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## Disaster Resistance at Two Canadian Universities: Case Studies of the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University

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**Wednesday, March 20, 2013**

**Workshop Session 4**

Time of Session: 3:30-5:00PM

Session Title: Examining University Preparedness

- A. Situated Preparedness: The Negotiation of a Future Catastrophe in a California University

Speaker: **Natalie Baker**, University of California

- B. Disaster Resistance at Two Canadian Universities: Case Studies of the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University

Speaker: **Catherine Brown**, Waterloo University

Room: 205

Head Count: 7

Note Taker: Kyle Tveten

## **Examining University Preparedness**

### **Disaster Resistance at Two Canadian Universities – Catherine Brown**

- Both Waterloo Univ. and Wilfred Laurier Univ. are public universities
- Results: Mental health initiatives in response to disasters for staff and students do not exist and need to be developed and implemented.
- Results: Lack of DRU POV
  - Canadian units not required to develop DRU plans – it is the general view that funds are better used elsewhere due to lack of frequency of disasters.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- No outside sources of funding for DRU programs for Canadian universities.
- Cause of 2003 Toronto Blackout?
  - Human error: a branch had broken and was threatening to fall on power system. The detection system failed to call attention to it.