

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Supporting communities. Strengthening systems. Serving the world.





MAKING CHANGE FOR TOMORROW

The Master of Science in Emergency Management and Community Resilience (EMCR) was built on a simple idea: **a person, community, or system should have the ability to maintain its core purpose and integrity in the face of radically shifting circumstances. This resilience takes into account whether returning to a previous state perpetuates inequalities that helped to cause a disaster in the first place.**

This is a degree designed to equip leaders to build more resilient communities and systems while serving the world in this critical time of need.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE PASSIONATE, PUBLIC-SERVICE MINDED, AND DEDICATED TO SOLVING THE WORLD'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS.

The Emergency Management and Community Resilience curriculum incorporates a multitude of fields, ranging from anthropology to urban planning to communication.

The program's transdisciplinary nature pushes our students to examine issues from multiple perspectives and equips them with the skills and the knowledge to create a more resilient, just future. With a focus on critical assessment, we strive to identify equitable pathways for informed resilience work.

Placing a premium on community engagement, sustainability, inclusion and equity, and applied learning, this is a program built to address the needs of all people.

Housed within a University dedicated to public service, our EMCR degree is the ideal blend of expertise and opportunity, with world-renowned faculty and a city that serves as a natural laboratory. Portland is home to active and progressive neighborhood teams and the power of nature in every direction, with volcanoes, flood zones, landslides, forests, earthquakes, fault lines, tsunamis and the coast all close by.

Together, the city of Portland and Portland State University comprise the ideal location to study emergency management and community resilience.

THE EMCR DEGREE



Among its distinctive features, our Emergency Management and Community Resilience master's degree offers:

- a two-year, 53-credit curriculum, thoughtfully designed by experts in anthropology, communication, geography, geology, public administration, urban planning, and other fields
- the chance to study in an epicenter of urban and rural opportunity, surrounded by volcanoes, fault lines, forests, and the coast
- energetic and approachable faculty experts, with ambitious research portfolios and diverse perspectives on resilience
- more than 100 elective courses that allow students to tailor their degree to their interests



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Core Curriculum

Master the fundamentals.

- Anatomy and History of Disasters
- Building Community Resilience
- Strategies for Organizing Recovery, Mitigation, and Assistance
- Risk and Strategic Communication
- Climate Resiliency Planning
- Community Resilience in Coupled Socio-Ecological Systems
- Principles of Emergency Management
- International Perspectives on Disaster Management and Resilience
- Culture, Vulnerability and Disaster Resilience

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Methods

Sharpen your skills.

- Research Design, Evaluation, Communication and Assessment
- Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis
- Geographic Information Systems

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Field Specializations

Personalize your degree.

- Natural Systems, Sustainability and Resilience
- Public Health Response and Promotion
- Organizational Strategies for Effective Emergency Management
- Social Resilience, Culture and Community

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Capstone

Apply your knowledge.

- Before you take your new skills to field, the EMCR program lets you apply your knowledge in a capstone course with a community partner.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WHILE MAKING A LIVING

Today's problems are increasingly complicated, multifaceted, and interconnected. Our program was created with this in mind.

A skill-based program balanced with cutting-edge theoretical approaches, the Emergency Management and Community Resilience degree was created to train dedicated and compassionate professionals, who will go on to tackle the most daunting of problems, locally and globally.

Our students graduate prepared with the applied and theoretical skills they need to step seamlessly into the careers of tomorrow—**equipped to lead and ready to make a difference.**

We train our graduates to be leaders in the emerging fields of emergency and disaster management with multiple career pathways.

Are you dedicated to developing solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems? We're dedicated to helping you.

INVEST IN YOURSELF

Modest price, immeasurable value.

The EMCR master's degree costs roughly \$24,000 for Oregon residents and \$35,000 for non-residents.

Learn more about financial aid and available scholarships at pdx.edu/student-finance

Not ready to commit to a full graduate degree?

Consider our [EMCR graduate certificate](#).

ENGAGING AND PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Building on Portland State's legacy of community engagement, we built our EMCR degree on a foundation of community-based learning.

We've created unparalleled opportunities for partnerships with organizations at the forefront of emergency management and community resilience.

