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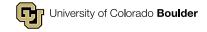


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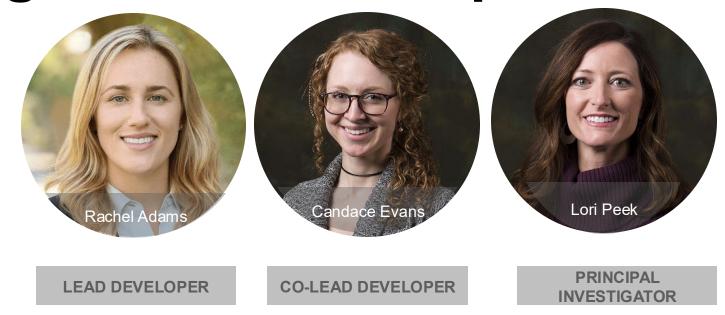








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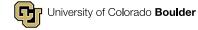


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- Conducting Emotionally Challenging Research
- Cultural Competence
- Collecting and Sharing Perishable Data
- Social Vulnerability
  and Disasters
- Disaster Mental Health



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Positionality

Reciprocity

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This annotated bibliography includes resources focused on the ethical conduct of hazards and disaster research. This bibliography is meant to support those interested in learning more about the ethical conduct of research and to complement the <u>CONVERGE Broader Ethical Considerations for Hazards and Disaster Researchers Training Module</u>. These references were compiled through searching Web of Science, PubMed, and Google Scholar databases. If you identify missing references, please send them to <u>converge@colorado.edu</u>, and we will add them to the list.

#### Citation

Agee, J. (2009). Developing qualitative research questions: A reflective process. *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, 22(4), 431-447. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/09518390902736512">https://doi.org/10.1080/09518390902736512</a>

### Abstract

The reflective and interrogative processes required for developing effective qualitative research questions can give shape and direction to a study in ways that are often underestimated. Good research questions do not necessarily produce good research, but poorly conceived or constructed questions will likely create problems that affect all subsequent stages of a study. In qualitative studies, the ongoing process of questioning is an integral part of understanding the unfolding lives and perspectives of others. This article addresses both the development of initial research questions and how the processes of generating and refining questions are critical to the shaping of a qualitative study.

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Baker, L. R., & Cormier, L. A. (2014). Disasters and vulnerable populations: Evidence-based practice for the helping professions. Springer Publishing Company.

### Abstract

Vulnerable populations such as children, older adults, and people with disabilities are disproportionately affected by large-scale disasters. This hands-on resource for students and professionals in social work, counseling, nursing, mental health, and other helping professions encompasses the best and most current evidence-based interventions for effectively responding to the needs of vulnerable populations following disasters. Using an all-hazards perspective, the book provides dedicated sections containing population-

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- CONVERGE Public Health and Disaster Research Annotated Bibliography
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Course: EHC 344: Emergency Preparedness

Description: 3 credits, undergraduate level course on emergency preparedness

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Session: Spring 2024

Due: April 7, 2024

SOCIAL VULNERABILITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

TRAINING MODULE ASSIGNMENT

### Overview

The Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder offers several free online trainings through their National Science Foundation-Inded CONVERGE facility. For this assignment, you will complete the CONVERGE Social Vulnerability and Disasters Training Module. While this training is largely focused on this topic as it relates to conducting research, the issues and strategies discussed in this module are relevant to the practice of emergency management as well. You will, undoubtedly, notice many connections to the course material.

The Social Vulnerability module should take you about 45 to 60 minutes to complete. Once you have passed the quiz at the end of the module, you will be able to download a PDF completion certificate. You must upload this PDF file into the Brightspace learning management system in order to complete the assignment and receive credit.

### Instructions

- Go to the <u>CONVERGE website</u>
- Click on 'Resources' and select 'Training Modules'.
- If you have not already done so for this class, you will need to first sign up and create a free account to access the modules. If you have previously created an account, just click 'Log in'.
- To create an account: Click 'Register Here'. Follow the instructions on the screen to register, and then log in using your credentials.
- Select 'Social Vulnerability' training module.
- 5. At the close of the module, you will have the opportunity to take a 10-question guiz. If you get 8 out of 10 questions correct, you will receive a certificate of completion for the CONVERGE Social Vulnerability and Disasters Training Module. Upload your certificate of completion to the Brightspace learning management system for this course.

