

# Unscheduled Events



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## Research Committee on the Sociology of Disasters

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to this issue of *Unscheduled Events*. As always, our editorial team has been busy assembling important news of the ISA and our research committee, accomplishments by fellow members, and committee related events to share with you here.

I am delighted to be serving as president of your research committee. We have an amazing team that is ready to serve you. While we are in the midst of a global pandemic, the ISA Forum has been postponed until February of 2021, and we will continue provide you with updates as they become available. We also are hopeful that we will all join together in Melbourne, Australia in 2022 for the World Congress of Sociology. Among other things, we have highlighted our current leadership team, our most recent award recipients, highlights from our most recent Meetings, and exciting updates from our *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* editorial team.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Unscheduled Events*. Stay safe and be well!

Bill Lovekamp

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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.



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 RC39 is to recognize major and notable career achievements over a lifetime.

## E.L. QUARANTELLI AWARD: ELAINE ENARSON

Dr. Enarson taught gender studies and worked in antiviolenence programs in Nevada before moving to Miami shortly before Hurricane Andrew hit her neighborhood in 1992. She connected with the welcoming community of RC 39 scholars and went on to help found the global Gender and Disaster Network.

Elaine's independent research explored women's economic, cultural, community and political work in disasters, as well as gender violence, women's cultural work around disasters, gendered disaster housing and gender justice in long-term recovery. Family moves brought her to short-term and on-line teaching in the US, Australia and Canada, where she also taught applied disaster studies at Brandon University and Royal Roads University. Elaine spoke and consulted widely on gender, disaster and climate, organized academic and community workshops and developed numerous training and practice guides.

In addition to other publications, she co-edited four international readers including *The Gendered Terrain of Disaster* (1998) and *Men, Masculinities and Disaster* (2016). She is the author of *Woods-Working Women: Sexual Integration in the U.S. Forest Service* (1984) and *Women Confronting Natural Disaster: From Vulnerability to Resilience* (2012). Recently retired, Elaine is extremely grateful for this recognition and for everything she learned from community actors, practitioners, students and her many virtual colleagues.



## CHARLES E. FRITZ AWARD: SHIGEO TATSUKI

Dr. Tatsuki is Professor in the Department of Sociology at Doshisha University, Kyoto and cross-appointed as Senior Research Scientist at Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institute, Kobe. He was one of the organizers of the Kwansai Gakuin University Relief Volunteer Center that managed about 7,500 student volunteers after the 1995 Kobe earthquake. From 1997 to 2005, he was an active member of Hyogo Forum for Advocating Individual Recovery. For his recovery advocacy work, Shigeo was awarded the Governor's Award for distinguished service in 2005.

From the late 1990's, Shigeo became active in disaster research thanks to the mentoring of such brilliant disaster scholars as Haruo Hayashi, Kathleen Tierney, Joan Nigg and Bill Anderson through the US/Japan collaborative research initiatives that started from the mid 1980's.

His current fields of interests include long-term life (individual) recovery (e.g., the 1999-01-03-05 Hyogo Life Recovery Surveys and the 2014-15-16-17 Natori Life Recovery Population Panel Surveys), disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction (e.g., field studies of 2001 Geiyo Earthquake, 2004 Niigata-Fukushima floods, 2004 Typhoon 23 floods in Northern Hyogo, 2004 Niigata-Chuetsu Earthquake, 2007 Noto Peninsula Earthquake, and 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake), post-disaster management of emergent multi-organizational networks (EMONs) (e.g., field studies of 1995 Kobe earthquake, 1997 Japan Sea oil spill, and 2011 GEJE), and impacts of social capital enrichment upon social safety, security and livability (e.g., 2007-08-09-10-13 Kobe and 2014-17 Kyoto surveys).



## PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD: MICHELLE MEYER & MICHELE COMPANION

Michelle Annette Meyer, Ph.D. is the Director of the Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning at Texas A&M University. She is a Next Generation of Hazard and Disasters Researchers Fellow and an Early-Career Research Fellow with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Gulf Research Program. She graduated summa cum laude from Murray State University and completed a MA and PhD in Sociology at Colorado State University.

Her research focuses on social capital, disaster recovery, environmental justice, and nonprofits in disaster. She has studied governmental and nonprofit networks in long-term recovery; use of social media across population groups during disasters; social capital and collective efficacy for individual and community resilience; and participatory GIS for environmental and climate justice. She teaches environmental sociology, environmental justice, research methods, hazard mitigation and recovery, and sociology of disaster.

Michelle has been Chair or Co-Chair for the three most recent RC-39 Annual Meetings in Colorado. Michelle first served as a graduate student volunteer for this meeting. She also is a regular reviewer for The International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters. Michelle is a co-winner of the 2016 Samuel H. Prince Dissertation Award from RC-39.

