



Hello NHERI GSC!

Thank you to everyone who attended our NSF NHERI GSC General Meeting on December 19, 2025. The meeting was held as a festive holiday social, where attendees gathered for a relaxed, fun-filled time to connect, unwind, and celebrate the season together. The team of Matthew Van and Samir Nepal conducted the holiday social activities on the day. Games such as Pictionary, Taboos, Scattergories, were the main attractions of the day.

Below you will find the minutes from the meeting:

Announcements:

- Members are encouraged to connect with the NHERI group on LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/ngsc/.
- Members interested in getting involved were invited to contact Diako Abbasi or Utkuhan Genc.
- Shared the registration link for the 4th Annual NSF NHERI GSC Mini-Conference (May 15, 2026); The abstract submission date is closed. But note that the reviewer registration is open until **January 16, 2026**. https://bit.ly/2026NHERIGSC_Mini-Conference.
- Announced that Mini-Conference abstract submissions were due **January 16, 2026**: https://bit.ly/2026NHERIGSC_Mini-ConferenceAbstract.
- Learn more at the website: <https://designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council/mini-conference-2026/>.

We invite you to get involved in 2026 NSF NHERI GSC Mini-Conference:
Innovations in Natural Hazards Engineering in five keyways:

- ✓ Attend the conference
- ✓ Submit a research abstract
- ✓ Volunteer as a peer reviewer
- ✓ Join the Data Challenge
- ✓ Join the Research Challenge

Selected posters will be featured in the 2026 NHERI GSC Mini-Conference Book of Proceedings, published on DesignSafe DataDepot.

 Register: https://bit.ly/2026NHERIGSC_Mini-Conference

Conference opportunities:

Conference	Dates	Abstract
------------	-------	----------

APPAM: Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management	November 13-15, 2025	Closed*
SRA: Society of Risk Analysis Conference	December 7-11, 2025	Closed*
YCSEC: Young Coastal Scientist and Engineers Conference	April 2026	Closed*
Geotechnical Frontiers Conference	March 9-12, 2026	Closed*
AAG: 2025 American Association of Geographers	March 17-21, 2026	Closed*
ANNSIM: Annual Modeling & Simulation Conference	May 4-7, 2026	January 11, 2026
ACWE: 16th Americas Conference for Wind Engineering	Not announced yet	Closed*
NSF NHERI Summer Institute	June, 2026	Not announced yet
EMI: ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute	June 2-5, 2026	January 15, 2026
Natural Hazards Workshop & Researcher's Meeting	June 14-17, 2026	February 6, 2026
IWSHM: International Workshop on Structural Health Monitoring	July 7-10, 2026	Closed*
ASA: American Sociological Association	August 7-11, 2026	February 25, 2026
*Conferences that are closed are open for registration, but abstract submission is closed.		

- **Today's Speaker:**

A recording of this meeting can be found on our website in the coming days (<https://www.designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council/explore/meetings/>).

- Next month's meeting will be on Friday, January 16, 2026.

Welcome to New Members:

Standing Committee Leadership and Contacts

Standing Committee	Chair & Vice-Chair	Contact
Workshop & Mentoring	Alireza Mirghafouri	alirezamirghafouri@gmail.com

Community Engagement	Rajee Tamrakar	rajee.tamrakar@siu.edu
Research	Pooria Mazaheri	mazaheri@IASTATE.EDU
	Zul Kazeem	azk15@case.edu
Networking & Community	Matt Van	mlvan@udel.edu
Membership	Diako Abbasi	dabbasi@umd.edu
	Utkuhan Genc	Ugenc@purdue.edu
Social Media & Outreach	Estovio Timothy	estovioo@gmail.com

Research Subcommittee Representatives and Contacts

Research Subcommittee	Representative	Contact
Coastal Engineering	Sadegh Nouri	msnouri@udel.edu
Earthquake Engineering	Unfilled- Contact Pooria Mazaheri, if interested.	Unfilled- Contact Poori Mazaheri, if interested (mazaheri@IASTATE.EDU)
Geotechnical Engineering	Mohamed Hassan	mhasa9@lsu.edu
Reconnaissance	Unfilled- Contact Pooria Mazaheri, if interested.	Unfilled- Contact Poori Mazaheri, if interested (mazaheri@IASTATE.EDU)
Simulation & Computational Methods	Mohammad Movahedi	eng.mohammadmovahedi@gmail.com
Social Science	Najiba Rashid	rashidna@oregonstate.edu
Wind Engineering	Arezoo Bakhshizadeh	ab22cd@fsu.edu

Attendance taken via zoom:

Matthew Van	Shailaja's Notetaker (Otter.ai)	Ravindu Jayasekara
Robin Nelson	Amuda, Kamordeen	Fouad Elazaka
Destiny F Howell	Zul Kazeem	Gianluca Cavallo
Mazaheri	Dilruba Akter	Shailaja's Notetaker
Hamidreza Allahdadi	Syed Asif	Samir Nepal
Jordan Nakayama	Mostafa Sameer	Anamika malla
Utkuhan Genc	Estovio Timothy	Parisa Toofani Movaghar
Sarbesh Banjara	ERIC's Notetaker	

Best,
Samir Nepal
Research Assistant
Texas A & M University
Vice Secretary of NSF NHERI GSC