on a host of issues, along with increasing membership overall, ensuring greater representation from Category B and C countries, and student recruitment. We were able to provide registration grants for a number of students to attend the International Sociological Association's World Congress in Australia, including several William Averette Anderson Fund Fellows. We want to help create more spaces for student participation and involvement into the future.

One of our other big projects will be to digitize our archives. For years (well, actually decades), Henry Quarantelli dutifully kept all kinds of notes. He and Ben Aguirre kept legal and historical documents related to the International Research Committee on Disaster from its founding. Much of this treasure trove is still sitting in boxes in Delaware. We will be looking to work with the Disaster Research Center to digitize and create a repository for this portion of his papers.



Taken at ISA in Melbourne. Secretary/
Treasurer Tristan Wu with President
Michèle Companion.



Also taken in Melbourne, Vice President
Marlon de Luna Era.



Andrea Lampis from Institute of Energy
and Environment, University of São
Paulo, Brazil.



Many of you have had the opportunity
to meet our Immediate Past President
Bill Lovekamp. This photo was taken
at the Researcher's Meeting in July
and is courtesy of Michelle Meyer.

Meet the new Board

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Michelle Meyer, Texas A&M University, USA.



Our incredible board includes Sanjukta BHADURI, India.

I also want to be sure that I introduce you to some of the editorial board at the *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*.



Editor in Chief Walter Gillis Peacock is pictured left with Tristan Wu, Associate Editor. This great photo, taken at the Researcher's Meeting in Boulder, is courtesy of Michelle Meyer.



J. Carlee Purdum is your new Managing Editor.

We will be introducing you to the rest of the editorial team and providing some profiles of them in the next newsletter, so stay tuned!

Voices from the Conference

Students at various levels of degree progress were asked to think about some key takeaways from participating in the 2023 ISA World Congress. RC-39 wants to encourage faculty members to present with their students and encourage students to attend both the World Forums and World Congresses to share their work and ideas. It is a great networking opportunity, as well as a CV builder! Below, please get to know a few of our participants.

ADITI SHARAN

Ph.D. Candidate, Waipapa Taumata Rau / The University of Auckland, Aotearoa / New Zealand



Presenting at the ISA World Congress has always been one of the top things in my to-do list as a sociologist. Finally, getting to it in Melbourne this year was exhilarating! I was fortunate to present in two sessions. I presented my Ph.D. research on the experiences of the *Hijra* community of India in disasters in the sessions, “Women Practitioners in Emergencies” and “Women, Men and Lgbtiqa+ People in Disasters”.

For some context, I talked about the processes of ‘othering’ of gender diverse groups in society that makes them vulnerable at the time of disasters. I also talked about the power of their agency and unique capacities, which is not adequately addressed in disaster research. I presented this learning from the lived experiences of the ethnic transgender group (the *hijras*) of Odisha, India. My research aims to (re)construct the concept of disasters from a queer perspective through a critical ethnography approach, which is rooted in the contextual realities of such groups. My research tries to unpack the broad categories of the ‘vulnerable’ to look at the diversity and intersectionality of gender with other socio-

economic and cultural factors - beyond the Western understanding of the same. Therefore, it explores the challenges and capacities and the role of inclusive policies in propagating inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction for gender diverse groups.

I got to present alongside very experienced scholars and practitioners from different parts of the world. Needless to say, I got to learn a lot from them. The questions that were asked after my presentation led to a very organic discussion - that just felt so right! It felt intimate, which is something very difficult to experience in such formal conferences these days. The passion of the people attending towards the subject with their own perspectives and background was incredible. The traction this topic on gender in disasters got and the willingness to move beyond the binary categories in the understanding of gender was very reassuring. Presenting my work in front of people I have studied and cited for years and getting acknowledged by them after my presentations, was a rather surreal experience.

Apart from the sessions I was a part of, I especially enjoyed sessions like ‘Childhoods at the Cross-section of Disasters’ and ‘Towards a critical disaster studies in Japan and beyond’. Outside the Sociology of Disasters, I explored the other thematic areas as well. I got to meet so many scholars working on a wide range of topics. I also attended some sessions that talked on the issues of indigenous people in Australia. I was truly learning something new everyday. Most importantly, it was very good to see the representation of scholars from the South and Southasian countries at the conference.

