


# 2025 Edmondson-Miller / Katie School / CPCU Society Catastrophe Resilience Summit & Open Market

[Catastrophe Resilience Virtual & CPCU European Open Market Conference](#)

 July 2-5, 2025

 Virtual: July 2-3, 9am-1pm CDT | In-Person: Lisbon, July 3-5

 FREE Zoom Registration: [REGISTER HERE](#) (RSVP by June 30, 2025)

Questions? Contact Jim Jones, Director & Summit Coordinator – [james.jones@ilstu.edu](mailto:james.jones@ilstu.edu)

## Purpose of the Summit

This year, join us for a **free virtual summit in 2025** where we will explore emerging catastrophe resilience and adaptation topics. Each presenter will expose the subtopic, present potential research questions, discuss research concerns, and provide guidance on data sources to facilitate future research. This online event is open to all academics, industry researchers, and practitioners interested in catastrophe resilience and adaptation.

Researchers are encouraged to explore these, and related topics, engage with these experts, and submit a paper for the **2026 Catastrophe Resilience Summit**. Selected papers will be presented, with awards of \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000 for the top three papers. All presenters whose papers are chosen for the 2026 summit will receive complimentary 2026 conference registration.



EDMONDSON-MILLER  
INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF  
GLOBAL RISK IN SOCIETY  
*Illinois State University*



**Journal of Insurance Issues**  
Sponsored by the Western and the Southern Risk and Insurance Associations

**Virtual Agenda: July 2-3, 2025**

July 2, 9:00 AM CDT

**Thomas Hoban, President & CIO, Kitson & Partners**

**Developers of Babcock Ranch: Best Practices in Hurricane Resilient Communities**

**Research Questions:** What are best practices increase interest from investors? How is the risk priced without years of experience? Are there alternative risk financing and/or insurance models for such communities (e.g., captives, PBC, C Corp, etc)

<https://kitsonpartners.com/board/thomas-hoban/>



July 2, 10:00 AM CDT

**Marc Ragin, PhD, Assoc. Professor, UGA - CIRCAD**

**Evaluating Community-Based Catastrophe Insurance**

**Research Questions:** Best practices to align community incentives around wildfire risk reduction and management? How to produce a roadmap for implementation? What is role of insurers and/or governments?

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/marc-ragin-b181793/>



July 2, 11:00 AM CDT

**Chuck Nyce, PhD, Chair, Risk Management & Insurance, FSU**

**Public vs. Private Catastrophe Insurance**

**Research Questions:** How does the changing supply of property insurance affect catastrophe resilience? How does the growing protection gap in developed countries affect resilience?

<https://business.fsu.edu/person/charles-nyce>



**Virtual Agenda: July 2-3, 2025**

July 2, 12:00 PM CDT

**Jerry Skees, PhD, Global Centre on Disaster Risk & Poverty**

**Parametric Products in Developing Countries**

**Research Questions: How can parametric products be used more effectively in developing countries? Who/What is the appropriate insured for a parametric insurance produce?**

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jerry-skees-a9011413/>



July 2, 1:00 PM CDT

**Michael McCord, Managing Director, MicroInsurance Centre at Milliman**

**Protecting Vulnerable Populations from Catastrophe Losses**

**Research questions: What are the secondary and tertiary level of losses for perils like flood, and excessive heat? How do we better link the data to track these secondary and tertiary losses?**

<https://us.milliman.com/en/consultants/McCord-Michael>



July 3, 9:00 AM CDT

**David Dodd CEcD/FM/HLM with Akex Korb & Janot MENDLER de Suarez**

**Intl. Sustainable Resilience Center | Narrowing the Investment Gap in Climate Adaptation**

**Research Questions: How do we incentivize private/public sustainable investment in climate adaptation? What is the role of private capital, philanthropy, etc.?**



July 3, 10:00 AM CDT

**Lars Powel, PhD, Director, Center for Risk & Insurance Research, Univ. of Alabama Cat Resilience & IBHS Certified Homes**

**Research Questions: How do building codes increase catastrophe resilience? How should pricing and underwriting be implemented to reflect true risk?**



July 3, 11:00 AM CDT

**Alex Mirescu, Head of Zurich Insurance Extreme Weather Practice  
Investment in Extreme Weather Adaptation**

**Research Questions: What is the proper approach to public policy and investment in disaster reduction? What is the role of the insurance industry?**



July 3

**James Jones, Executive Director, Katie School**

**Summit Wrap-up & Next Steps for 2026**

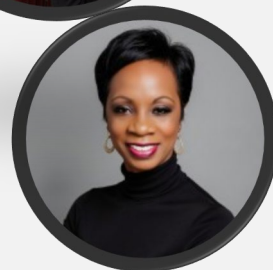
=====

**In-Person: CPCU Europe Open Market – Lisbon, July 3-5,  
2025**

July 4, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM CPCU

Vintage Hotel, Principe Real Lisbon Welcome

**James Jones, CPCU, ARM, Executive Director, Katie School**



CPCU President's Message

**Sherry McFadden, CPCU, ChFC, CLU, FLMI**

<https://www.cpcusociety.org/ResourceLibrary/RL/Presenter.aspx?ID=2266279&TemplateType=E>

**Nikita Khemka, CPCU, ARM, Senior Manager, Catastrophe Modeling, at Xceedance**

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/nikita-khemka-agarwala/?originalSubdomain=in>

**Miguel Araujo, Gallagher Reinsurance Broker**

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/miguelferreiraaraujo/>



**Toby Sansom, Parametric Underwriter, AXA Climate**

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/toby-sansom-830483113/>

**Prof. João Appleton, Professor, Civil Engineer and Managing Partner, a2p Consultants**

<https://www.a2p.pt/en/lessons-from-professor-joao-appleton/>



## Contacts

Georgeta Collins : [georgiani\\_g@yahoo.com](mailto:georgiani_g@yahoo.com)

Tony Cabot: [cabot.tony@gmail.com](mailto:cabot.tony@gmail.com)



EDMONDSON-MILLER

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF  
GLOBAL RISK IN SOCIETY

*Illinois State University*



**Journal of Insurance Issues**

Sponsored by the Western and the Southern Risk and Insurance Associations