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Moderator and Speaker Biographies

Kenneth Brink is currently the Mitigation Team Supervisor for the Colorado Division of Emergency Management. His duties include natural hazard risk assessment, mitigation benefit/cost analysis, and grant administration. Previously, Brink worked for the Colorado Springs Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management and also served as Chief Planner with the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. In addition to emergency management, his background includes performing socioeconomic analysis and community planning for organizations such as the Denver Regional Council of Governments and the City of Aurora. His degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from the University of Iowa and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado.

Tom Claeson is Senior Consultant for New Initiatives at LYRASIS in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His areas of consulting expertise include statewide preservation and digitization, preservation management, disaster preparedness, digital program management, digital preservation, and cultural heritage market research. Claeson has taught more than 100 workshops on disaster planning for cultural heritage institutions across the United States and has organized and implemented four Alliance for Response Forums in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He was formerly a representative from the Society of American Archivists to the national Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Heritage Preservation.

Scott Field is the Interim Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the City & County of Denver, Colorado. A graduate of the United States Military Academy, Field began his career as an Infantry Officer with the US Army, serving in the US, Korea, Panama and Somalia. After leaving the military, he served as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for three years. He then changed careers to Emergency Management, and worked for the New Mexico State Office of Emergency Management. Moving to Denver, Field joined the Denver Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and served as Training & Exercise Coordinator and Operations Chief for the Denver Emergency Operations Center, most notably through the 2008 Democratic National Convention. Since 2009 he has been the Office's Deputy Director for Operations, and with the departure of Director Daniel Alexander on July 15th is now serving as the Office's Interim Director until a new Director can be appointed. He serves on the WebEOC User Advisory Board, and chairs a Regional EOC Operations Committee for Denver Urban Area Security Initiative.

Robin Fudge Finegan is the Regional Administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Denver office, and oversees agency operations in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Finegan brings to FEMA over two decades of experience in crisis management, community preparedness, and survivor assistance services. Finegan has earned a national reputation for her work as a counselor to victims of terrorism. Following the Columbine High School shooting tragedy, Finegan worked with emergency responders, clergy, school officials, law enforcement, and mental health and victim services professionals to implement a comprehensive response and recovery plan. She provided training to victim advocates during the terrorist trial involving the Pan Am 103 explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland, and for the trial of Zacarias Moussaoui for his role in the

September 11 attacks. She also served as co-director of the Colorado-Oklahoma Resource Council, which provided services to the survivors and the families of victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. In 2008, Finegan co-authored *Hope Gets the Last Word: Stories that Heal*, a book that chronicles how individuals have recovered from both national disasters and personal losses. Finegan has provided expertise during military and community weapons of mass destruction (WMD) exercises and has assisted in writing all-hazards plans and evaluating Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) curriculum for the Department of Homeland Security. She has developed numerous training curricula, guidebooks, and manuals related to crisis management, school violence, and public communications.

Lori Foley is Vice President of Emergency Programs at Heritage Preservation. She joined Heritage Preservation in March 2011, having previously managed the Northeast Document Conservation Center's Preservation Services department. She was responsible for ongoing education and outreach activities including workshops, webinars, courses, and conferences; a reference service; surveys; publications; and disaster assistance in the New England region and beyond. Foley is a member of COSTEP MA; a member of the state-level Massachusetts Emergency Management Team; the co-chair of the Emergency Committee of the American Institute for Conservation (AIC); and a member of the AIC Collections Emergency Response Team. Foley was the project director for two IMLS-funded projects – dPlan™, a free online template that creates customized disaster plans, and Coordinate Statewide Emergency Preparedness (COSTEP), the framework for model state partnerships.

Steven Hardegen is the Regional Environmental Office in Region VIII for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For the past 19 years, he has specialized in historic preservation as an architectural historian, historian, and archaeologist. Prior to working for FEMA in 2006, he spent 7 years at the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office conducting Section 106 reviews for various Federal agencies. Hardegen has also worked as a private contractor in the Cultural Resource Management (CRM) field and can honestly state that he has held every position in a CRM firm, from the lonely field tech to the owner/operator of a firm. He is the author/co-author of several CRM reports in the Delaware Valley and is a co-author and researcher for the *Crossroads of the American Revolutionary War Heritage Area Feasibility Study*. He spent 18 months working in the Levant for the Israeli Antiquities Authority and Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In addition to the CRM field, Hardegen was a Senior Adjunct Instructor at Burlington County College for more than 50 courses in the fields of Cultural Anthropology, Physical Anthropology, Archaeology, U.S. History, Western Civilization, and Field Methods in Archaeology (Field School). He is the former vice president of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey and a member of his local Historic Preservation Commission. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and classical languages, and he holds a master's degree in public history and preservation from Rutgers University.

