

Bill Anderson Fund Fellows,

I want to share with you how delighted I am for us to be hosted by the Texas A&M University Hazard Reduction & Recovery Center. The Texas A & M team who has worked very hard and diligently to bring the Bill Anderson Fund Fellows Workshop here have my sincere thanks and appreciation. This team includes BAF Fellow and PhD candidate, [Ms. Fayola Jacobs](#), [Dr. John Cooper, Jr.](#), [Dr. Walt Peacock](#), [Dr. Shannon Van Zandt](#), [Dr. Phil Berke](#), [Dr. Jennifer Horney](#), [Dr. Michelle Meyer](#) and [DeeDee Leverett](#).

“The Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center (HRRC) was established at [Texas A&M University](#) in 1988. HRRC researchers focus on hazard analysis, emergency preparedness and response, disaster recovery, and hazard mitigation. Researchers study the full range of natural disasters and technological hazards.”

We are so fortunate to have masters of H&DM publishing participating in the workshop segment Developing Scholarly Work that is such a critical area for the Fellows. Their works are an illustration of their concern and long-term study in the academic effort to bring to the forefront issues that need to be rectified in communities throughout the United States.

A snap shot of the volumes they have been involved with publishing follow.

**Structures of Long-Term Disaster Recovery: Organizational Roles and Collaboration in Six Cities**

PI: Michelle Meyer (Sociology)

Co\_PIs: Walter Gillis Peacock, Shannon Van Zandt, David Bierling, John Cooper Jr.

**Planning for Community Resilience: A Handbook for Reducing Vulnerability to Disasters**

Jaimie Hicks Masterson, Walter Gillis Peacock, Shannon S. Van Zandt, Himanshu Grover, Lori Feild Schwarz, John T. Cooper, Jr. 2014 Island Press

**REU Site: Studies in Social Inequality and Social Vulnerability**

PI: Mark Fossett (Sociology)

Co\_PIs: Walter Gillis Peacock

More can be seen here....[Articles & Book Chapters](#), [Books & Monographs](#)

We are also very fortunate to have the opportunity to visit communities in Houston that have felt full brunt of Hurricane Harvey. Dr. John Cooper, Jr. has demonstrated a long-term commitment with the “[Texas Target Communities](#) (TTC) that is the primary vehicle for HRRC outreach activities. TTC is a program within the College of Architecture to facilitate the transformation of communities from high/low risk opportunity to equitable, resilient, and adaptive by mitigating the threats to the economy, environment, and culture.”

We will also have Dr. Vernetta Williams with us again to present CV development, that instrument that often is the first look potential employers have of you as a potential employee.... We want to make sure you present yourself in a way that takes advantage of the very hard work you have done to earn your PhDs.

As the Bill Anderson Fund works to develop the leaders of tomorrows’ H & D M, these experiences are invaluable. Again, thank you for your hospitality and stewardship.

Norma Doneghy Anderson, Founder  
The Bill Anderson Fund



**Texas A&M University Workshop**  
**April 26-29, 2018**

## Schedule

### Thursday, April 26

6:30 pm	Arrive at Aloft Hotel
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Reception
8:00 pm	Dinner at local restaurant

### Friday, April 27

7:15 am	Pick up at Aloft hotel/transport to campus
7:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – 502 Rudder Tower Welcome - Norma Anderson, Walter Peacock & Shannon Van Zandt
	Workshop Location – Rudder Tower 504
9:00 – 10:00 am	Session 1: Overview of Texas A&M Hazard Mitigation – Walter Peacock
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:30 am	Session 2: Developing Scholarly Work Part 1 – Phil Berke, Walter Peacock, Shannon Van Zandt, & Jennifer Horney
11:30am – 12:15 pm	Session 3: Developing Scholarly Work Part 2 – Shannon Van Zandt
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Lunch & Group Photo - 502 Rudder Tower
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Session 4: Work-life Balance During and After Grad School Panel
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 – 5:15 pm	Session 5: Tour of Disaster City
5:30 pm	Dinner

### Day 3 – Saturday April 28

7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 – 10:00 am	Travel to Houston
	Meeting Location: TSU: Mickey Leland School
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Session 1: Toxic/Post-Harvey Tour
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Session 2: Vernetta Williams – Writing Workshop
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Session 3: Texas Southern University Symposium
5:30 pm	Dinner
Lodging:	Ramada Inn IAH (Dee Dee) 15350 John F. Kennedy 281-219-1600 Rate: \$69.00 Conf# 891442 and 891443

### Day 4 – Sunday April 28

Participants depart – Shuttle from hotel to airport