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New EADP Faculty Member Meet Dr. James Kendra

Dear EADP Students and Alumni,

I've been looking forward to coming to UNT for a long time and am glad to join the EADP community. I was able to meet some of you during my campus visits last year and I'm hoping to meet many more students and alumni during the next several months.

I spent the last three years at the **University of Delaware Disaster Research Center**, where I worked on a number of projects focusing on such subjects as earthquake risk perception, liability issues with earthquake early-warning systems, uses of new technologies in emergency management, and organizational resilience and response in crisis. This last research emphasis became the center of my work on the multiorganizational response to the **World Trade Center attack**. With my DRC colleagues, I went to New York City on September 13 and spent much of the next two months observing various aspects of the emergency response. Since then I have directed most of my research and analysis toward the reconstitution of the Emergency Operations Center, convergence behavior, creativity and improvisation, and

the waterborne evacuation of several hundred thousand people from lower Manhattan.

In the fall semester I'll be teaching Introduction to Emergency Management and Special Populations in Disaster, and in the spring, Leadership and Organizational Behavior and a graduate course, Challenges of Disaster Response.

The EADP program has an excellent national reputation—I've heard many positive comments from emergency management professionals, and it's really a pleasure to be here.

*Best wishes,
James Kendra*

Dr. Kendra holds a bachelor of science from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and a masters degree in Geography from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He completed his Ph.D. in Geography from Rutgers where he focused on individual and organizational response to risk in maritime shipping.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

All new EADP majors are invited and encouraged to attend the New Student Orientation, to be held on Monday, September 15th at 5:30pm in Wooten Hall, 122. The orientation will introduce students to faculty and cover information pertaining to degree requirements, academic advising, internships, IEMSA and Rho Epsilon Mu. Pizza and drinks will be served.

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A Note to Students from the New EADP Academic Advisor

Dear EADP Majors,

If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, allow me to introduce myself. My name is **Lynne Williams Bell**, and I am the academic advisor for EADP. Having been an advisor in the School of Community Service for seven years, I am please to share my experience with you and thrilled to have the chance to work with such a supportive department and great students.

Advising is a critical part of your college career. Together we will make sure that you follow the degree plan and schedule your classes correctly. Our Student Services Advising Office offers students many services such as exploring life/career/educational goals, selecting classes and schedules, selecting minors and certifications, writing degree plans and checking graduation requirements, referring students to on-campus resources, acting as an advocate, and many more. Attending college is just one of many life stages you will experience. My philosophy about advising is to help you get the most out of your college experience.

My function as an advisor, in addition to the areas listed above, is to be an UNT expert. Please give me the opportunity to share my expertise with you. Appointments are strongly recommended; however, I do see students on a walk-in basis, schedule permitting. Office hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm, and we see **appointments from 9am to 4pm**. Please call **940/565-4115** for an **appointment**. If you need an appointment outside of my office hours, we can make arrangements.

Finally, if you are planning on graduating within the next year, please come to see me so we can check to make sure that all of your degree requirements are met. I'll explain graduation procedures and the resources UNT can offer you in looking for employment opportunities. Good luck to everyone, and I look forward to our next meeting.

[See Lynn Williams Bell's Fall Office Hours Schedule, Page 4]



Rho Epsilon Mu 1st Meeting

Rho Epsilon Mu is the undergraduate honor society for emergency management students. If you believe that you may be eligible for membership, please plan to attend the first fall meeting on Monday, September 22nd, at 6:10pm in Wooten Hall 122. This brief introductory meeting will give an overview of Rho Epsilon Mu's mission and will discuss eligibility requirements.

If you have completed at least 64 total credit hours toward your EADP degree; have a minimum of 3.2 overall GPA, and 3.5 GPA on major course work, then please come to the meeting for more information about membership in this important organization.

Rho Epsilon Mu Faculty Advisor:
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Recent Faculty Publications

Kendra, James M. (2003). "Elements of Resilience After the World Trade Center Disaster: Reconstituting New York City's Emergency Operations Center." *Disasters*. 27(1).

Kendra, James M. and Quarantelli, E.L. (2003). "The Evacuation of Lower Manhattan by Water Transport on September 11: An Unplanned Success." *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Safety*.

McEntire, David A. (2003). "Causation of Catastrophe: Lessons from Hurricane Georges." *Journal of Emergency Management* 1(2): 1-8.

McEntire, David A. (2003). Searching for a Holistic Paradigm and Policy Guide: A Proposal for the Future of Emergency Mgmt." *Intl Journal of Emergency Management*. 1(3): 298-308.

McEntire, David A. and Drabek, T.E. (2003). "Emergency Phenomena and the Sociology of Disaster: Lessons, Trends and Opportunities from the Research Literature." *Disaster Prevention and Mgmt.* 12(2): 97-112.

McEntire, David A. and Gardner, Mistie. (2003). "The Community Dispatch Center: An Assessment of a Neglected Component of Emergency Management." *J. of Emergency Management* 1(1): 46-61.

Robinson, Robie, McEntire, D.A., and Weber, Richard. (2003) "Texas Homeland Defense Preparedness." Century Foundation: New York.