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Pandemic Diaries Project Reciprocity Training Module Assignment: Exploring Connections Between Yourself	▶ Nicole Errett
and the Living World Research Methods Training Module Assignment: Exploring the IRB And Research	Jake Fast
Ethics  Social Dimensions of Natural Hazards Training Module Assignment	Reggie J. Ferreira
Social Inequalities in Health Training Module Assignment     Social Vulnerability Training Module Assignment	➤ Eric Krieg
Social Vulnerability and Disasters Training Module Assignment     Social Vulnerability and Emergency Preparedness	▶ Ivis Garcia
Social Vulnerability and Engineering Training Module Assignment Social Vulnerability and Warning Systems Training Module Assignment	Christine Gibb
Understanding Mental Health as Public Health Assignment	▶ Hans M. Louis-Charles
Graduate Course Assignments	Rejina Manandhar
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Research Design and Methods Training Module Assignment	➤ Christi M. Navarro
Undergraduate and Graduate Course Assignments  Disasters and Public Health Assignment	▶ Lori Peek
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# Training Module Publications

### Defining, collecting, and sharing perishable disaster data

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Researchers across disciplines have long sought to collect 'perishable data' in the context of disasters. Yet, this data type is neither consistently defined nor discussed in specific detail in the literature. To address this gap, this paper defines perishable data and provides guidance on ways to improve both how it is collected and shared. Here, perishable data is conceptualised as highly transient data that may degrade in quality, be irrevocably altered, or be permanently lost if not gathered soon after it is generated. Perishable data may include ephemeral information that must be collected to characterise pre-existing hazardous conditions, near-miss events, actual disasters, and longer-term recovery processes. This data may need to be gathered at multiple points in time across varying geographic scales to accurately characterise exposure, susceptibility to harm, or coping capacity. The paper considers ethical and logistical challenges and discusses opportunities to advance equitable perishable data collection and dissemination

Keywords: data collection, data publication, perishable data, quick response, reconnaissance, research ethics, research coordination

The rapid collection of data immediately prior to, during, and in the direct aftermath of a disaster is a cornerstone of the multidisciplinary field of hazards and disaster studies (Tierney, 2019). Yet, to date, very little has been written about what is often referred to as 'perishable data', including what distinguishes it and what challenges are associated with its collection and dissemination.

Considering this gap in the literature, the goal of this paper is twofold; (i) to clarify the attributes of perishable data; and (ii) to offer recommendations to improve how it is collected and shared. We begin with an overview of how the collection of perishable data has been approached in the hazards and disaster field by both researchers and funders. We then review available literature to synthesise and advance a definition that encompasses the distinctive qualities of perishable data. In our search for available definitions of perishable data, we reviewed relevant peer reviewed and grey literature from the past 50 years and read more than 300 reports of studies funded through the Natural Hazards

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## Social vulnerability and disasters: development and evaluation of a CONVERGE training module for researchers and practitioners

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Purpose - Social vulnerability in the context of disaster management refers to the sociodemographic Purpose — Social vulnerativity in the context of desister management reters to the so-codemographic characteristics of apopulation and the physical, social economic, and everyorizonterial factors that increase their susceptibility to adverse disaster outcomes and capacity to anticipate, one with, resist, and recover from disaster events. Because disasters on our impact people equally, researchers, public health practitioners, and energiency managers ared inming to meet the complex needs of vulnerable populations.

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Technical Note



### Cultural Competence for Hazards and Disaster Researchers: Framework and Training Module

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Abstract: Although the need for cultural competence among healthcare service providers and other practitioners has long been secondard there has been much less focus on this concept in the field of huzards and disaster research. To help fill this gap, this technical note offers a definitional framework for building cultural commetence among huzards and disaster researchers and describes a training module that assists with developing such competency. Drawing on the extant literature, this article conceptualizes eathural competence in hazards and disaster research as an ongoing process that contributes to an understanding of the cultural attributes of affected individuals, households, communities and societies that researchers are attempting to characterize. The four-step process presented here helps researchers move from cultural wareness to cultural knowledge to cultural sensitivity, and ultimately, to cultural competence. This ongoing practice requires reflexivity respect, and hamility. The time and effort involved in developing cultural competence can promote ethical research, improve the research nce for participants, earlich the quality of the data collected, and enhance the overall quality of knowledge creation and mobilization DOI: 10.1061/(ASCE)NH.1527-6996.0000536. This work is made available under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license, https://creativecommons.org/licenses/bs/4/0/.

Author keywords: Cultural awareness; Cultural knowledge; Cultural sensitivity; Cultural competence; Hazards and disaster researchers; Training and education; Workforce development.

