

GRADUATE SEMINAR

Resilience Policy, Programs, and Practice

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As an emergency management practitioner, Jay Wilson has worked his entire 23 year career in the arena of hazard mitigation. During the past decade, he has been an advocate for the pursuit of disaster resilience as a comprehensive strategy for adapting to natural hazards in order to support sustainable community development. Jay's experience with local, regional, state and national resilience programs reflects how technical approaches to reduce risk need to be aligned with a community's social and economic needs. He will discuss a number of examples on the subject of implementing community resilience, which includes strategic planning for seismic upgrades to an urban water system, community engagement on seismic design for a critical bridge replacement, and the social equity challenges of retrofitting unreinforced masonry buildings. He will also draw from the development of the 2013 Oregon Resilience Plan and the 2015 NIST Community Resilience Plan and use examples from his two EERI Learning from Earthquakes reconnaissance trips to Japan in 2011 and to Central Italy in 2017.



Jay Wilson is the Clackamas County Resilience Coordinator with the Department of Disaster Management and manages the County's hazard mitigation program. Mr. Wilson is the past-Chair (2014-17) of the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) and previously worked for Oregon Emergency Management as the Earthquake, Tsunami, and Volcano Programs Coordinator and for five years as a Mitigation Reservist with FEMA Regions IX and X. Jay served as a Resilience Fellow with the National Institute of Standards and Technology during the development of the 2015 Community Resilience Planning Guide. Jay holds an M.A. in geography and a B.A. in film and lives in Portland, Oregon.

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