The emergency management community has long been aware of a gap that persists between emergency practitioners and scientists who study disasters. The Critical Issues in Disaster Science and Management project aims to foster a dialogue between academics and practitioners that begins to bridge the divide between the two professional communities.

In each chapter of this book, an academic writer and a practitioner author reflect on a pertinent emergency management issue from their particular perspective and then integrate their unique viewpoints in a third “bridging the divide” section. By establishing a base knowledge of the others’ work, Critical Issues in Disaster Science and Management builds a foundation for more conversation.

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