#### Introduction: Closing the "Culture Gap" in Hazards and Disaster Research

In the early 1960s, Moore (1964) developed the concept of 'disaster subculture" to describe the adjustments that survivors make in response to disasters. Yet, despite its significance in shap-ing the social world, culture has remained largely overlooked and undertheorized in hazards and disaster research (Oliver-Smith and Hoffman 2002; Button 2010; Browne 2015). Moreover, cul remains underutifized as an explanatory variable in the field (VanLandingham 2017). This neglect of culture as a factor to be studied in disasters has had severe consequences for research and practice, ranging from one-dimensional research designs to staffed ecovery efforts (Hoffman 2013; Browne 2015).

When researchers enter communities that are at risk of or recertily affected by disasters, it is crucial that they remain aware of their cultural surroundings and recognize that their own cultural worldviews, perspectives, and beliefs shape who they study,

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subcultures as well as building rannort and trust with residents in usually slow (Alaniz 2017). In addition, disoster researchers, like researchers of other sensitive topics, often engage with people experiencing or recalling some of the worst moments of their live seeking sensitive information and then vanish once they have acquired it may be seen as unavery disaster voyeurs or as unethical practitioners betraying professional obligations (Gaillard and Peck There is a need for additional guidance to help close the culture gap in hazards and disaster research. As a start, this technical note ses a framework and describes a training module designed to address the unique challenges facing hazards and disaster resear working in cross-cultural settings. We argue that building cultural

what they study, and how they conduct research (Goodman and

dramatic cultural changes-such as movements for racial justice

at one end of the spectrum or shifts toward authoritarian and

anti-democratic regimes at the other end--can profoundly influ

ence the contexts in which disaster researchers do their work (Cruz et al. 2020; Shanga 2020). Culture matters in huzseds and

disaster research. But contradictory forces have long complicated

he efforts of hazards and disaster researchers to develop cultural

competency. On the one hand, perishable disaster data must be co

lected quickly before it disappears (Wartman et al. 2020). On the other hand, the process of understanding a community's culture and

Wost-Olatunji 2009; Kulich et al. 2020; Wu 2021), Furthermore,

competence—including understanding what it is and how to culti-vate it—can ultimately promote more just and ethical research, im prove the research experiences of participants, enrich the quality of he data collected, and enhance the overall quality of the study.

### Defining Culture and Cultural Competence

Culture has long been of interest to social and behavioral scientist Early efforts conceptualized culture as a set of customary beliefs,

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### Incorporating Mental Health Research into Disaster Risk Reduction: An Online Training Module for the Hazards and Disaster Workforce

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Abstract: There is an expansive and growing body of literature that examines the mental health consequences of disasters and large-scale emergencies. There is a need, however, for more explicit incorporation of mental health research into disaster risk reduction practices. Training and education programs can serve as a bridge to connect academic mental health research and the work of disaste risk reduction tractitioners. This article describes the development and evaluation of one such intervention, the CONVERGE Disaster Mental Health Training Medule, which provides users from diverse academic and professional backgrounds with foundational knowledge on disaster mental health risk factors, mental health outcomes, and psychosocial well-being research. Moreover, the module helps bridge the gap between research and practice by describing methods used to stud disaster mental health, showcasing examples of evidence-based programs and tools, and providing recommendations for future research. Since its initial release on 8 October 2019, 317 trainees from 12 countries have completed the Disaster Mental Health Yraining Medule. All trainces completed pre- and post-training questionnaire regarding their disaster mental health knowledge, skills, and attitudes. Wilcoson Signed Rank tests demonstrated a significant increase in all three measures after empletion of the training module. Students, emerging researchers or practitioners, and trained with a bish school/GED education level experienced the greatest benefit from the module with Kruskal-Wallis results indicating significant differences in changes in knowledge and skills across the ups. This evaluation research highlights the effectiveness of the Disaster Mental Health Training Module in increasing knowledge, skills, and attitudes among trainees. This article concludes with a

discussion of how this training can support workforce development and ultimately contribute to Keywords: disasters; disaster risk reduction; disaster mental health; psychosocial well-being; risk factors; training; education; workforce development

broader disaster risk reduction efforts

Disasters disrupt entire communities and cause widespread destruction, injury, and displacement. Such traumatic experiences can overwhelm regular coping capacity and available resources, contributing to adverse mental health outcomes among adults as well as children [1-5]. Decades of research on the mental health aspects of disaster indicate ner MOY. Bast. Switzerland, that the specific nature of acute, as well as chronic, outcomes is shaped by a number of individual- and societal-level characteristics and conditions that exist before, during and after disaster [5]. For example, people experiencing poverty, residents of developing countries, children, and middle-aged adults are all at increased risk for adverse mental health outcomes in disaster [3,4,6-8]. Developing a skilled workforce that is trained to understand and respond to the root causes and complex consequences of disasters

