Matthew Van

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EDUCATION

University of Delaware, Biden School of Public Policy and Administration PhD, Disaster Science and Management	In progress
California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) Master of Science, Emergency Services Administration (all but thesis)	2021
Boston University Master of Arts, Medical Sciences Thesis: A Review of Lyme Disease Persistence	2013
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Bachelor of Science, Biology; Minor: Public Affairs	2010
Study Abroad: Pembroke-King's Summer Program, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom	2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Disparate effects of hazards and responses on vulnerable populations, particularly the elderly The use of engineering technology to address longer-term disaster related issues such as loneliness The effects of social isolation on disaster outcomes, especially quality of life during recovery International policies relating to disaster cycle stages Resilience of national level infrastructure regarding long-term challenges Food supply and distribution trends due to climate change Disaster preparedness of congregate care facilities

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Disaster Research Center, E.L. Quarantelli Resource Collection

2021-present

PI: Valerie Marlowe, University of Delaware

- Worked with multidisciplinary team from New York University to conduct multi-institutional survey
- Identified how other institutions are preserving perishable data regarding the pandemic experience
- Researched the early history of the Disaster Research Center using primary archival materials in preparation for the 60th anniversary event scheduled to be held next year

Policy Frameworks and Impacts on the Epidemiology of COVID-19: CONVERGE Working Group
2020-present
PI: Elizabeth Alvarez, MD, McMaster University

- Collaborated with a diverse and multinational group to examine divergences in national level pandemic policies across the world
- · Responsible for data collection and creating a report regarding pandemic policy decisions in Vietnam

Homelessness, Housing Precarity, and COVID-19: CONVERGE Working Group

2020-present

PI: Jamie Vickery, PhD, Natural Hazards Center

• Examined the pre-pandemic and pandemic related societal factors affecting and disrupting the capacity of the diverse populations at risk for homelessness

Hurricane Laura Recovery/Disaster Justice Network

2020-present

PI: Julie Maldonado, PhD, University of California, Santa Barbara

- Examining the recovery of Louisiana and Texas following consecutive hurricane impacts of Laura and Delta
- Involved in communications and housing subgroup issues such as Vietnamese language materials

PI: Nnenia Campbell, PhD, Natural Hazards Center

- Help to organize focus groups across Louisiana, Florida, and Colorado and analyze qualitative results
- Explore focus groups topics which include healthcare, vulnerable populations, and housing

Hyper-Local and Emergent Mutual-Aid Responses to COVID-19: CONVERGE Working Group

2020

PI: Robert Soden, PhD, University of Toronto

• Explored topics relating to local level groups formed to address gaps in key resource and service delivery to at-risk groups in the United States and Canada

Extreme Weather Events and Other Geohazards in a Time of Pandemic: CONVERGE Working Group

2020

PI: Sarah McBride, PhD, National Geological Survey and David Hondula, PhD, Arizona State University

 Assessed the likely effects of the pandemic on increasing vulnerability of populations to concurrent natural hazards as well as forcing changes to existing disaster planning efforts

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Delaware

2023-present

- Responsible for grading and other instructional support for masters and PhD students for graduate level disaster coursework delivered in a hybrid in-person and online format
- List of courses: Overview of Disaster Science and Management, Issues in Disaster Recovery, Qualitative Methods in Disaster Research

Student Representative for Graduate College Council, University of Delaware

2023-present

University of Delaware Graduate College

- Sole elected student representative of the school of public policy alongside four other graduate students and 35 faculty members
- Discuss and vote on issues regarding graduate education such as interdisciplinary graduate programs falling under the purview of the Graduate College

Graduate Senator for Disaster Science and Management Program

2022-present

University of Delaware Graduate Student Government

- Represent students from master's and PhD disaster programs in a space dedicated to addressing graduate student concerns
- Serve on mental health committee currently focused on increasing both awareness of and availability of mental health resources for graduate students

