

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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## *Exposure Outliers: Children, Families, and Disaster Recovery in an Age of Environmental Extremes*

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 co-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 Safety\*](#). 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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