

HAZUS User of the Year!

2008 2nd Quarter



Congratulations to Thomas Mueller, the 2008 2nd Quarter HAZUS User of the Year! Dr. Mueller is an Associate Professor in the Department of Earth Science at California University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Mueller has been the co-founder of the 3RiversHUG and has recently assumed the role of leader since Dr. Jamie Mitchem has stepped down.

Dr. Mueller assumed leadership of the 3RiversHUG with energy and ambition. Within weeks of assuming this role he has formed the Pennsylvania HAZUS Network, a collection of HAZUS User Groups in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that will assist HAZUS users. In addition he has worked with George Heake, Temple University, to form the Southeastern Pennsylvania HAZUS User Group. It is their goal to form multiple HAZUS User Groups within the state of Pennsylvania.

In addition, Dr. Mueller serves as the faculty advisor to the student chapter of the 3RiversHUG. Dr. Mueller supervises several students who are using HAZUS for research and community service projects, including developing a Level 2 Flood Model Analysis using HAZUS for California Borough in Pennsylvania. He is also a leader in the formation of the HAZUS Higher Education Resources Clearinghouse (HAZUS HERC). The HAZUS HERC is a collaborative web-space designed to enable the efficient collection of HAZUS-related data by interested students, academic professors, government officials and FEMA representatives. The HAZUS HERC priorities include teaching, conducting research, working with other FEMA initiatives and encouraging service learning projects.

Dr. Mueller has taken several HAZUS training courses, conducted his own HAZUS research, led workshops related to HAZUS, GIS, and emergency management at FEMA's Higher Education Conference at EMI, and presented professional papers on the subject of HAZUS. "The Use of HAZUS-MH and GIS for Emergency Management," co-authored by Jamie Mitchem and Kevin Mickey was presented at the 2007 Higher Education Conference and recently published by the Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI) as a chapter in a book titled "Emergency Management in Higher Education: Current Practices and Conversations."

FEMA recognizes Dr. Thomas Mueller as a HAZUS User of the Year because of his vision, dedication and expertise related to the HAZUS methodology.

Congratulations!



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