SAVE THE DATE:
Community Disaster Resilience Speaker Series – Part 3
Friday, January 20, 2017 @ 11:45am–1:30pm
Market Center Building (MCB) Room 316 *

* Lunch provided

Guest Speaker: Dan Bihn

Dan Bihn is an engineer-storyteller who translates and communicates complex energy issues to nontechnical audiences through lectures, classes, and interactive eBooks. In 2013, he was an invited speaker at Tohoku University’s symposium for post-Fukushima disaster resilient energy systems. This was followed in early 2014 by a lecture series he gave in Jamaica on “Smart Energy Islands” funded by the Japan Foundation of New York. Dan has spent more than 7 years working and studying as an engineer in Japan. Today, he lives in Portland and frequently travels to Japan in search of important energy stories. He holds a master’s degree in electrical and computer engineering from UC Davis.

What is ICDR?

ICDR (Initiatives for Community and Disaster Resilience) is an interdisciplinary initiative using collaborative efforts to focus on research, educational outreach and community enlightenment. ICDR is designed to emphasis ‘soft’ social science and policy perspectives when approaching issues relating to natural disasters, while other emergency management research centers in the U.S. primarily focus on the ‘hard science’ aspect.

Alongside the Economics Department, the Center for Public Service works to; 1) enhance disaster awareness, 2) host experts to share their experiences, 3) empower local communities by providing policy and economic analysis and, 4) help communities better prepare for possible natural disasters.

Together with students, scholars, and practitioners, ICDR aims to serve as a core to work on issues related to emergency management and preparedness and community resilience from natural disasters.

2017 Spring Course:

For the first time ever, ICDR will offer a course focusing on issues related to emergency and disaster management, disaster preparedness, and community redevelopment and resilience. A key feature of this course is a field trip to Tohoku (Northeast) region in Japan where the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami struck in March of 2011.

For more information about our Spring 2017 course visit: www.pdx.edu/cps/icdr-field-experience

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