There was a plethora of sessions to choose from, so unfortunately I missed out on some of the things I really wanted to attend. But overall, the conference provided exposure to a highly rich academic environment and a space to make important connections as well. Therefore, I think it is a great opportunity, especially for early-career researchers and students to explore.

Voices from the Conference

TIFFANY COUSINS

Ph.D. student, Virginia Tech, USA

I once read an article titled “Why Dumbass People Find it Easier to Get Rich Than Brilliant People.” At first, I was taken aback by the title, but like most things on the internet, it was obviously just a flashy title. The article talked about how, for lack of a better word, “dumbasses” get further ahead monetarily than brilliant people - the people you expect to get ahead and be rich. One reason is that a “dumbass” will say yes to an opportunity, although they know they can’t afford it. They say yes and then figure it out later. A brilliant person will think about how they can’t afford it and respond accordingly. The second reason is that a “dumbass” has radical optimism, will ignore the negatives, and enthusiastically push forward. It is easy to see how the negatives won’t work for a brilliant person.



In 2021, my friend Joy Semien invited me to be on a panel at the ISA World Congress. Her first question was, “Do you want to go to Australia?” Of course, I want to go to Australia. However, as she explained her intentions, the overthinking began. I hurriedly said, “Sure, why not!” What was the worse that could happen? Through the typical conference application process, I committed to going to Australia. I chose to say yes. This trip’s first meaning is to take the risk of saying yes and figuring it out later.

This trip has meant more than just the opportunity to present at a conference. I do love to present, but what I enjoy about conferences is meeting new people, hearing their ideas, and how people have creatively solved a problem. After attending the conference, I ponder who I am as a researcher and what I want my career to look like. I have a desire to collaborate with researchers abroad. I found what I want to spend my years studying and the niche I want to crave for myself. I found where I am “supposed” to be. Researchers such as DeMond Miller at Rowan University invigorated me to think about how I present. The passion.

On a personal level, I learned about myself on this trip. I love Australia. I got to spend time in the Victoria State Library and the cafe inside the library. The slower pace of life is lovely compared to New York City. I also went on the Great Ocean Road Tour. I have always loved coastal towns, but this tour solidified it. As a natural hazards researcher, the love of living on the coast is contradictory, but it holds a special place in my heart. This trip opened my mind to a different way and pace of life. I would like to thank researchers such as DeMond Miller at Rowan University, who invigorated me to think about how I present. The passion he has when he presents is engaging and captivating. Thank you to Michèle Companion for getting me involved. So far in my Ph.D. journey, I have not been involved in an academic community outside my university. And therefore, it was wonderful to see old colleagues, such as Tristian Wu. Lastly, I thank researcher Joy Semien for calling me and asking me if I wanted to go to Australia.

RUSSELL DIPPY

Professional Doctorate Student (Doctor of Public Safety), Charles Sturt University, Australia

My name is Russell Dippy and I am studying a Professional Doctorate Student (Doctor of Public Safety) at Charles Sturt University in Australia. A Professional Doctorate is the same level as a Ph.D. but is aimed at those that are already in industry and that bring external experiences to academia. I am in my final year and am currently finalizing (hopefully :)) my thesis ready for examination.



I live in Adelaide, South Australia, which is one state (and 800km) away from Melbourne. I was able to attend the entire conference funded by Charles Sturt University using my annual leave from work. I have attended many professional and research conferences over many years for work. This was the first time (outside of my own university's confirmation and professional development conference) that I have had the opportunity to work with an external, internationally recognized academic in the preparation and delivery of a paper (thanks Professor DeMond Miller, Rowan University - USA) and also to co-chair two of the conference sessions. I attended many of the other sessions of RC39.

5 key things that I took from the conference:

1. There are a lot of topics being examined by various academics that I can see will have real life differences, if the results are shared properly.
2. There are a lot of opportunities for future research that I can see as a practitioner in emergency management.
3. There is an obvious gap between academics and practitioners. It is no good writing a paper saying what I as a practitioner should do or know - I would challenge academics to consider how they are going to share their research with practitioners once complete. Maybe consider collaboration with practitioners as part of the research confirmation process??
4. I understood, but learnt more of the publish or perish imperative of the academy - but publishing where I as a practitioner can't read it doesn't actually help, in fact I would argue that it devalues the results.
5. I have been given some opportunities to consider that will further both the implementation of my research and give me the opportunity to learn more about the world of academia. I am planning on grabbing those with both hands and seeing where they take me (but as I look to the end of my thesis there may be other opportunities to participate with all of my spare time????????)

