

Hello and good afternoon NHERI GSC,

Thank you to all who attended our September General Meeting on September 15, 2023. During our meeting, we heard from Dr. Julio A. Ramirez, Professor of Structural Engineering in the Lyles School of Civil Engineering of Purdue University. He is the Principal Investigator and Center Director of the Network Coordination Office (NCO) of the NSF-funded NHERI.

Below you will find the minutes from our session:

- **Announcements**

- Welcome to all new NHERI GSC members!

- **Events and Activities:**

- **NHERI Executive Committee Meeting:** October 6th from 11am - 12pm (CT) on Zoom. *The Executive Committee Meeting is required for Executive Committee members; GSC members are invited to attend*
- **Invite Your Peers to NHERI GSC!** Do you know other students who study natural hazards? If so, invite them to join NHERI GSC today! We have attached a flyer that you can share with your department and/or directly with interested students. Questions? Contact Julie Elliott at jhe@udel.edu.
- **NHERI GSC October General Meeting:** October 20th from 11am - 12 pm (CT) on Zoom.
- **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 or Nurullah Bektas at nurullahbektas@hotmail.com.
- **Meet Executive Committee Nominees:** The NHERI GSC Annual Election is coming up quickly! We invite you to meet our candidates by clicking [this link](#). Here you can read the bios of all 20 candidates, nominate an NHERI GSC member in good standing for the Chair of Technology & Communications, or apply for a newly created Research Subcommittee Representative position. Thank you to all of our nominees for your willingness to serve the natural hazards research community! **The NHERI GSC 2023 fall election will open in Qualtrics on Sunday, October 1st, and close on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.**
- **Get involved:**
 - 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.*

- **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.
- **NHERI GSC Annual Report:** During the meeting, Jordan Nakayama presented members of NHERI GSC with a first draft of the NHERI GSC Annual Report. The report is designed to educate prospective members, highlight NHERI GSC activities and accomplishments within the last two years, show our membership trends and demographics, and spotlight individual members and their continued involvement. Special thank you to the Annual Report Committee for their work on this document. A finalized version will be shared via the NHERI GSC website when it is completed. Questions? Contact Jordan Nakayama at jon0003@auburn.edu.
- **Our Speaker:** Dr. Julio A. Ramirez, Professor of Structural Engineering in the Lyles School of Civil Engineering of Purdue University and Principal Investigator and Center Director of the Network Coordination Office (NCO) of the NSF-funded NHERI, explained the NHERI network and ways to get involved and utilize NHERI facilities. A recording of Dr. Ramirez's talk will be available on [NHERI ECO YouTube Channel](#). Students can contact Dr. Ramirez with additional questions at ramirez@purdue.edu (include "NHERI Graduate Student Council Questions" in the email subject line. Thank you, Dr. Ramirez, for joining our meeting and sharing your insight!

Welcome to New Members!

Aavash	Ghimire
Samantha	Frucht
Nazia	Afroze
Srikanth	Renikunta
Maureen	Nso
Kristina	Fillman
Cyrus	Bahman
Nayan Deep	Tiwari
Wesam	Mohamed
Mohammad	Ashrafy

Alejandro	Palacio-Betancur
William	Zakka
Ehsan	Ahmadi Afzadi
Saeid	Ghasemi Gavabar
Kristina	Fillman
Mohammad	Movahedi
Darlene	Rini
Emrecan	ADANIR
Constance	Hickman
Daleen	Torres-Burgos
Sarah	Fendrich
Nina	Berlin Rubin

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Standing Committee Leadership and Contact

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Thank you all for your time and attention. Have a great weekend!

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Julie Elliott, M.S. (she, her, hers)

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Attendance:

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Jordan Nakayama
Julio Ramirez
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Keely Patelski
Rakesh Salunke
Jasmine Bekkaye
Ehsan Ahmadi Afzadi
Richard Campos
Nurullah Bektas
Esteban Villalobos Vega
Harman Singh
Rajendra Gautam
Natalie Coleman
Nelson Adeniji (Kayode Adeniji)

Harman Singh
Mohammad Movahedi
MUSTAFA CETINKAYA
Liu# Chenqiang
Elliot Nichols
Yvonne Dadson
Alejandro Palacio- Betancur
Peter O.
Julie Elliott - iPhone
Rakesh Salunke
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Erika Rivera
Ben Roston
Wesam Mohamed