Michèle Companion, Ph.D. is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado –Colorado Springs, working as a food and livelihood security expert around the globe. Some work focuses on Native American food security, including impacts of low-income diets on health, tribal participation in the food sovereignty movement, and the link between cultural survival and traditional foods.

She has worked extensively across the US, Africa, and Haiti during complex emergencies and in Japan with the Disaster Prevention Research Institute at Kyoto University. Some work focuses on the expansion of food security indicators to increase local sensitivity to triggers, especially in local and urban markets, urban food security, agricultural opportunities to improve food access in urban centers, and on population displacement and resettlement. She edited *Disaster's Impact on Livelihood and Cultural Survival: Losses, Opportunities, and Mitigation* (2015) and coedited *Responses to Disasters and Climate Change: Understanding Vulnerability and Fostering Resilience* (2017) and *Street Food: Culture, Economy, Health, and Governance* (2014).

She is an active member of RC-39, serving as our current secretary/treasurer, has served on the Price Dissertation Award Committee, is Program Co-Coordinator for the ISA World Forum in Vienna, served as session moderator in Yokohama, Vienna, and Toronto, and has organized sessions at the ICRD meetings at the Natural Hazard Workshop. She



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.



The Samuel H. Prince Award for a Doctoral Dissertation on a Disaster Topic in the Social and Behavioral Sciences is given in recognition for initial and notable accomplishments by disaster researchers in the social and behavioral

sciences. The intent in giving this award is to encourage the early identification of exceptional research talent, to the extent it can be indicated by a doctoral dissertation.

## SAMUEL H. PRINCE AWARD: AARON CLARK-GINSBERG

Aaron Clark-Ginsberg is an Associate Behavioral/Social Scientist at the RAND Corporation. He was a Department of Homeland Security Postdoctoral Scholar at Stanford University, and completed his graduate studies at University College Dublin, Ireland, in Humanitarian Action. His dissertation, entitled *How National Disaster Reduction Regimes and International NGOs Interact*, examined how international and national stakeholders work together to reduce disaster risks. He conducted it in partnership with the international NGO Concern Worldwide and it took him to ten developing countries in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean to review the organization's disaster risk reduction and resilience building activities. Outputs included a series of reports for Concern, blog posts, book chapters, and journal articles, including articles on how to assess risks using network analysis. Aaron has also worked as a wildland firefighter and as a Hurricane Katrina reconstruction volunteer.



The Student Travel Award is given in honor of the late Joseph T. Scanlon, who expressed a longstanding commitment to bringing students and early career researchers to the ISA World Congress. This award is given at the discretion of the President and in recognition of a student or students who have made a significant contribution to the section.

## STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD: MANPREET JAISWAL

Manpreet Jaiswal is research assistant in emergency management at Jacksonville State University. Residing in Toronto, Canada, she is a specialist in provincial emergency management since dedicating herself to the discipline in 2008. Manpreet received an Honours degree in International Development and Globalization from the University of Ottawa, a Master of Arts in Disaster and Emergency Management from York University, and a Certificate in Terrorism Studies from the University of St. Andrews. She currently works with the

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services as an Emergency Management Advisor. Manpreet is proud to support the Research Committee on Disasters (RC39) of the International Sociological Association as an Editorial Assistant with the International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters, and she is also a Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.



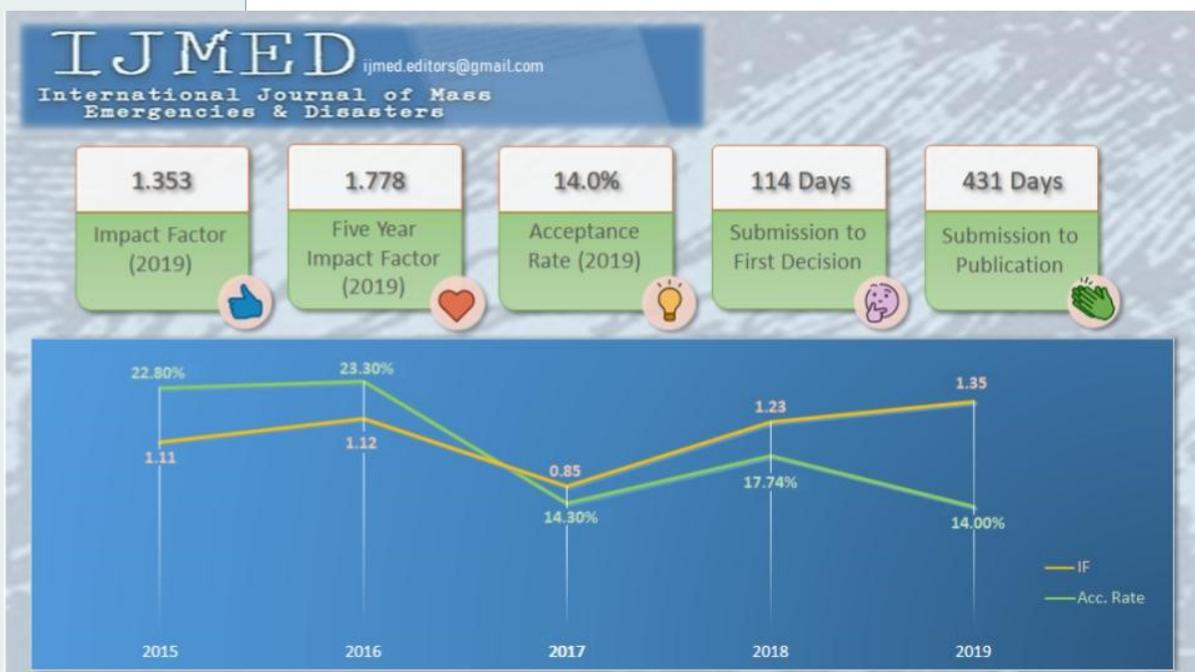
## INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MASS EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS EDITING TEAM