I must thank Charles Sturt University, and my Supervisor Associate Professor Val INGHAM for the opportunity to attend. It has definitely been worth my time and has provided me more opportunities to develop further in the academic sense.

Don't be afraid to reach out if you want to speak about the professionalization of emergency management (Russell.dippy@outlook.com), as I am always looking at how I can address that topic.

Voices from the Conference

Researcher's Meeting, Boulder, Colorado, USA July 12 and 13, 2023

The Researcher's Meeting was held in Boulder face to face for the first time since 2019! Co-Chairs Sabine Loos and Sara Hamideh organized around the theme "New Frontiers of Disaster Research: Action-Oriented Approaches to Solve Complex Challenges." The focus was on *convergent and action-oriented approaches to disaster research*. Special sessions showcased best practices and provided opportunities to further build interdisciplinary teams that partner with frontline communities to address increasingly frequent and intense disasters. The opening plenary session brought in numerous scholars and practitioners to discuss interdisciplinary collaboration, equity, and inclusion. In addition to providing updates on cutting-edge research, this year's program was designed to provide new opportunities for building research collaborations. New session formats included lightning talks and training and networking sessions to help establish partnerships and research-to-action synergies. The meeting goal was to strengthen teams by connecting diverse researchers across career stages and disciplines.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Meyer

Dr. Lori Peek, previous IRCD President (2014-2018) and director of the Natural Hazard Center, welcomed participants to packed and invigorating days of presentations, panels, and discussions.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Meyer

At the meeting, both Sabine Loos and Sara Hamideh (pictured below with Bill Lovekamp, IRCD Immediate Past-President) were awarded the IRCD President's Service Award for the incredible work they have done over the past 4 years.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Meyer

A PDF of the complete program can be found here:
[researchersmeetingprogram_2023.pdf \(colorado.edu\)](#)

Researcher's Meeting

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On a personal note, one of the great things I love about this meeting is the chance to connect with familiar faces and to meet new colleagues. Attendees come from around the world for both the Natural Hazard Workshop and the Researcher's Meeting. It is an unparalleled opportunity to network and to learn from each other. Please do join us in 2024!



From left to right: Michèle Companion (University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, USA), Shigeo Tatsuki (Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan), Norio Maki (DPRI, Kyoto, Japan), Norma Anderson (William Averette Anderson Fund, USA), and Bill Lovekamp (Eastern Illinois University, USA)

The Researchers Meeting is organized by the International Sociological Association Research Committee on Disasters (ISA-RC39) with the support of the Natural Hazards Center and the Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure (NHERI) CONVERGE facility at the University of Colorado Boulder.



This meeting is supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF), Division of Civil, Mechanical, and Manufacturing Innovation (CMMI) (Award #1841338 and Award #1635593). Any opinions, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this meeting are those of the participants and do not necessarily reflect the views of the NSF.

IRCD Award Winners, 2023

The presentation of awards took place at two separate events during the Natural Hazard Workshop in Boulder, Colorado, USA. The first two awards were presented on July 10 during the Workshop's official Award's Ceremony. At that time, the following awards were presented:

Charles E. Fritz Award for Career Achievements in the Social Science Disaster Area

The Charles E. Fritz Award for Career Achievements in the Social Science is given for significant and numerous contributions to the disaster area such as the conducting of research, publications, policy development as well as providing of major input into the professional developments of the field. The intent of the International Research Committee on Disasters (RC39) is to recognize major and notable career achievements over a lifetime.

Award Committee Co-Chairs, Shigeo Tatsuki (Doshisha University, Japan) and Kathleen Turner (Natural Hazards Center) are pleased to announce that Dr. Susan Cutter, University of South Carolina, is the 2023 Recipient of this prestigious award.



[Susan Cutter](#) is a Carolina Distinguished Professor of Geography at the University of South Carolina and director of the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute and the Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction Center of Excellence on Vulnerability and Resilience Metrics. She has authored or edited thirteen books, 150 plus peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and mentored more than 40 masters and doctoral candidates while at the University of South Carolina. Her policy-relevant work focuses on the evidentiary basis for emergency management and disaster recovery policy and practice at local, state, national, and international levels. Funding from federal, state, and local agencies including National Science Foundation, South Carolina's Emergency Management Division, and Florida's Department of Health support this work.

