



North Dakota State University

# EMGT STUDENT



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## Important Dates

Meet the Emergency Manager:  
IAEM President  
Mike Selves

When: March 13, 2007, 1pm

Where: Minard 314

**RSVP ASAP** with Jessica Leifeld, fill out form or see contact information on last page.

Summer Registration  
Begins

When: April 2, 2007

Where: Campus Connection

## DRU Meeting

When: April 4, 2007, 1-4pm

Where: TBA

### **NO RSVP NECESSARY.**

Contact DRU Office in Minard 408 for more information.

## Mileti to Offer Summer Course

The emergency management program is happy to announce that Dr. Dennis Mileti has agreed to teach a summer course at NDSU. Taking a course from this renowned academic is a once in a lifetime opportunity you don't want to miss.

For those who are not aware, Dr. Mileti is Emeritus Director of the Natural Hazards Research and Applications Center at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has authored more than 100 publications and is the co-founder and co-editor-in-chief of the Natural Hazards Review. Most students graduating from an emergency management program are familiar with his landmark book, *Disasters by Design*. To learn more about Dr. Mileti's career and accomplishments, view his curricula vitae at: <http://www.socsci.colorado.edu/SOC/Vitae/mileti.htm>.

Dr. Mileti will teach a two-credit course, tentatively entitled "Current Issues in Disaster Studies and Emergency Management" on July 16-19, 2007. He will offer class lectures from 9:30-11:30am and class discussion from 1-2:30pm.



Dr. Klenow will lead a week of pre-readings and meetings and facilitate a post-meeting and assignment. The meeting times and dates will be arranged around student availability.

Registration will be by permit only so talk to Dr. Klenow ASAP if you are interested.

## Meet Azer Gasevic...Featured Student of the Month

Azer Gasevic immediately strikes one as mature, responsible and bright. Speaking with him confirms ones initial impression. For a young man of 25, Azer is well-accomplished.

Azer's family fled war in Bosnia moving to Fargo in 1994. He graduated from Fargo South High School in 2001 and entered NDSU the next fall. He graduated with a BA in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice in 2005.

Upon completing his degree, Azer went into the Police Academy and from there into a position with the Fargo Police Department.



He didn't find local law enforcement to be the right fit for him and opted to return to school.

While a full-time student, Azer also works full-time as chief of security, managing a large staff at Playmakers, a busy bar and concert venue in the Fargo area.

He is passionate about the emergency management program for many of the same reasons he enjoyed political science — the chance to "change the big picture and make a difference in peoples lives." And, he plans to do just that upon graduation from the program. Starting this December, Azer intends to build on his academic achievement by gaining experience in local emergency management. He then hopes to transition into a role with a federal response team.

# Job Corner

Obtaining the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) Certificate by no means guarantees you a job. It does however attempt to ensure individuals are qualified for a job in the field. As a student facing graduation with a bachelors or graduate degree, it may be important in setting you apart from the pack. In addition to paying a \$325 dollar fee, here is what is required to be a CEM:

1. 3 years full-time emergency management experience (a four year degree counts as one year of experience)
2. three professional references

3. actual disaster/contingency experience or substantive role in managing a full scale exercises
4. education (any 4 year degree)
5. 100 hours of emergency management training and 100 hours of general management training
6. contributions to the profession
7. comprehensive management essay and 100 question test
8. re-certification every 5 years

It is entirely possible to make substantive progress toward your

CEM while pursuing your degree in emergency management. Remember the Job Corner article on the FEMA IS courses? Those count for training hours. Remember the advertisements for the CERT class and GIS? Those count too. The internships available through the program? Some of those count. The opportunities are there for students to take advantage of building up their resumes and getting one step closer to the credential. For more information visit:

<http://www.iaem.com/certification/generalinfo/intro.htm>

## D.K. Yoon Accepts Emergency Management Position

D. K. Yoon has accepted an emergency management faculty position starting in Fall 2007. D.K. Yoon has five years of teaching experience and holds Masters degrees in Regional Planning and Architecture. He is currently finishing his dissertation at Cornell University on "The Impacts of Local Comprehensive Plans on Vulnerability to Disaster".

