Recent weather events such as Hurricane Florence and Dorian have once again brought the topic of disaster preparedness to the minds of many who work cultural heritage institutions across North Carolina. Is your organization as prepared as it needs to be for a disaster, large or small? This conference will provide information about the fundamentals of disaster planning, provide ideas for training staff and how to practice your disaster plan, review lessons learned from past events, and examine local, state and national resources that can help you prepare and survive a disaster should the unthinkable happen.

Schedule

8:00    Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00    Welcome
9:15    Overcoming Inertia: Developing and Maintaining a Written Disaster Plan. Martha Battle Jackson, Chief Curator North Carolina Historic Sites.
10:15   Morning Break
10:30   Practice makes Perfect: Planning a Tabletop Exercise to Practice Your Disaster Plan. Annie Peterson, Program Leader, LYRASIS.
11:00   Navigating the FEMA Grant Process. Dorothy Henderson Bell, Community Development Specialist at NC Division of Emergency Management – FEMA.
11:30   Robert James Award for Preservation Excellence and Scholarship Winners
12:00   Lunch
1:00    Lightning Sessions

(1) You Can Dance in a Hurricane Only if You’re Standing in the Eye. Craig Fansler, Preservation Librarian, Wake Forest University
(2) Luck Was on Our Side: Disaster Perspectives from a Curation Facility. Emily McDowell, Supervisor NC Office of State Archaeology. Courtney Page, Collections Manager, NC OSA. Sherry Boyette, Laboratory Technician, NC OSA.

(3) Everyday Disaster: What Happened at the Duke University Medical Center Archives When the Toilet Overflowed. Lucy Waldrop, Assistant Director and Technical Services Head, Duke University Medical Center Archives. Rebecca Williams, Research, Outreach and Education Librarian, Duke University Medical Center Archives.


2:30 Break


3:30 Help at Hand: State and Regional Disaster Recovery Resources. Jeff Futch, Reginal Supervisor, Western Office NC Office of Archives and History. Heather South, Lead Archivist, Western Regional Archives.

4:00 Final Questions and Comments

4:30 Closing Remarks