Cutter presently serves on many national advisory boards and committees including those of National Research Council, the Natural Hazards Center, and UK Department for International Development Research Advisory Group. She serves on many editorial boards including Journal of Extreme Events, Weather, Climate, and Society, Natural Hazards, and International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction. She is also co-executive editor of Environment and is Editor-in-Chief for the Oxford Research Encyclopedia's Natural Hazard Science.

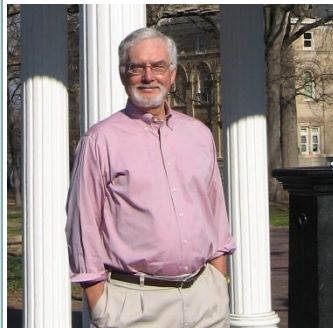
Cutter is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, past president of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and past president of the Consortium of Social Science Associations. She received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the AAG (2010) and an honorary doctorate from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (2015), and was elected as a foreign member of the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters.

Awards

E.L. Quarantelli Award for Social Science Disaster Theory

The E. L. Quarantelli Award for Social Science Disaster Theory is given in recognition of notable and significant theoretical work by social and behavioral scientists in the disaster area. The intent in giving this award is to encourage the international development of theory relevant to disaster phenomena. A committee of five disaster researchers appointed by the RC39 President considers nominations for the award. The RC39 President designates the committee chair. It can be given every two years and requires a lecture by the award winner at some professional meeting.

This year's award committee Co-Chairs Michael Lindell (University of Washington) and Walter Peacock (Texas A & M University) proudly announced that this year's recipient of this prestigious award is Ray Burby, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Dr. Raymond Burby is professor emeritus in the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Burby has research interests in state and local land-use management approaches to natural hazard mitigation, watershed protection, and other environmental problems. Burby's scholarly work and contributions to planning reflect three

principal interests:

- Land use planning as a means of reducing losses from natural and technological disasters, conserving energy and protecting water quality (including public drinking water supplies).
- Urban development processes and forms as they affect the quality of life, including the provision of a better understanding of the potential benefits of large-scale planned developments.
- Improvements in planning processes, including intergovernmental planning mandates, enforcement of building and land-use regulations, and citizen involvement in planning and growth management.

This work was undertaken as part of over 65 collaborative research projects involving over \$8 million in funding from agencies such as the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Public Health Service, Fannie Mae Foundation, Urban Institute and many others. The results of this research are reported in 14 books and numerous book chapters, articles, and research reports prepared for both scholarly and professional planning audiences.

President's Service Award

At the Researcher's Meeting on July 12, the President's Service Award was presented. The President's Service Award is given for exceptional and sustained leadership to the profession and to the International Research Committee on Disasters. This award is given at the President's discretion. This year's award recipients were selected by President William Lovekamp. The award was presented



Photo courtesy of Michelle Meyer

to Sabine Loos, University of Michigan, and Sara Hamideh, Stony Brook University.

Sara Hamideh is an associate professor of sustainability studies at Stony Brook University. She studies housing recovery inequalities after disasters to identify resource needs and effective recovery policy lev-

ers. She has conducted longitudinal and interdisciplinary modeling of the housing recovery in seasonal and year-round housing submarkets in tourist-based communities based on physical and social vulnerabilities. She also looks at the role of social vulnerability and stigma in access to recovery decision-making for marginalized groups such as public housing residents. Hamideh is a co-principal investigator in the Center of Excellence for Community Resilience at Colorado State University, funded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, where she leads engagement with communities in using disaster models.

Awards

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President's Service Award continued...

Sabine Loos is an Assistant Professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at University of Michigan. Broadly, her research surrounds the development of disaster information that centers users and the human experience. She applies statistical learning, risk analysis, and user-centered design techniques to develop



Photo courtesy of Michelle Meyer

tools that inform effective and equitable disaster risk reduction, response, and recovery. She has worked across Nepal, Singapore, and New Zealand to gain firsthand experience of the impacts from disasters. The transdisciplinary nature of her work has led her to collaborate with the US Geological Survey, the Natural Hazards Center, Kathmandu Living Labs, the World Bank, NASA-JPL, Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team, and others. She also co-chairs the Natural Hazards Center Researchers' Meetings and co-founded the Risk & Resilience DAT/Artathon.

