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**Georgia Archives Presents
Disaster Preparedness and Response for Essential Records (DPRER) Seminar**

Disasters don't wait for inventories. The Georgia Archives' DPRER seminar teaches professionals how to protect vital records with solid pre-incident plans and practical recovery techniques. The seminar is offered in three formats: online, in person, and a one-day Wet Salvage hands-on course. All course materials will be provided through the Georgia Archives website, and access details will be sent by email to all registered participants. Subject to confirmation by the Georgia Records Association, continuing education credits will be offered to members who attend and complete all seminar assignments.

Register here: <https://universitysystemofgeorgia.swoogo.com/disasterpreparednessfall25>

Seminar Options:

- Online Course: October 30 and 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- In-person Course: November 5 and 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wet Salvage Course (hands-on): November 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Course Details:

Online Course:

- Advanced registration required
- Cost: \$35 per person for both days
- Registration closes October 29 at 11:59 p.m.
- Guest speaker: Dr. Todd Watson, Deputy CISO, University System of Georgia Cyber Security
- Online via Microsoft Teams

In-person Course:

- Seating limited; advance registration required
- Cost: \$35 per person for both days
- Registration closes November 3 at 11:59 p.m.
- Guest speaker: Dr. Todd Watson, Deputy CISO, University System of Georgia Cyber Security
- Lunch and refreshments provided both days by Friends of the Georgia Archives and History and the Clayton County Tourism Authority

Wet Salvage Course (hands-on):

- Seating limited; advance registration required
- Cost: \$35 for this one-day course
- Registration closes November 3 at 11:59 p.m.
- Features a hands-on activity based on responding to disaster and recovery efforts
- Lunch and refreshments provided by Friends of the Georgia Archives and History and the Clayton County Tourism Authority

The Wet Salvage course will offer hands-on training in disaster response, with a focus on wet salvage techniques for water-damaged records, mold identification and treatment, and surface cleaning demonstrations. Attendees will also practice using the Incident Command System for efficient disaster response.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

- Online Course: refunds until **Monday, October 28, 11:59 p.m. ET**
- In-person Course: refunds until **Friday, October 31, 11:59 p.m. ET**
- Wet Salvage Course: refunds until **Monday, November 3, 11:59 p.m. ET**

Attendees who cancel their registration by the stated registration deadlines above will receive a full refund. No-shows or late cancellations will not be eligible for refunds.

Contact Information

For seminar or registration questions, contact Christine Garrett at 678-364-3782 or christine.garrett@usg.edu.

Additional Information

Attendees may pay via credit card or send payment by check directly to Conference and Meeting Services. Information is available on the registration page. Please note that credit card payments include a non-refundable fee.

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