Our amazing editing team has been working diligently to maintain a superior and competitive journal in our field. Our team is led by co-editors Sky Huang and Tristan Wu, book and film review editor Alex Greer, and editorial assistant Graham Huether.

We are happy to report that the journal is thriving under the direction of our editing team. As you can see from the chart below, our 2019 impact factor was 1.353 and the five year impact factor is 1.778.

The current acceptance rate is 14%, and our submission to first decision timeframe is 114 days, with a submission to final publication date of 431 days. The editing team has continued to strive for an expedient review process, one that relies on all of us to agree to serve as reviewers, and to give thorough, timely, and constructive reviews.

Visit our webpage <http://www.ijmed.org> if you would like to subscribe, submit an article, or wish to serve as a reviewer.



# CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, AND WORKSHOPS

Our colleagues have gathered around the world at the World Congress of Sociology (2018 Toronto, Canada), the 2019 Natural Hazards Workshops (Colorado, USA), and our research committee's add-on workshop meeting, the 2020 virtual Natural Hazards Workshop, and several other meetings not listed here. We sponsored 16 different hazards and disasters sessions with 77 presentations, and hosted a business meeting at the World Congress. We had record attendance of over 200 participants at the 2019 Natural Hazards Workshop in Boulder, Colorado and exceeded that number with almost 500 participants at the 2020 virtual workshop and researchers meeting.



(L-R) IJMED Editor Sky Huang & Michelle Meyer (NHW 2019)  
 (L-R) APA Hazards Director Shannon Burke, Shannon Van Zandt, Researcher's Meeting Chair Michelle Meyer, Joy Semien, Judanne Lenox, and Abrina Williams (NHW 2019)



Annual NHW Barbeque group, including IJMED Editor Tristan Wu (far left) Past President Lori Peek (3rd from left) and 2020 Researcher's Meeting Chair Sara Hamideh (2nd from right) (NHW 2019)



Past Vice-President Sudha Arlikatti (NHW 2019)



(L-R) Secretary/Treasurer Michele Companion, Past Presidents Ben Aguirre and Tom Drabek (WCS 2018)



Graphic recording by Alece Birnbach (NHW 2019)



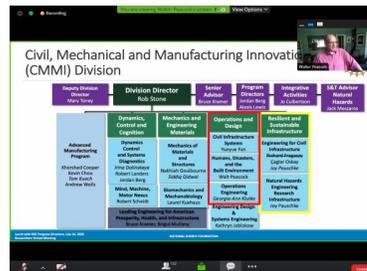
Researchers Meeting (NHW 2018)



(L-R) President Bill Lovekamp & Past Board Member Joe Trainor (NHW 2019)



Researcher's Meeting Chair Michelle Meyer with Dennis Wenger (NHW 2019)



Past-President Wait Peacock presents at the Virtual Workshop (NHW 2020)

(L-R) Elaina Sutley, 2020 Researcher's Meeting Chair Sara Hamideh, 2019 Researchers' Meeting Chair Michelle Meyer (NHW 2019)



Researchers Meeting (NHW 2018)

Outgoing President Lori Peek introducing Incoming President Bill Lovekamp (WCS 2018)



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For more information about our journal *IJMED*, please visit <http://www.ijmed.org/>

For more information about the 2020 Researchers Meeting, which focused on the theme of *The Data Revolution: Ethical Imperatives and Methodological Considerations for Hazards and Disaster Research*, please visit <https://hazards.colorado.edu/workshop/2020/researchers-meeting/overview>.

For more information about the 2020 ISA Forum of Sociology, please visit <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2021>

For more information on the 2022 ISA World Congress of Sociology, please visit <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/melbourne-2022>

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