New Course on Community Disaster Resilience
PA/EC 410/510: International Field Trip (Spring 2017)
- Learn from Japan’s Earthquake and Tsunami Crisis -

About the Course:

The course offers **graduate and undergraduate students as well as practitioners** an opportunity to learn about emergency and disaster management, disaster preparedness, and community redevelopment and resilience, through a 10-day field trip to the Northwest (Tohoku) region of Japan where recovery efforts continue to this day from the earthquake and tsunami crisis back in March 2011.

While in Japan, participants will 1) gain in-depth knowledge from academic professionals at Tohoku University in a 3-day session, 2) interact with public officials, nonprofits, and community organizations of Rikuzenakata City and Ishinomaki City and 3) engage in dialogue with locals to capture the forgotten stories of struggle and hope in the aftermath of crisis.

Combined with pre- and post-trip sessions in Portland, this course will raise awareness of the risks that we face, and foster the next generation of leaders in building resilient communities around the region.

Course & Fee Information

- Term Start: 4/3/17
- Two pre-trip sessions
- Term End: 6/11/17
- Japan Trip: 6/16 - 6/25/17
- One post-trip session

Total Program Fees: Approx. $5,000

SAVE THE DATE:
Initiatives on Community Disaster Resilience (ICDR)
Speaker Series – Part 2
Thursday, October 13, 2016 @ 6:00pm–8:00pm
PSU Urban Center Parsons Gallery (Room 212G)

Guest Speaker: Amya Miller

Amya Miller was born and raised in Japan to American parents. She attended both Japanese and international boarding schools as a child. At age 18 she returned to the US for university and upon graduation worked for a variety of public, and private sector organizations focusing on US-Japan relations. She returned to Japan to volunteer after the disaster that struck the Tohoku region on March 11, 2011 and has focused her time in the City of Rikuzentakata where she has served as the director of global public relations, special adviser, and this year principle consultant to the city. She lives in Tokyo with her husband.