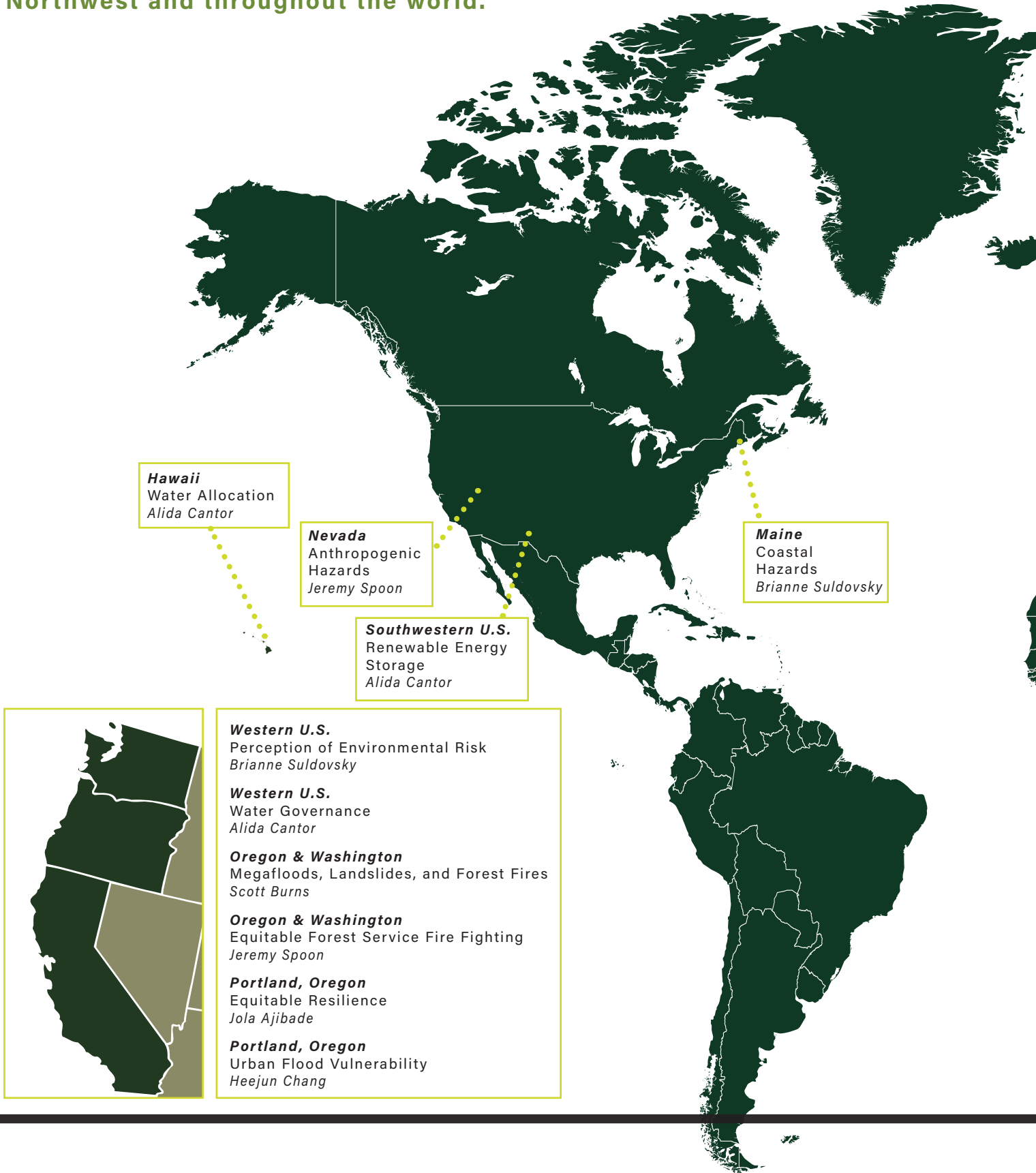
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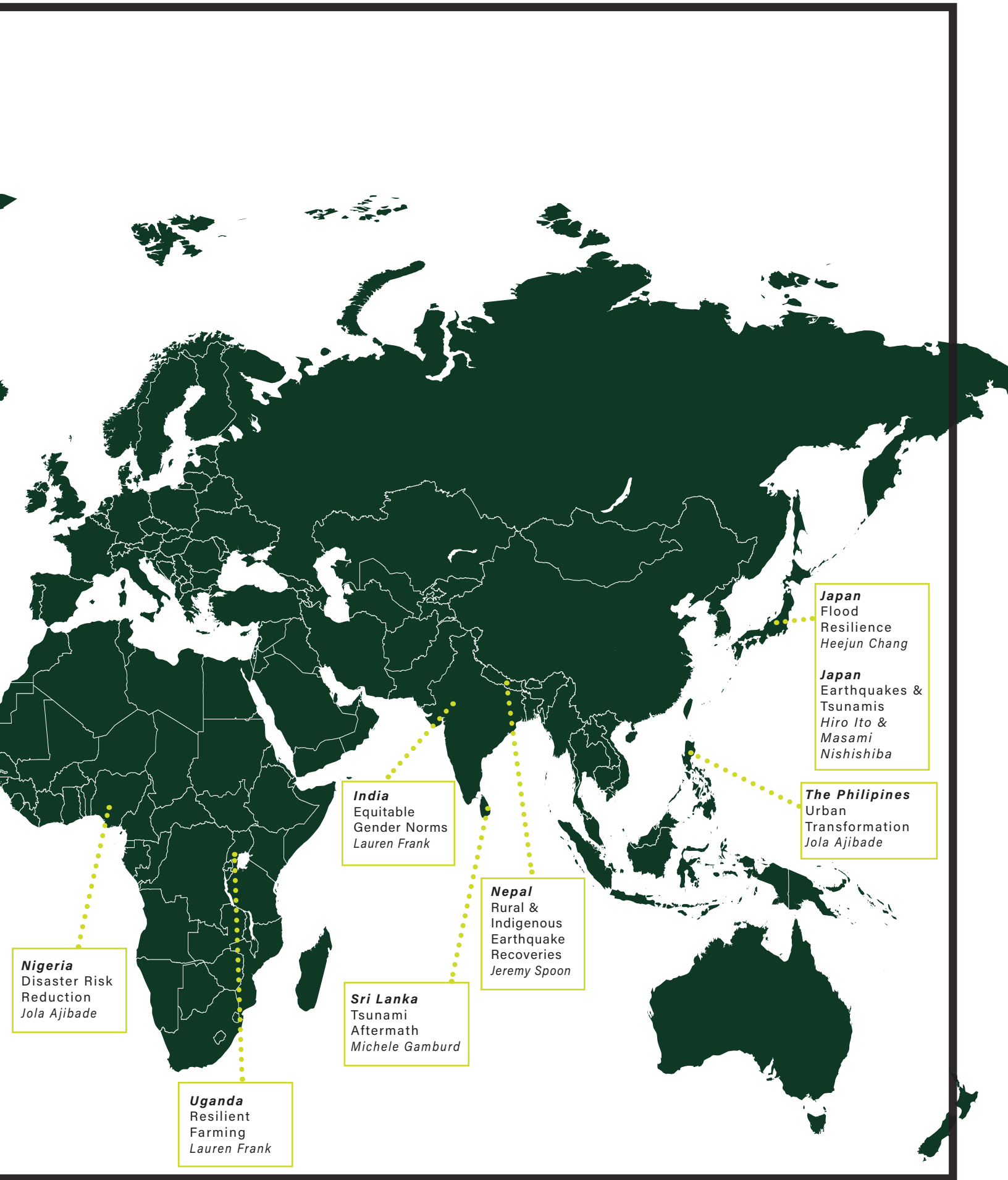
- local, state and federal agencies
- sovereign Native American nations
- nonprofits
- international NGOs and agencies
- universities
- private companies



OUR FACULTY EXPERTS

Our scholars & practitioners apply their expertise in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the world.





Nigeria
Disaster Risk
Reduction
Jola Ajibade

Uganda
Resilient
Farming
Lauren Frank

India
Equitable
Gender Norms
Lauren Frank

Sri Lanka
Tsunami
Aftermath
Michele Gamburd

Nepal
Rural &
Indigenous
Earthquake
Recoveries
Jeremy Spoon

Japan
Flood
Resilience
Heejun Chang

Japan
Earthquakes &
Tsunamis
*Hiro Ito &
Masami
Nishishiba*

The Philippines
Urban
Transformation
Jola Ajibade

START YOUR JOURNEY



Your career in emergency management and community resilience awaits you!
The program begins every fall term.

- To start an application, go to pdx.edu/apply
- Application Deadline: May 31
- Application requirements:
 1. Application Form
 2. Resume
 3. Academic Transcript
 4. Essay
 5. Three Letters of Recommendation

Questions? We're here to help! Contact us: emcr@pdx.edu

