



## Call for Submissions

### Disaster PRIMR 2024: Interfaces of Disaster

February 26 - February 28, 2024  
Brayton Fire Training Field (TEEX), College Station Texas

#### Conference Co-Chairs

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#### Conference Information

2024 Disaster PRIMR: Interfaces of Disaster: Opportunities and challenges arise where boundaries converge. The 2024 Disaster PRIMR Conference presents opportunities to discuss and explore these challenges and identify innovative and meaningful strategies and techniques to mitigate them and improve the resilience of communities throughout. This year's conference will focus on the challenges in rural and tribal communities, including heirs' property rights and gentrification, the impacts of environmental driven catastrophes, accessibility challenges and many more. Please join us in this exploration with scholars and practitioners representing the interfaces of disaster.

The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) and Texas A&M University (TAMU) are openly inviting researchers, educators, and students, professionals, and practitioners from any disciplines with an interest in disaster preparedness, response, recovery, or community resiliency and citizen and / or organizations from communities directly affected by disasters to join together to build upon the existing body of knowledge and experience. Specifically, participants will share a diverse range of best practices, lessons learned (or yet to be learned), and insights gained in all dimensions of disaster readiness. This is an unprecedented opportunity to come together, and further build our collaborative capacity and strength for the Gulf Coast region to **Prepare, Respond, Innovate, Mitigate, and Recover (PRIMR)**.

#### PRIMR Values

This event is guided by these shared values:

##### **1. People First**

Coming all together to share, learn, and take away relevant information, knowledge of best practices, experience of lessons learned, and insights of wisdom, which are relevant and applicable within communities engaged in proactive **Preparedness** for, **Response** to, **Innovation** on, **Mitigation** of, and **Recovery** (PRIMR) from, the impacts and effects caused by disasters caused by natural phenomena and/or human actions.

##### **2. Listen First**

Highlighting how local knowledge is critical for any aspect of **PRIMR** in order to prioritize people and respond effectively and efficiently to their needs.

##### **3. Partnership**

Upholding the need to maintain the highest levels of respect, trust, commitment to each other, the organizations they represent, and the communities they serve.

#### 4. **Cultural Humility**

Recognizing the value of ALL people, by being open to other ways of doing things, and by being co-learners.

#### 5. **Access to All**

Focusing on the connectivity among disciplinary and institutional/organizational silos to integrate a broad range of cross-disciplinary and cross-population perspectives and experiences.

#### 6. **Agency**

Helping people understand and access their own power in all dimensions of **PRIMR**, focusing on the agentic capacity of individuals and communities to act independently and to make their own free choices.

### **Submission Tracks and Formats**

The PRIMR welcomes submissions from all academic and non-academic fields that focus on the following categories:

- ***Preparedness for Disasters***
- ***Response to Disasters***
- ***Innovation and Problem Solving in Disaster's Preparedness, Mitigation, Response and Recovery***
- ***Mitigation of Disasters***
- ***Recovery from Disasters***

*Submissions will be on these tracks to help and manage the review process.*

Within each thematic track, authors can choose one of the following formats. We encourage unique presentation styles, activities, workshops and discussions. The Conference Program Committee reserves the right to reclassify submissions based on reviewers' comments.

#### **Suggested Formats**

1. **Individual Presentations**
2. **Panel Sessions**
3. **Professional Development Workshop**
4. **Poster Session**
5. **Other (Community Conversations, Voices from the Grassroots etc...)**

[Register Here](#)

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## **Takeaways**

The conference team aims to foster several takeaways for participants. These takeaways, along with the conference values, will guide the final programming choices.

**Encourage convergence across disciplines and sectors:** To generate cross-boundary, interdisciplinary relationships, ideas, and goals that address hazard and disaster needs, and this discussion will encourage ways that higher education can leverage its untapped potential across research, education, and engagement for societal resilience.

### **Take Away Goals**

*translate knowledge into action*  
*share best practices*  
*address specific goals of equity, vulnerable populations, special considerations*

### **Take Away Goals**

*bring disciplines together*  
*build relationships and have networking time*  
*bridge disciplinary silos*

**Actionable solutions:** To share and walk away with best practices, new information, and specifically *actionable* information to prioritize and focus their efforts.

## **Understand and grow to the challenge of future**

**hazards:** To prepare to meet the challenges of hazards and disaster by acknowledging the complexity of hazards and societal changes, learn from the past to do better, prepare for cascading and multiple disasters, and integrate hazards needs into all community life.

**Whole community, equity and justice:** To acknowledge disparities in society that are expounded during disasters and how resilience is not one-size-fits-all.

### **Take Away Goals**

*understand the changing nature of hazard risks*  
*highlight lessons learned from previous disasters*  
*realize the impact of cascading / compounding / concurrent disasters*  
*integrate hazard planning into daily life*

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## **Formatting Guidelines for Submissions**

All submissions must comply with the guidelines outlined in this document to be reviewed for inclusion in the conference. *Any submissions that are not in compliance will not be reviewed and/or accepted. Please submit your contribution [HERE](#).*

### **Formatting of Submissions**

- Summary, up to 250 words, providing a general idea of what will be covered.
- No citations or references are required.
- Up to one figure/table/photo is permitted.
- An author can be named on no more than three submissions, regardless of the author order.

## **Presentation Schedule**

- At least one author on the submission must be able to present at **any time during the conference** (11 am until 4 pm February 26-28, 2024). The presentation schedule, as well as presentation guidelines, will be available on the Conference website approximately six weeks before the conference.

## **Poster Preparation**

- Please prepare all materials in advance and submit it in a PDF format of your presentation on the poster. If selected for presentation, the deadline for final poster submission is January 15, 2024.

## **Design Considerations**

- Be creative! We encourage unique presentation styles, activities, workshops and discussions.
- Remember this is a virtual environment with people from multiple sectors. We ask that you avoid jargon and acronyms in all written materials.
- Consider access and functional needs when developing visual and recorded materials. Closed captioning and easily viewed fonts and colors are recommended.

## **Special Issue Opportunity**

If the authors wish to submit a manuscript to the special issue, please select the option on your submission form and more details will follow.

## **Important Notes, Dates and Deadlines**

November 27, 2023	Final submission deadline
December 20, 2023	Decision notifications to authors
February 26-28, 2024	Conference Dates

## **Critical Notes, Dates and Deadlines**

All submissions must be uploaded online on the NCSE website by the dates specified:

- **Submission system opening date: October 12, 2023.**
- **Submission closing date: EXTENDED TO December 10, 2023**

***These dates are firm, and no extensions will be granted.***

**Questions? Please contact: [TAMUPRIMR@gmail.com](mailto:TAMUPRIMR@gmail.com)**

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