Dr. Joseph Trainor, Ph.D. to Kick Off the Fall 2014 Virtual Seminar Series

Dr. Joseph E. Trainor, Ph.D., 2002 Millersville alum, is an assistant professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware and a Core Faculty Member of the Disaster Research Center. Dr. Trainor conducts research, provides consultation, teaches, and mentors students. He also conducts multi-disciplinary, mixed methods, qualitative, and quantitative research focused on different dimensions of disasters and crises. His studies include “basic” science, applied research, and rapid reconnaissance post-disaster fieldwork studies.

Some of Dr. Trainor’s recent project focal points:
- International Aspects of Disasters
- Disaster Researcher and Practitioner Integration
- Warnings
- Risk Perception
- Protective Action Decision making for short fuse hazards
- Post Hurricane Housing Decisions
- Household Insurance and Mitigation Decision
- Multi-organizational Response

Dr. Trainor’s findings resulted in over a dozen peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, over a dozen disaster related reports and invited publications, thesis, dissertations; many of which co-authored with students. Dr. Trainor frequently presents research findings to academic, professional, and public audiences.

Dr. Trainor is a core faculty member in the Disaster Science and Management (DISA) program. He teaches courses and advises students in the DISA, the Urban Affairs and Public Policy PhD, and the Public Policy BA. He also serves on key committees for these programs and for the School of Public Policy and Administration.

Dr. Trainor has international experience and has worked on projects with collaborators in India, Sri Lanka, Netherlands, Sweden, Japan, and Australia. He is particularly interested in exploring how different cultural settings impact human interpretation and response to disasters and how different places approach the management of risk and disasters.