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# **Additional CONVERGE Publications**



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## A Framework for Convergence Research in the Hazards and Disaster Field: The Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure CONVERGE Facility

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The goal of this article is twofold: to clarify the tenets of convergence research and to motivate such research in the hazards and disaster field. Here, convergence research is defined as an approach to knowledge production and action that involves diverse teams working together in novel ways - transcending disciplinary and organizational boundaries - to address vexing social, economic, environmental, and technical challenges in an effort to reduce disaster losses and promote collective well-being. The increasing frequency and intensity of disasters coupled with the growth of the field suggests an urgent need for a more coherent approach to help guide what we study, who we study, how we conduct studies, and who is involved in the research process itself. This article is written through the lens of the activities of the National Science Foundation-supported CONVERGE facility, which was established in 2018 as the first social science-led component of the Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure (NHERI). Convergence principles and the Science of Team Science undergird the work of CONVERGE, which brings together networks of researchers from geotechnical engineering, the social sciences, structural engineering, nearshore systems, operations and systems engineering, sustainable material management, and interdisciplinary science and engineering, CONVERGE supports and advances research that is conceptually integrative, and this article describes a convergence framework that includes the following elements: (1) identifying researchers; (2) educating and training researchers; (3) setting a convergence research agenda that is problem-focused and solutions-based; (4) connecting researchers and coordinating functionally and demographically diverse research teams; and (5) supporting and funding convergence research, data collection, data sharing, and solutions implementation.

Keywords: convergence research, natural hazards, disasters, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, training, Science of Team Science, research coordination networks

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# Interdisciplinary Theory, Methods, and Approaches for Hazards and Disaster Research: An Introduction to the Special Issue

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What is interdisciplinary research? Why is it vital to the advancement of the field of hazards and disaster research? What theory, methods, and approaches are fundamental to interdisciplinary research projects and their applications? This article addresses these and other pressing questions by taking stock of recent advancements in interdisciplinary studies of hazards and disasters. It also introduces the special issue of Risk Analysis, which includes this introductory article and 25 original perspectives papers meant to highlight new trends and applications in the field. The papers were written following two National Science Foundation-supported workshops that were organized in response to the growing interest in interdisciplinary hazards and disaster research, the increasing number of interdisciplinary funding opportunities and collaborations in the field, and the need for more rigorous guidance for interdisciplinary researchers and research teams. This introductory article and the special collection are organized around the cross-cutting themes of theory, methods, approaches, interdisciplinary research projects, and applications to advance interdisciplinarity in hazards and disaster research.

KEY WORDS: Disasters: hazards: interdisciplinary research; methods: theory

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Interdisciplinarity in hazards and disaster research is growing, Interdisciplinary research has made major contributions to the field. Interdisciplinarity figures prominently in the research needs of the field. While umanswered disciplinary questions remain, all of the priority research needs identified by the committee involve multiple disciplinary (National Research Council, 2006, p. 212).

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\*Address correspondence to Lori Peek, Department of Sociology and Natural Hazards Center, 483 UCB, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO 80309-0483, USA; tel: 303-492-9061; Lori Peek@colorado.edu What is interdisciplinary research? Why is it so important to the advancement of the field of hazards and disaster research? What theory, methods, and approaches are fundamental to interdisciplinary research and its applications?

This special issue of Risk Analysis tackles these and other pressing questions with the publication of this introductory article and 25 original perspectives papers focused on interdisciplinary theory, methods, approaches, and applications for hazards and disaster research. At least one of the authors of each of the papers participated in two National Science Foundation-supported workshops, which were held in Arlington, Virginia, in March of 2017 and Boulder, Colorado, in February of 2018. The workshops were organized in response to the growing interest in interdisciplinary hazards and disaster research, the increasing number of interdisciplinary funding

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# **Check Sheets**



Resources / Check Sheets

### Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series

These short, graphical check sheets are meant to be used as researchers design their studies, prepare to enter the field, conduct field research, and exit the field. The series offers best practices for extreme events research and includes check sheets for free to the research community.









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LITERATURE REVIEW

# Webinars and Virtual Forums

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CONVERGE webinars feature updates regarding new projects and initiatives relevant to various research communities. Please see below for informational and demonstration webinars describing key resources available to the hazards and disaster research community.

