

The National Disaster Preparedness Training Center,
Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and
Department of Sociology
invite you to a **Special Lecture**
March 10, 4:30-6:30pm
UHM Crawford Hall, Rm. 115

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This presentation will focus on how pre-disaster stressors emerging from structural inequalities and health and financial problems, high levels of material and social losses, and protracted and unstable post-disaster displacements lead to problem pile-up and a downward spiral in the aftermath of disaster. This study of exposure outliers offers insights regarding how families and communities can begin to prepare for a future that is likely to be increasingly punctuated by more frequent and intense extreme weather events and other types of disaster.

Lori Peek is director of the Natural Hazards Center and professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Colorado Boulder. She studies vulnerable populations in disaster and is author of [Behind the Backlash: Muslim Americans after 9/11](#), co-editor of [Displaced: Life in the Katrina Diaspora](#) and author of [Children of Katrina](#). Peek also helped develop school safety guidance for the nation, which resulted in the publication of FEMA P-1000, [Safer, Stronger, Smarter: A Guide to Improving School Natural Hazard Preparedness](#). She is the principal investigator of the NSF-funded [CONVERGE](#) facility, which is dedicated to improving research coordination and advancing the ethical conduct and scientific rigor of disaster research. She also leads the NSF-supported [Social Science Extreme Events Research \(SSEER\)](#) and [Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Extreme Events Research \(ISEEER\)](#) networks.

Please join us! Light refreshments provided.

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