

## **NHERI GSC General Meeting Minutes May 19, 2023**

Hello and good afternoon NHERI GSC,  
Thank you to all who attended our May General Meeting on May 19, 2023. During our meeting, we heard from Dr. Tracy Kijewski-Correa, professor of engineering and global affairs in the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Kijewski-Correa provided an engaging presentation titled "Journal Rejection Triage System for Natural Hazards Publications".

Below you will find the minutes from today's session:

- **Announcements**

- Welcome to all new NHERI GSC members!

- **Events and Activities:**

- **NHERI Mini-Conference - May 26, 2023, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (CT)**

- The program and website are live! Use [this link](#) to visit the website and learn more about the conference.
- Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Jennifer L. Irish from Virginia Tech University, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering. In addition to a short presentation, our speaker will also host a career-oriented Q&A. We are hoping to collect questions in advance to make as much time for our speaker as possible. Please share any questions you would like to ask our keynote speaker about transitioning to faculty roles, career development, prospective work in the natural hazards field, interdisciplinary research, or any other topics you feel would be interesting during this session. Submit questions [here](#).
- **There's still time to register.** Register now using [this link](#) before the registration deadline on Wednesday, May 24th!

- **NHERI Executive Committee Meeting:** June 2nd from 11am - 12pm (CT) on Zoom. *The Executive Committee Meeting is*

*required for Executive Committee members; GSC members are invited to attend.*

- **NHERI GSC June General Meeting:** June 19th from 11am - 12 pm (CT) on Zoom.
  
  - **Academic Publishing Workshop: June 9 at 1 pm (CT)\***. Join us to hear from Professor Jack Baker and graduate students Natalie Coleman and Amer Hamad Issa Abukhalaf on the academic publishing process Register now via [this link](#). *\*Note: The May minutes incorrectly stated the event starts at 11 am; 1 pm is the correct time.*
  
  - **NHERI GSC Annual Report:** The Executive Committee is seeking 2-3 volunteers to help with the first ever NHERI GSC Annual Report. If you are interested, please email GSC Vice-President Taylor Heath at [theath@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:theath@sas.upenn.edu) by Wednesday, May 24th.
  
  - **NHERI GSC NSF Proposal:** NHERI GSC is applying for funding through the National Science Foundation. If you are interested in getting involved in the proposal writing process, please contact Eliot Nichols at [enichols9@gatech.edu](mailto:enichols9@gatech.edu) or Nurullah Bektas at [nurullahbektas@hotmail.com](mailto:nurullahbektas@hotmail.com).
  
  - To view a calendar of events, please visit the [Events page](#) of the NHERI GSC website.
  
  - *If you are interested in any of the working groups and getting involved with one, please reach out to the Chair or Vice-Chair of those groups, all of which are listed in the table at the bottom of this email.*
- **Proposed Changes to the NHERI GSC Constitution:** Taylor provided an overview of proposed changes to the NHERI GSC Constitution. These proposed changes include aligning current

executive position descriptions with their actual responsibilities. There are also proposed changes to the existing Working Group structure. The proposed draft of the updated Constitution will be available for public review on Monday June 5th. Following public comment, the NHERI GSC Constitution must be approved by the entire GSC body to take effect. Voting will take place in June via Qualtrics. *If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Vice-President Taylor Heath at [theath@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:theath@sas.upenn.edu).*

- **NHERI GSC Website:** For more information on events, initiatives, and important resources related to NHERI GSC. Visit this page: [www.designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council](http://www.designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council).
- **Today's Speaker:** Dr. Tracy Kijewski-Correa, professor of engineering and global affairs in the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, to be our speaker. Dr. Kijewski-Correa facilitated an engaging presentation titled "Journal Rejection Triage System for Natural Hazards Publications". A recording of Dr. Kijewski-Correa's talk will be available on [NHERI ECO YouTube Channel](#). You may connect with Dr. Kijewski-Correa via email at [tkjewsk@nd.edu](mailto:tkjewsk@nd.edu).

### Welcome to New Members!

- Anna Gasha
- Prateek Arora
- Vidushi Toshniwal
- Bianka Pajo
- Corina Tecu
- Vidushi Toshniwal
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Thank you all for your time and attention. Have a great weekend!

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**Attendance:**

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Jordan Nakayama
Maria Porada
Natalie Coleman
Elliot Nichols
Sohel Rana
Olaniyi Afolayan
Pauline Karanja
Nelson Kayode
Mohamed Hasan Ahmed
Nurullah Bektas

Shayan
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