Vice President 2023-present

Computational Social Science Association of University of Delaware

 In charge of recruiting new members for graduate student group focused on offering free and open training sessions to University of Delaware students for using datasets and Python

PhD Representative for Disaster Science and Management Program

2022-present

Biden School of Public Policy and Administration Student Association, University of Delaware

 Board member of student organization concerned with engaging public policy graduate and undergraduate students in a range of activities to foster professional development

Freasurer 2022-2023

International Association of Emergency Managers, University of Delaware

- Board member of student chapter of organization of future leaders in disaster-related professions
- Chapter received recognition award for chapter of the year at the IAEM 2023 conference in Long Beach, California

Graduate Representative

2021-2023

Coordinating Committee for Education, University of Delaware

 Serve as member of Academic Senate body supervising high level academic issues affecting both undergraduate and graduate students such as changes to the academic calendar and updating student transfer requirements!

Editor 2021-2022

Biden School of Public Policy Journal, University of Delaware

 Peer-review and help select student works for publication in an annual journal focused on a diverse array of topics relating to public policy

Graduate Mentor/Instructional Student Assistant

Graduate Studies Resource Center, CSULB

- Mentor caseload of six first year graduate students from diverse programs ranging from accounting to biology
- Support incoming students with adjustment to graduate school program and shift to campus community due to the current virtual university environment

English as a Second Language (ESL) and Writing Tutoring Language Lab Volunteer

2020-2021

Learning Center, CSULB

Work with students to improve their confidence and familiarity with conversational English in an entirely virtual setting

Disaster Cycle Volunteer

2019-2021

American Red Cross Orange County Chapter

- Administered direct client assistance to affected community members in response to house fires in Orange County
- Engaged in community outreach regarding preparedness measures and training in public information officer duties

Homework Lab Tutor and Conversation Partner

American Language Institute, CSULB

2019-2020

- Worked with international students from diverse backgrounds to improve their language confidence
- Provided guidance to wide range of students regarding mastery of the English language and American culture

Undergraduate Representative

UCLA Undergraduate Council

2009-2010

 Served as voting member of Academic Senate body supervising and reviewing all programs and courses regarding undergraduate education at UCLA

Director of Statewide Affairs and Training

UCLA Student Initiated Access Center (SIAC)

2008-2009

- Allocated \$750,000-dollar budget towards seven student-initiated projects and compiled a report for the University of California System President on behalf of a center which annually served 1446 high school students
- Met with community leaders and university administrators to advocate for access to higher education and planned for four sets of summer training for individuals ranging from full time career employees to college student volunteers

Undergraduate Representative

UCLA Faculty Welfare Committee

2008-2009

 Served as voting member of Academic Senate body concerned with faculty compensation issues such as remuneration and benefits

Peer Advisor and Tutor

Higher Opportunity Program for Education (HOPE) at UCLA

2007-2010

- Tutored and mentored at-risk high school students in academic and social skills
- Developed and led workshops and presentations for students and parents

ACCOLADES

University Graduate Scholar Award, University of Delaware

2021-2023

Case Challenge Finalist, Homeland Security Advisory Council at Pepperdine School of Public Policy

2019

• Topic: Recommendations for public health impacts of homelessness in Los Angeles County

UCLA Chancellor's Service Award

2010

For outstanding and long-term commitment through leadership and service to the campus and community

SKILLS

Vietnamese (Heritage Speaker), Spanish (Intermediate), French (Intermediate), MS Office, Public Speaking

2020-2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), Region 9 Student Member International City/County Management Association, University of Delaware Chapter

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

NCAR Workshop on Science and Technology Hubs September 2023 (Selected in competitive application and fully funded)

FEMA Higher Education Symposium June 2020 (student volunteer), June 2021, June 2022 (student volunteer), June 2023 (student volunteer)

Natural Hazards Workshop, University of Colorado Boulder July 2020, July 2021, July 2022 (student volunteer), July 2023

International Association of Emergency Managers Conference November 2020, November 2023