

### **OCCASIONAL SERIES ON THE FUTURE OF DISASTER RESEARCH**

Between April 30, 2004 and May 1, 2004 the Disaster Research Center (DRC) at the University of Delaware held a two-day conference (see Rodríguez, Wachtendorf and Russell, 2004) that focused on: 1) the growth and development of the field of disasters, from the perspective of the Social Sciences; 2) the theoretical, methodological, and public policy contributions of the field of disasters at the national and international level; 3) lessons learned and best practices that have emerged from the study of disasters; and 4) future trajectories or opportunities for Social Science research on disasters. The conference was designed to elicit discussion on the impact of disaster research over the years and to examine the opportunities and challenges for future disaster research. The following five articles are revised versions of papers presented initially at that conference. All five papers have been peer-reviewed in the same way as standard articles.

#### **References**

- Rodríguez, Havidán, Wachtendorf, Tricia and Russell, Carla 2004  
“Disaster Research in the Social Sciences: Lessons Learned, Challenges, and Future Trajectories” *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* Vol. 22 (2) pp. 117–135.