## Past Webinar Recordings:



Social Science Research and the NHERI Science Plan



An Overview of the CONVERGE Training Modules Series



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Communications / CONVERGE Virtual Forums

### Communicate, Coordinate, Collaborate,

CONVERGE Virtual Forums bring together researchers and research partners to more effectively communicate, coordinate, and collaborate after major disaster events. These forums focus on identifying research needs and priorities, discussing ethical considerations, and learning about the early effects of disaster.

## Past Forum Recordings:



CONVERGE Virtual Forum – 2023 Hawaii Wildfires



Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) Virtual Forum – 2023 Kahmaranmaras Earthquakes



CONVERGE Virtual Forum - 2021 Boulder County Fires, Session 4





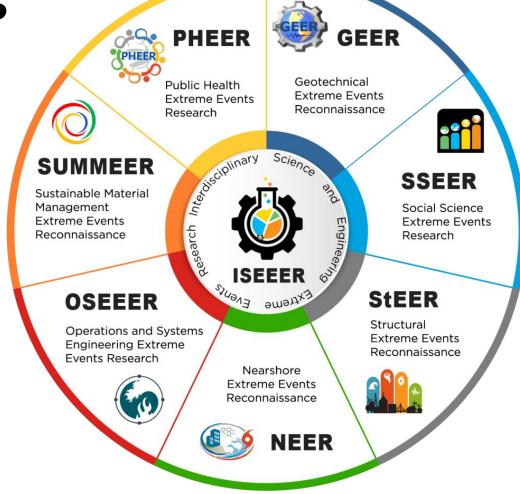




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# **SSEER Web Map**

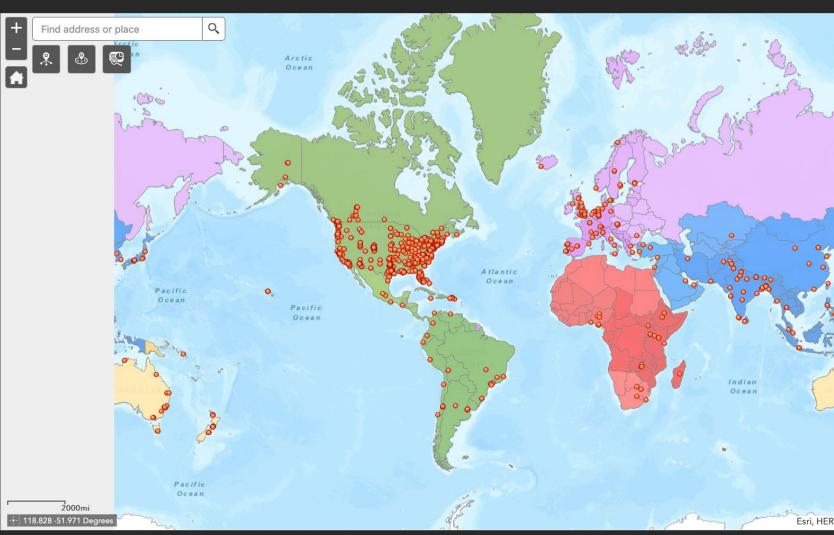




Welcome to the Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) web map, which is an initiative of the <u>CONVERGE</u> project headquartered at the Natural Hazards Center.

SSEER is a National Science Foundationsupported network for social science hazards and disaster researchers. The purpose of SSEER is to identify and connect social science researchers to one another, to interdisciplinary teams, and to communities at risk to and affected by hazards and disasters.

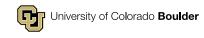
The SSEER Researchers interactive web map highlights the location of SSEER researchers and includes information about them, including their organizational affiliations, job titles, disciplinary foci, methodological expertise, the types of hazards and disasters they study, the events they have researched, and other











# **Data Ambassadors**

### CONVERGE Data Ambassadors

CONVENCE Data Ambassadian have completed a frational Science Foundation-supported <u>Debton tree Coast</u> training session, As Data Ambassadian, they have committed to publishing their own data and instruments on <u>Designation</u>, to learning about the <u>CONVERCE</u> and <u>BAPICS</u> desilizes and their resources, and to sharing their newly attained involveding with other social and behaviours is interesting and sulleagues from other affect disquirises in the hazards and diseaster field. CONVERCE Data Ambassadors will help unter in a culture shift leaved data publication and data and instruments having across designines.

The following page includes a list of instruments, reports, protocols, and other research materials published by the CDNVEDGE Data Ambassadors via the DesignSafe Cyberinfrastructure.



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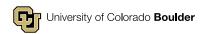
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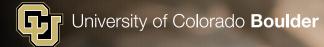
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