

## **NARSC 2018**

### **Call for Papers**

#### **Special Session on Planning for Enhancing Disaster Resilience**

Natural hazards, both those with unprecedented intensities as well as those with escalating losses from routine hazardous events, from wildfires to hurricanes, are taking an increasingly large toll on communities all across the United States. From a policy perspective, these events pose significant risk management challenges to state and local governments, such as how to encourage investments to lessen the impacts of disasters or to build capacity in their communities to withstand and recover from the disaster impacts. Despite the mounting disaster losses and growing emphasis within national disaster policy on responsibilities of state and local governments for risk management prior to disasters, there is significant variation among states and municipalities with respect to risk management and resilience planning. This variation can be due to factors like planning cultures, history of disasters, planning capacity, or resources available for planning and implementation of resilience related projects.

In this session, we hope to bring together researchers from all areas of regional sciences concerned with state and local government policies and actions to reduce disaster risks that can contribute to the discussion of the different challenges and opportunities of resilience planning at local and state levels. We are particularly interested in studies that draw upon comparative analysis and evaluation of policies and actions related to disaster resilience building in different states or municipalities.

If you would like to participate in this special session, please contact either

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Paper submitters should email us a title, abstract (at least 350 words or 2000 characters), and affiliations and email addresses for all authors who wish to be listed in the program. The last day we can accept submissions for this special session is Monday July 2nd so that we can finalize and submit them by the conference organizers' deadline. If you are emailing us a paper abstract for inclusion in this special session, please do not submit this same paper online.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sara and Shannon