# Building Momentum for Transformative Disaster Risk Governance Symposium

#### Summary

"Transformative Disaster Risk Governance (DRG) and Emergency Management" is a University-Wide initiative aiming to position York in an international leadership role by pursuing several goals in research, scholarship and academic and professional development activities. The first symposium will be focused on exploring the subject with a group of researchers, students and partner organizations featuring an academic and non-academic DRG expert as well as a panel of York researchers.

#### **Invited Speakers**

David Alexander, Professor of Risk and Disaster Reduction at University College London

His books include "Natural Disasters", "Confronting Catastrophe", "Principles of Emergency Planning

and Management", "Recovery from Disaster" with Ian Davis and "How to Write an Emergency Plan". He is Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction. His research and teaching interests include natural hazards, earthquake disasters and emergency planning and management. He is currently working on a new book on emergency management.



Sharon Walker, Manager of Emergency Planning for the City of Vaughan
She has over 25 years of experience in the field of Emergency Management in the
municipal government and non-government organization sectors. She holds a
Bachelor Degree (Hons) in Public Administration from York University, Diplomas
in Nursing and Business Administration, Certificates in Management/Labour



Relations, Human Resource Management and Volunteer Resource Management and is currently working on a degree in Public Administration. She is a certified Associate Business Continuity Professional and Certified Municipal Manager III (3) - Emergency Management Professional.

#### York Panel

Nirupama Agrawal, Disaster & Emergency Management Program James Orbinski, Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research Jude Kong, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

## Date/Time and Location

February 12, 2021 9:00 am-12:00 pm EST Online

### Registration

Please register <u>here</u>



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