C. Suzanne Mencer is the Director of the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP), a broad coalition of Colorado leaders that is building a voluntary partnership between the public, private and non-profit sectors. Mencer is also the President of Manor Ridge Group, Inc., a company that provides subject matter expertise on public safety and homeland security issues. Mencer served as the Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness in the Department of Homeland Security. Appointed by President Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate, she managed a \$4 billion budget and directed federal initiatives to help states, local jurisdictions, regional authorities and tribal governments plan, prepare, prevent and respond to acts of terrorism. Mencer was a Senior Policy Director at the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, assisting clients navigate the complex entity of the Department of Homeland Security. Additionally, Mencer served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety, overseeing the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the Colorado State Patrol, the Division of Criminal Justice and the Office Preparedness Security and Fire Safety. She also served as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor and served on the Governor's Columbine Review

Commission. Mencer is a 20 year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, having worked and supervised investigations in Foreign Counterintelligence and Counterterrorism. She initiated the Denver Joint Terrorism Task Force and supervised several high profile domestic terrorism cases. She served on the FEMA National Advisory Council, is a board member of the Denver Police Foundation, a member of the Colorado Thirty Group, and serves on the Board of Directors of MorphoTrak, a bio-metrics company.

Julie A. Page is Co-Coordinator for both the California Preservation Program (CPP), an LSTA-funded initiative of the California State Library, and the Western States and Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESTPAS), a NEH-funded project. She is responsible for the CPP statewide training, building and collection surveys, and its information resources, including the CalPreservation.org website. The CPP received the 2011 Cunha-Swartzburg Award for Collaborative Preservation presented by the American Library Association. Page has published in the areas of preservation education and disaster preparedness and established the San Diego/Imperial County Libraries Disaster Response Network. She is a mentor-trainer for the FEMA-funded Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records and has presented workshops for the American Library Association, Special Libraries Association, Society of California Archivists, County Records Managers Association of California, National Conference on Cultural Property Protection, and the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts. She currently serves on the Board of Heritage Preservation and on advisory committees for the Alliance for Response and the FEMA Cultural Heritage Training Curriculum.

Carol Small is Deputy Director Jefferson County Emergency Management, has worked for the County for 10 years. Prior to coming to the County, she was Fire Marshal and District Administrator for Evergreen Fire Protection District for 15 years and retired from Evergreen Volunteer Fire/Rescue in 2000 with 20 years of service. She is a member the Jefferson County Incident Management Team.

Lynette Stoudt is the Senior Archivist at the Georgia Historical Society (GHS) where she administers all activities relating to the management, description, access, and preservation of archival materials and the objects collection. Prior to joining GHS, Stoudt worked at the Bancroft Library (U.C. Berkeley), in the special collections libraries at the U.C. campuses in Irvine and San Diego, and as a consultant with History Associates Incorporated. She obtained her master's degree in Library and Information Science with a concentration in Archival Studies from San Jose State University and her bachelor's degree in Anthropology from the U.C. San Diego. Stoudt has participated in two of Heritage Preservation's Alliance for Response Forums. She served as a steering committee member and session facilitator at the Atlanta Alliance for Response Forum in 2007 and as co-chair of the steering committee for the Savannah Alliance for Response Forum in 2009. In addition to Savannah Heritage Emergency Response, Stoudt is active in the Society of Georgia Archivists, serves on the advisory committee of the "Slavery and Freedom in Savannah Symposium" (to be held October 2011), and is a member of the Society of American Archivists.

Jack Sullivan has worked at FEMA since 1991: as Human Services Officer, Hazard Mitigation Grant Coordinator, and currently as Region I Environmental Historic Preservation Officer. As Emergency Services Branch Chief on 9/11, he coordinated the efforts of four Emergency Support Functions: Firefighting, Mass Care, Public Health and Medical Services, and Urban Search and Rescue. He has deployed to over 50 presidential declarations including Hurricane Andrew, the Northridge Earthquake, the Midwest Floods, and the Red River Flooding in Minnesota. Sullivan was a forward element on the Emergency Response Team that deployed for Hurricane Katrina prior to landfall and spent 7 nights at the Super Dome in New Orleans, starting the day after landfall. He returned to Louisiana in January 2006 and served as the Chief of Staff for the Environmental Historic Preservation Section as it delivered recovery services to the State Historic Preservation Office and the cultural community. His current emergency assignment is FEMA Point of Contact for ESF 11 – Protection of Natural & Cultural Resources

and Historic Properties, and he serves as a FEMA representative on the Interagency Work Group for the National Recovery Framework developing the federal role in protecting cultural resources. Sullivan has been a tireless advocate for COSTEP in FEMA Region I.