

CALL FOR PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

APTNE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING & SYMPOSIUM

DISASTERS AND HOW WE OVERCOME THEM

The Association of Preservation Technology Northeast Chapter (APTNE) invites the submission of abstracts for consideration for presentation at the upcoming 2021 APTNE Annual Meeting & Symposium, to be held on Friday February 26th, 2021, with an in-person event held at Hudson Hall at the historic Hudson Opera House in Hudson, New York, as well as a virtual program. The overarching theme of the 2021 APTNE Annual Meeting & Symposium is disasters and will feature presentations and panel discussions from professionals and/or local students.

Disasters come in various forms, whether they be a natural disaster, a man-made disaster, or a disastrous situation. In preservation, we deal with each of these disasters, whether it be from planning to prevent them, investigating the aftermath, or in overcoming them and coming out better than before. Each situation is defined in how we approach the disaster and each of us are judged in how we react. In a time that is currently fraught with various global disasters, each of us is challenged to move above and beyond, bringing our history and our buildings with us.

Presentations on the following suggested disasters topics will be considered:

- Natural disasters, i.e. weather, earthquakes, mudslides, flooding, fires, wind, global pandemic, climate change
- Man-made disasters, i.e. terrorism, nuclear reactor meltdowns, oil spills, economic depression
- Social disasters, i.e. homelessness, poverty, mental health
- Cultural disasters, i.e. racism, sexism, social movements, gentrification, loss of community
- Obsolescence, i.e. deterioration of structural systems, transportation systems, mechanical systems

Presentations must also be tied to one of three tracks:

- Research and/or planning to better understand, prevent, and mitigate disasters
- Reacting to and/or investigating the aftermath of disaster
- Overcoming disasters, re-branding after disaster, and developing resiliency for future disasters

We encourage not only case studies, but also social discussions and academic research. For the former, presenters are required to demonstrate how the case study contributes broader knowledge to the field of preservation by providing in-depth analysis of what was learned in the course of the study or project and how that applies elsewhere.

Presentations are to be 25-30 minutes in length and are to be in English, with a maximum of two speakers. Selected presenters will be required to provide a video recording of their presentation by the end of January and confirm their interest in in-person and/or virtual presentations.

Abstract submission will be through the APTNE website. The following materials will be required to submit an abstract:

- Contact Information- Name, Email, Phone Number
- Presenter Information- Resume (word doc), Head shot, Biography (250 words or less)
- Abstract Information- Title, Abstract (500-900 words in word doc and plain text)
- Photographs- at least one photograph referencing the abstract

The due date for Abstract Submission is **October 12th** and the selection process and notifications will be completed in Mid-November.

If you are interested and have your materials ready to go, please go to the following website for submission:

<https://www.aptnet.org/2021-abstract-submission>