His research interests include land use, environmental planning and policy, natural hazard management, and GIS.

This fall, he will teach EMGT 499/696: Spatial Analysis in Emergency Management on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 pm in Library 14A. In Spring, he will teach the mitigation and recovery phase courses.



## IAEM President to talk to EMGT students

International Association of Emergency Managers President Mike Selves will speak with NDSU EMGT students on March 13 at 1pm in Minard 314.

In addition to his position as IAEM President, Mr. Selves is currently the Director for Emergency Management & Homeland

Security for Johnson County, Kansas. Prior to working in emergency management, he was in the Air Force for 20 years.

He has both a bachelors and masters degree and is all but dissertation for a doctorate in higher education and business. Mr. Selves also works as an instructor and

program developer at Park University's disaster and emergency management program.

He is an emergency manager with the knowledge, skills and abilities to answer any questions a student might have. All students in the emergency management program are welcome to attend.

# IEMSA...What's That?

The International Emergency Management Student Association (IEMSA) is the student component of the International Emergency Management Association (IAEM). IAEM is the largest organization of emergency managers in the country with over 3,000 members.

The NDSU Chapter of IEMSA was founded in 2004 by students for students. IEMSA membership offers many opportunities:

- Program scholarship exclusively for an IEMSA member in the 2007-2008 school year

- networking with other students in the program
- making connections with professionals in the emergency management field
- serving the community
- getting valuable training towards your CEM
- learning how to navigate the job market
- funding for the annual IAEM conference
- experience working in a 501-C3 organization (if you don't know what this is, ask!)
- officer positions available —

President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer

- looks great on a resume!!!!

This list isn't all IEMSA has to offer — the sky is the limit. Because it is a student-driven organization, members can take it in any direction they want.

After spring break, John Lester will be stopping by emergency management classes to tell students more about IEMSA. And to announce the as-of-now top-secret informal location of the IEMSA meeting where free food and prizes will be a 'plenty.

## Meet the Manager Day

On Wednesday, February 21, 2007, students in the Emergency Management Capstone class had the opportunity to speak with three program graduates currently working in the emergency management field.

Tammy Karlgaard, the Regional Emergency Management Planner (REMP) for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission in Vir-

ginia, and Sara Ruch who works with Tammy as the Assistant REMP connected with students via phone conference. Also on the line was program graduate Melanie Moen who works as the Ward County Homeland Security Planner in North Dakota.

Capstone students were able to learn about courses they had taken, concepts they found help-

ful, skills needed to succeed in the field, and what they look for in people they hire.

The goal of the Senior Emergency Management Capstone class is to prepare students for the transition from college to the work force. The Meet the Manager Day is viewed as a core component in meeting that goal and will be a permanent feature of the class.

## Research Corner

Here are some important internet resources emergency management students should know about:

**Disaster Research Center** publications: <http://www.udel.edu/DRC/publications.html>

**Natural Hazard Center** publications and HAZLIT database: <http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/>

**FEMA Information Resource Library:** <http://www.fema.gov/library/index.jsp>

**Digital Dan's Disaster Links:** <http://www.disasterlinks.net/>

**Natural Hazards Resources Directory:** <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/seg/hazard/resource/>

**Disaster-Resource.com:** [http://www.disaster-resource.com/content\\_page/non\\_profit.shtml](http://www.disaster-resource.com/content_page/non_profit.shtml)

**National Homeland Security Knowledgebase** (goes way beyond HS): <http://www.twotigersonline.com/resources.html#natural-disaster-1>

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**RSVP FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Event Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if Yes:

I would like to be informed of other emergency management

activities via email.

I would like to be reminded via email the week prior to this event.

**PLEASE PLACE FORM IN JESSICA LEIFELD'S MAILBOX IN**

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