Leslie Williams speaks about emergency managers protecting cultural heritage to kick off the Fall 2015 Virtual Seminar Series

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Leslie Williams has worked in public and academic libraries for more than 15 years. She currently manages the acquisitions of library materials for the University of Colorado Denver.

As a public librarian in Florida, Williams gained extensive experience in county level emergency management operations during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons. For Hurricane Katrina, Williams deployed as a volunteer first responder with a disaster animal response team.

In 2010, Williams combined her interests in cultural heritage and emergency management when she co-founded the Colorado Cultural & Historic Resources (CHR) Task Force in conjunction with the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The CHR Task Force works to improve the State of Colorado’s mitigation, response, and recovery efforts for cultural and historic resources. Williams coordinated the CHR Task Force’s participation in the Colorado State Emergency Operations Center during the 2012 and 2013 wildfires and floods to provide assistance to cultural heritage institutions affected by the disasters.

Seminar Topic & Abstract:
Colorado Cultural & Historic Resources Task Force: Partnering to Protect Our State’s Heritage

Learn key characteristics of cultural and historic resources relevant to emergency management operations and how emergency managers and cultural heritage institutions are collaborating in Colorado to leverage capabilities and resources to protect our state’s heritage.

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