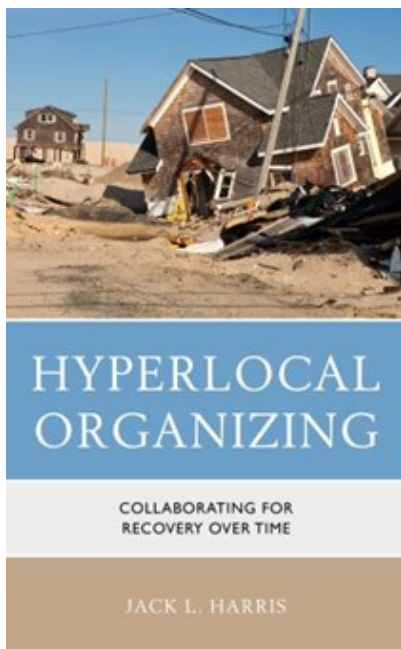
**Congratulations to our
awards winners!**

In the News

PUBLICATIONS

Check out some of the incredible work our colleagues have been doing!

- Choryński A., Matczak P., Jeran A., Witkowski M., 2023. Extreme weather events and small municipalities' resilience in Wielkopolska Province (Poland), *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdrr.2023.103928>
- Harris, Jack L. 2022. *Hyperlocal Organizing: Collaborating for Recovery Over Time*. Lexington Books. *Hyperlocal Organizing: Collaborating for Recovery Over Time* - 9781666927245 (rowman.com)



Hyperlocal Organizing: Collaborating for Recovery Over Time explores the difficult work of post-disaster recovery. Harris demonstrates that after disaster, broad interorganizational landscapes are needed to unite the grassroots, neighborhoods, communities, and institutions to solve problems of recovery and bring people home. Yet all too often, government disaster policy and institutions ignore the critical role of local knowledge and organizing. Exploring the organizational landscape of the mid-Atlantic United States after Hurricane Sandy, Harris reveals how participation and collaboration open multiple pathways to recovery after disaster by building resilience and democratizing governance. Using powerful theories of communicating and organizing, this book develops a new framework—hyperlocal organizing—to address the challenge of community survivability in the twenty-first century. Achieving community survivability requires robust organizational partnerships and interorganizational collaboration to solve collective problems.

TRANSITIONS

Jack Harris is now NTT teaching professor in Sustainability and Program Director for the Undergraduate minor in Sustainability in the Department of Human Ecology at Rutgers University (School of Environmental and Biological Sciences). His research interests include: social and organizational infrastructure and its relationship to economic and social well-being, disaster recovery and social impact networks, community energy projects in Scotland, public policy and institutional messages in shaping hyperlocal organizing and community networks.



Victor Marchezini completed the Researcher in Residence Program (September 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) at the Natural Hazard Center in Boulder, Colorado, USA. Victor focused on a postdoctoral project using multidisciplinary methods that promote people-centered early warning systems. As part of that project, he organized three virtual workshops in partnership with his home institution, the National Center for Monitoring and Alerts of Natural Disasters (abbreviated CEMADEN in Portuguese), the Natural Hazards Center, and other researchers interested in early warning.



At Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado

In the News

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that I let you all know that our friend and colleague Douglas Paton, former editor of the *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* (2014-2017), has passed. I am saddened by his loss and extend my sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues. I was fortunate to work with him as his co-editor from 2015 – 2017. I will miss that big smile. I have included some of the content below from his memorial page, as written by his family. You can connect to the page to read the entire memorial at the following link: [Douglas Paton - ForeverMissed.com Online Memorials](#)



Dear friends and colleagues,

We are heartbroken to inform you that Douglas... reclaimed his power and choose to pass over on Monday, 24 April 2023.

As he wished, Douglas was at home surrounded in a circle and held by his mum, partner, sister, niece and nephews imbued with deepest love listening to “Leaving Glen Affric” when he left...

Thank you all so very much to all of you who have been praying for Douglas and sending healing energies these last several years as he was battling cancer – Douglas was so appreciative and grateful for you thinking of him and supporting him in his battle. Your caring gave Douglas great strength and comfort, and led to him being physically among us for another nearly four years...

