

Disaster research experts to discuss lasting impacts of Hurricane Katrina

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Leading up to the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, nationally acclaimed disaster experts will gather at Tulane University for a one-day conference highlighting interdisciplinary research on the storm's lasting impacts on the city of New Orleans as well as the lives of survivors.

["KATRINA@10: Assessments of Recovery, Return, Resilience, and Enduring Vulnerabilities"](#) will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Diboll Auditorium at 1440 Canal St. in New Orleans.

The conference features findings from research projects funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. [Morning panels](#) will highlight [NIH-funded projects](#) on resiliency and outcomes for several different populations affected by the storm, including low-income parents, Gulf Coast families, displaced New Orleans residents and Vietnamese-American families. Researchers will also discuss demographic changes in New Orleans since Katrina.

The [afternoon panels](#) will highlight [NSF-funded research](#) examining the trade-offs between ecological and socioeconomic recovery. The research explores how disease risk reflects ecological changes brought on by both disaster response efforts and reconstruction.

The conference will feature panels of disaster experts who will discuss the policy implications of the research findings. The event includes experts from Tulane, Harvard University, Yale University, New York University, the University of Michigan, Brown University, Loyola University, Cary Institute, Stockholm Resilience Centre, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cornerstone Government Affairs, RAND Corp. and the city of New Orleans.

“The 10th anniversary of the storm provides an opportunity to take stock of how Katrina transformed the physical and built environment of the region and the lives of the people who have lived within this region,” said Mark Van Landingham, conference co-organizer and Thomas C. Keller professor of global community health and behavioral sciences. “It also provides an opportunity to begin to shift our focus from the consequences experienced during the first decade to the longer-term effects that will manifest in the future.”

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