List of Attendees

ABRAMSON, David
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Founding Director of the Program on Population Recovery and Resiliency NYU Global Institute of Public Health

Most recently the Deputy Director at Columbia University’s National Center for Disaster Preparedness at the Earth Institute, Dr. Abramson will spearhead a program examining disasters’ impacts on human health and well-being and use the program as a launching pad for innovative “research to action” initiatives. Dr. Abramson leads several major research studies examining the long-term impacts of disaster stressors on population recovery, including the longitudinal Gulf Coast Child and Family Health Study begun in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and the Sandy Child and Family Health Study currently being conducted in partnership with Rutgers University.

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Jason Bremner is an associate vice president in International Programs; program director for Population, Health, and Environment (PHE); and deputy director of the USAID-funded IDEA project. He works on research, writing, and capacity building on population, food security, climate change, and other PHE links. He has managed PRB’s PHE activities since 2008 and works closely with the East Africa PHE network, a group of African practitioners, researchers, and policymakers developing innovative and integrated solutions to complex PHE challenges. Prior to PRB, Bremner was a National Science Foundation-sponsored Population-Environment doctoral candidate at Carolina Population Center, a USAID/University of Michigan Population-Environment Fellow in Ecuador, and worked as a consultant for health and environment organizations. He received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, and has an MPH in global health from Emory University.

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James Elliott received his Ph.D. in Sociology (with a minor in Geography) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997, after which he worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before coming to Rice he received tenure at the University of Oregon and Tulane University, where he earned university-wide teaching awards for undergraduate, graduate and service-learning education. More recent research incorporates growing emphasis on urban-environmental change in three related areas. One focuses on social inequalities revealed and exacerbated by natural hazards and local recoveries; another focuses on the historical accumulation and systemic spread of hazardous wastes in urban areas; and, the third focuses on links between urbanization and carbon emissions at and from the local level.

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Elizabeth Fussell received her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1998. From 1998 to 2001 she was a postdoctoral fellow at the Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania. She has three main areas of research: migration, specifically from Mexico to the United States, population change and recovery in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and the transition to adulthood from a demographic perspective.

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Courses Taught
Basic Mapping: Applications and Analysis; Environmental Conservation; Introduction to Geography

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Engagement Assistant, National Climate Assessment Staff (NCA)
Julie Koppel Maldonado works on engagement activities and issues related to indigenous peoples and climate change for the National Climate Assessment program. Julie is a Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology at American University in Washington, DC. Her doctoral research focuses on three tribal communities in coastal Louisiana who are experiencing the impacts of rapid environmental change. She has worked with a displaced Ogoni community in South and West Africa, and consulted for the World Bank and the Global Gender and Climate Alliance. She recently completed a consultancy for the United Nations Development Programme on post-disaster needs assessments. Julie’s research interests include collaborative, community-based research and applied anthropology.

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Dr. David J. Wrathall is an associate academic officer at UNU-EHS. David holds a doctorate in geography from King’s College London, and researches on social-ecological resilience and climate change adaptation. His work focuses primarily on critical transitions, uninhabitability, and human migration, but also resource politics and narco-trafficking in Central America. David manages Gibika (Livelihoods), a science-to-action project on social resilience in Bangladesh, in collaboration International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), supported by the Munich Re Foundation. David is investigating the impact of droughts, seasonal flooding and tropical storms on livelihood systems and migration in Bangladesh, and as part of this research is partnering with ICCCAD, Flowminder and Grameenphone to study climate change and human mobility using very large sets of mobile phone data.

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Haorui Wu is the Faculty of Social Work’s newest addition in postdoctoral research. His detailed research focus links closely with projects in the faculty, making him a valuable asset in the research field. As an architect, Wu examined the physical effects of disasters in a community close to his home, and as a social worker, his eyes were opened to the detrimental effects that post-disaster reconstruction can have on a community’s mental and emotional state. Wu will be working in Edmonton on research projects focusing on post-disaster reconstruction from a social issues perspective.

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