



## The CENTER For DISASTER RESEARCH & EDUCATION Biannual Newsletter

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### 61st Annual IAEM Conference in Reno, Nevada

The Center for Disaster Research and Education (CDRE) and Millersville University's Master of Science in Emergency Management (MSEM) Program were represented at the 61st annual International Association of Emergency Management Conference from October 25 to October 31, 2013 in Reno, Nevada. Emergency Management professor Duane Hagelgans was accompanied by CDRE Graduate Assistants Shauna Stoy and Paul McGonigal and MSEM students Alysse Stehli, Ann Harach, and Jarrett McLane. The group participated in promoting the program as part of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Expo (EMEX). The CDRE/MSEM booth received many interested participants with very positive feedback regarding the MSEM program and our new Business Continuity initiative associated with DRI.

In addition to representing the CDRE at the EMEX Booth, the faculty and students attended many intriguing workshops and lectures led by distinguished professionals in the field of emergency management. Our very own Dr. Hagelgans was one of those distinguished professionals leading a lecture on "Local and Regionalization of Emergency Management: The Future of Emergency Management". In addition, Archeologist Brian Fagan led a discussion on the changing climate and the changes in emergency management throughout different eras associated with our changing climate. Moreover, there were many sessions on planning, preparedness, response and recovery for active shooters, hurricanes and flooding, reunification and the "all hazards" approach. Overall, the conference was very interesting and informative. The MSEM faculty and students had a chance to promote the MSEM program and the CDRE as well as learning valuable information to bring back to improve the program.



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## Dr. Duane Hagelgans, Graduate and Current MSEM Student Featured in IAEM News Bulletin

Emergency management professor Duane Hagelgans, recent graduate Brian Bannon and current MSEM student Bryan Payne have recently been published in the November 2013 IAEM News Bulletin. The article features information about the mentoring program at Millersville University and the importance of mentoring at the graduate level. This article can be found on Page 7 of the November bulletin using the link provided below. Dr. Hagelgans is also published on page 19 with CEM Kim Wheatley discussing the role of education in emergency management.

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## The 2013 Business Continuity Conference

On November 7th, CDRE Graduate Assistants, Shauna Stoy and Paul McGonigal, attended the 2013 Business Continuity and Emergency Preparedness Conference which took place at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg, PA. The Business Continuity Conference was hosted through the collaboration of Millersville University's Center for Disaster Research and Education, The South Central Task Force, and the Mid-Penn Chapter of the Association of Contingency Planners. This conference offered several break out sessions including the basics of business impact analysis, emergency response best practices, business continuity planning and evaluation, and testing your business continuity plan. There was also a keynote speaker, Edward Brown, who works for KETCH Consulting. Mr. Brown spoke on the topic of "Why your role as a BCP professional can save lives, jobs, and families." The conference was organized by Mr. Troy Neville and will be hosted again next year for the 2014 Business Preparedness Campaign.

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## Campus Fire Rescue Training

On Monday, August 19, Dr. Hagelgans and CDRE Graduate Assistant Paul McGonigal assisted Blue Rock Fire Rescue with live fire extinguisher training for this year's Resident Hall assistants. Approximately 60 students participated in the fire training exercise, which teaches the students how to properly use a fire extinguisher as well as what to do if there is a fire on campus. The students were given an overview about fires, fire extinguishers and proper evacuation techniques, and then each student was able to use an extinguisher to put out a fire.

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## Graduate Assistants Attend CERT Training at the Emergency Management Institute

On August 19, 2013, Paul McGonigal and Shauna Stoy attended a week long training course at the Emergency Management Institute to prepare them for their upcoming involvement in planning for the Community Emergency Response Team. Paul and Shauna are both beginning their first year in the MSEM Program at Millersville University and serve as the Graduate Assistants for the Center for Disaster Research and Education. The training at EMI included two sections; CERT Train the trainer and CERT Program Manager. When asked about her experience, Shauna Stoy stated the following:

“This course was such an amazing opportunity. The instructors were very energetic, motivating, and informative. I was able to network with people all around the world. I gained a solid foundation encompassing the basics of CERT as well as how to teach the material and manage the program. It was terrific to be able to gain different perspectives on how CERT is run across the country. I have come back to Millersville feeling prepared and excited for our CERT training program, which will be held in October, and I look forward to exploring new ideas to enable our CERT members to be more involved in the Millersville community.”



CERT Training for Millersville University will begin Monday, October 21st. Registration for the Fall 2013 training course is due by Monday, October 14th. For more information on Campus CERT visit the CERT tab on the CDRE Webpage at <http://www.millersville.edu/cdre/cert/> or attend the Information Session hosted by Shauna and Paul on Wednesday, October 2nd at 8pm in room 18 of the Student Memorial Center.

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## Advancements of Dr. Kirsten Bookmiller

In September 2012, Dr. Bookmiller presented a paper "The International Law of 96 Hours: Urban Search and Rescue Teams and the Current State of International Disaster Response Law (IDRL)" at the Four Societies Seminar at University of California-Berkeley School of Law. The Four Societies include the American, Japanese, Canadian and Australian-New Zealand Societies of International Law and the conference theme was the "International Law of Disasters". Each Society only selected four papers each. The papers will now be published as an edited volume to be published by Cambridge University Press.



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In October 2012, Dr. Bookmiller delivered three seminars on International Disaster Response Law to the University of Fortaleza, Brazil Law School as well as met with Ceara state emergency management officials to discuss the MSEM program and cooperation with CDRE.

In January 2013, Dr. Yalda and Dr. Bookmiller met with officials at the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations' Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in Geneva, Switzerland to promote the MSEM and cooperation with CDRE in the areas of training and workshops and research/consulting projects. Two initiatives, regarding Human Rights and Disasters and organizing EM-related modules for the IFRC will be launched in 2013-2014.

In March 2013, Dr. Yalda and Dr. Bookmiller visited MU partner Catholic University of Valparaiso (PUCV) in Chile for meetings related to promoting the MSEM and inter-university cooperation with the CDRE. In addition to university administration and faculty meetings, meetings were held with both local officials responsible for disaster management as well as a federal minister responsible for mental health/trauma issues following disasters. An EM consortium involving MU, Fortaleza in Brazil, PUCV and MU partner U of Puerto Rico will be launched in 2012-2013.

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