Students, Please Note

IMPORTANT CURRICULUM CHANGES

COURSE CHANGES

Beginning Fall 2004, there will be significant curriculum changes in the EADP program. Please be aware of the following:

Hazard Mitigation (EADP 3050) and Emergency Preparedness (EADP 3020) will be combined into one new class.

Disaster Response (EADP 3025) and Disaster Recovery (EADP 3040) will also be combined into one new class.

Students currently enrolled in the program should ensure that they take each of the **four phases of emergency management this academic year** in order to avoid conflicts with degree requirements. Please see the program coordinator or academic advisor for additional information.

Note: The changes to be implemented in Fall 2004 **will NOT** lower the total number of required courses for students in the major.

INTERNSHIP CHANGES

There are now 3 categories for internships:

1st: Students with **NO** professional work experience must take the Internship Preparation course (4800.001) **and** the Practicum (4800.002).

2nd: Students **WITH** professional work experience (**but not in the field**) must take the Practicum (4800.002) and serve a 240 hour internship, but are *not required* to take the Internship Preparedness course. They may substitute 3 hours of another EADP elective for the Internship Prep course in order to earn their **42** hour degree requirement.

3rd: Students **WITH** professional work experience **in emergency management** may request an internship waiver. However, they must still take one extra elective in EADP to total **39** hours for their degree. Please see David McEntire, EADP Program Coordinator (WH 366A) to request a waiver.

Tentative Spring 2004 Schedule

EADP 2700	Images of Distr in Film/Media	M 3:00-5:50p
EADP 3010	Intro to Emergency Mgmt	R 6:30-9:20p
EADP 3040	Distr Recovery	W 3:30-6:20p
EADP 3050	Hazard Mitigation	T 3:30-6:20p
EADP 3080	Leadership and Organizl Behavior	W 6:30-9:20p
EADP 4030	Private Sector Issues	S 9:30a-12:20
EADP 4060	Computers in Emergency Adminstn	M 6:30-9:20p
EADP 4080	Capstone Course	T 6:30-9:20p
EADP 4800	Practicum	R 3:30-6:20p

Selected Upcoming Conferences

(See EADP Website for More Information;
select Events, then Conferences)

ConSec03 'Preserving the Infrastructure'

September 16-18, 2003, Austin, TX

Fall World- Disaster Recovery Journal (DRJ)

The 15th Intl Disaster Recovery Symposium and Exhibition
September 21-24, 2003, San Diego, CA

DSPN Business Continuity Workshops

'How to Create a Business Continuity Plan that Works'
Nov 20, 2003, Dallas, TX

Volunteers in Homeland Security

FEMA Region VI Regional Conference

November 4-6, 2003, Austin, TX

International Assn of Emergency Managers (IAEM)

51st Annual Conference & EMEX 2003 Exhibit
November 14-20, 2003, Orlando, FL

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The International Emergency Management Student Association (IEMSA) is the professional organization for students majoring in, or interested in, Emergency Administration and Planning (EADP). This organization will benefit students who are interested in the Emergency Management field whether they are seeking jobs in the public, non-profit, or private sector areas. Our organization is dedicated to the advancement of students through certifications in Emergency Management, Tours at Emergency Management facilities, internships, and job opportunities. IEMSA will also look excellent on member's resumes by the level of commitment in Emergency Management at the University of North Texas to future employers.

This Fall semester's activities include organizational involvement in **Family Preparedness Exhibit sponsored by the City of Denton, The Denton County Full-Scale Emergency Exercise Scenario, DFW Airport Emergency Operations Tour, FEMA Conference in Austin, and finally the International Association of Emergency Managers Conference in Orlando Florida.** This semester IEMSA will be conducting the organization of several **Community Emergency Response Teams for the University** that will be able to respond during times of disaster.

Our organization holds bi-weekly meetings beginning **Wednesday September 10th at 6:00pm, in WH 122, after Disaster Response Class.** For more information about IEMSA or our upcoming activities, contact us.

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IEMSA Fall 03 - Schedule of Events

IEMSA is excited to announce our future plans for the Fall 2003 Semester. Most of the following dates have been planned around our class schedules. In addition to the events listed below, **IEMSA** holds regularly scheduled meetings every other Wednesday beginning **September 10**.

September

Sept 10 - The First **IEMSA** meeting at 6:00 PM.

Sept 27 - The "IEMSA Student Mixer"

October

Oct 11 - The Family Preparedness Exhibit, sponsored by the City of Denton and will be held at the Civic Center.

Oct 18 - Student led Event. (TBA)

Oct 22 - Guest Speaker

Oct 29 - The Denton County full-scale Emergency scenario at Co-Serv

November

Nov 8 - DFW Airport Tour

Nov 4, 5, 6 - FEMA Conference, Volunteers in Homeland Security-Austin Texas

Nov 14 thru 20 - IAEM Conference

December

Dec 3 - **Elections**

Lynne Williams Bell
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Fall '03 Office Hours

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Mondays 8a-6p (lunch 12-1)

Tuesdays 8a-1p; 5p-7p

Wednesdays 8a-5p (lunch 12-1)

Thursdays 8a-12n

Fridays 8a-5p (lunch 12-1)

Saturdays 9a-1p

Appointments are strongly
recommended.

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