Douglas was a Professor at Charles Darwin University, Australia, an Adjunct Professor at the University of Canberra, a Senior Research Fellow at the Bandung Resilience Development Initiative (Indonesia), and a Research Fellow at the Joint Centre for Disaster Research (New Zealand). In 2005-2006, he was the Australian delegate to the UNESCO Education for Natural Disaster Preparedness in the Asia-Pacific. He was a member of the UNISDR now UNDRR) RIA sub-committee (2012-2016) and served on the Psychosocial Advisory Committee for the Christchurch earthquake (2011-2013). In 2014 his role as a Technical Advisor on Risk Communication with the WHO helped develop the community engagement program for the Ebola response program in Sierra Leone... Douglas published 24 books and about 200 peer-reviewed papers and chapters with over 260 collaborators from across the world. He has served as Editor of the *Australasian Journal of Disaster and Trauma Studies* (Founding Editor), *Disaster Prevention and Management* and the *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*. He sat on several journal editorial boards, including the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, *Disasters*, the *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*.

To honour Douglas and to continue his critically important work, his family, partner and closest collaborators created a “Douglas Paton Memorial Scholarship”. Douglas’ family and partner will contribute funds to start this scholarship and award. Massey University’s Joint Centre for Disaster Research (JCDR), which Douglas co-created and which houses the Australasian Journal of Disaster and Trauma Studies that Douglas established, will host the “Douglas Paton Memorial Scholarship”. We intend to gather annually online to award this scholarship, and to honour and expand Douglas’ work. Rather than sending flowers to Douglas’ family and partner, we invite you to donate to the “Douglas Paton Memorial Scholarship” here if you wish to do so (please make sure you select Douglas’ scholarship under ‘Designation’)...

With great love & gratitude

Douglas’ family, Petra Buergelt, David Johnston, John Violanti, Julia Becker, Fantina Tedim, Li-ju Jang, Emma Hudson-Doyle, Chris Gregg, Saut Salaga

Donations & Legacy Giving

The International Research Committee on Disasters is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization. This was the original name for ISA's Research Committee 39 – Sociology of Disasters. The charitable organization uses this name. Tax-deductible donations can be made to IRCD to help us support students and members from Category B and C Countries (See the following link for ISA's Table of Economies by Category: [Table of Economies by Category \(isa-sociology.org\)](http://isa-sociology.org)).

We can apply donations to support both member and student registration and travel grants to ISA/RC-39 World Forums and World Congresses. We have (funding permitting) the T. Joseph Scanlon Student Travel Award, which is given to a student attending the ISA World Congress who demonstrates exceptional talent to provide financial support for participation. To donate, please reach out to our Secretary/Treasurer Tristan Wu at ircdsecretary@gmail.com for more details on donations or providing for IRCD in your will or trust.



Joe Scanlon (1933 – 2015)

Dear friends of the *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*

We are delighted to officially announce that the ***International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters (IJMED) has joined SAGE Publishing's family of journals and has been relaunched for 2023!*** Created by members of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on the Sociology of Disasters (RC-39) in 1983, IJMED has a long and distinguished history as one of the oldest disaster science journals. The journal will continue to publish rigorous articles addressing issues of theory, research, planning, policy, multiple dimensions of risk, hazards, emergency and disaster prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. In addition, we will now be fully indexed and current, future, and importantly, back issues will now be fully searchable online.

The importance of interdisciplinary approaches is increasingly recognized as critical to addressing the complex interactions between and among humans/social systems, changing hazard profiles associated with climate change, and the built environment. Therefore, with its relaunch, IJMED seeks to expand and encourage both disciplinary and interdisciplinary research from not only the social, behavioral, and economic sciences, and emergency management, but also engineering, disaster and environmental sciences, geography, and related disciplines. And, as an ISA member, you have full access to the journal through the SAGE Sociology Collection. This is a repository of approximately 100 journals that members have Full-Text access to with a current membership. Finally, as part of our relaunch, SAGE has provided a free access period to the journal from the journal website until April 5th, 2023.

Feel free to further explore the relaunching of the International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters with SAGE, our revised Aims and Scope, the editorial team, and the opportunities for publishing and participating as a reviewer or team member as we seek to continue IJMED's forty years of excellence.

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Our best to you,
The IJMED editorial team

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William Lovekamp, Associate Editor

Michelle Meyer, Associate Editor

Tristan Wu, Associate Editor



For more information about our research committee, please visit <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc39-sociology-of-disasters/>

Information about the V ISA World Forum can be found here: [ISA Forum of Sociology \(isa-sociology.org\)](http://www.isa-sociology.org)



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