



# The Conference Call

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Don't miss your opportunity to be part of one of the most popular sessions at the IAEM 68th Annual Conference & EMEX. The EMvision Talks are modeled on the well-known TED™ Talk format. These are five to seven minute Talks about a speaker's idea or passion in emergency management relating to the conference theme – *Visioning the Future of Emergency Management*.



The 2020 EMvision Talks call for speakers will open on **April 6th and close on May 8th**. Start to prepare your proposal now!

The best 5 to 7 speaker submissions will be selected to present their Talk on the plenary stage on Tuesday, November 17th during the IAEM 68th Annual Conference & EMEX, in Long Beach, California, November 13—18, 2020.

All selected speakers will receive 1/2 off the early bird member full registration fee (2019 was a **\$312 value**).

View the [Speaker Guidelines](#) for requirements, details and more information. Keep up to date with information by visiting the [conference website](#) frequently. See [past year's presentations](#) on [IAEM's YouTube Channel](#).



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## Long Beach, California

### *Where Urban Life Meets Beachside Relaxation!*

By: Peter Sturner, Conference Committee Member

While a good portion of the country is experiencing bone chilling cold, winter winds, snow and ice storms, our thoughts turn to warmer times. Many of us are thinking about Long Beach California, site of the 2020 IAEM Conference. This year's Conference will take place November 13th thru 18th. The Conference will be held at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center located at 300 East Ocean Boulevard and the Westin Long Beach Hotel located at 333 East Ocean Boulevard.

In addition to an excellent conference, there are numerous exciting extra-curricular activities in Long Beach. For example, you can visit the Historic Queen Mary or go to the Aquarium of the Pacific. Disneyland and other Southern California attractions are nearby.

Oh! As your thoughts turn to warmer times remember that Long Beach enjoys a year-round average temperature of 74 degrees.

Visit the [NEW conference website](#) for more information.



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## Poster Showcase

The IAEM Poster Showcase will issue a call for abstracts on **MARCH 23, 2020**.

The purpose of the Showcase is to convey to a wide audience the significance of an individual's research project, practice, or general findings to practitioners and scholars.

This is open to students, academics, and practitioners. The Poster Showcase is an opportunity to share the work of individuals, not organizations. Displayed posters will receive certificates of participation that document credit towards the IAEM Certification Program under Professional Contribution Category F, Speaking. View the [benefits and guidance online](#).

## Save the Date

**November 13 to 18, 2020**

The IAEM 68th Annual Conference & EMEX will be in Long Beach, California. Reserve the date on your calendars now and make sure you register early for discounted rates! Registration will open in June of 2020.



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## IAEM Conference Website

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Have you taken a visit to the new IAEM Conference website lately? The new re-design has all the information for interested attendees in an easy to use format. Navigate quickly, and easily, to obtain information on programming and registering to speak at the EMvision Talks or entering the Poster Showcase! You can also find helpful information, such as lodging and things to do in our host city of Long Beach, CA. If you've never attended an IAEM conference before, why not scroll down and view testimonials, last year's plenary speakers and EMvision talks? Already interested in attending? You'll certainly be pleased to know that the speaker portal and registration is now tied to the IAEM Database. This allows for your information to autofill, making submissions and registration that much easier!

[Click here](#) to take a visit and explore all that the IAEM Annual Conference has to offer! Stay tuned to the website as we continue to update and as the conference continues to grow!



## Thomas E. Drabek, Ph.D.

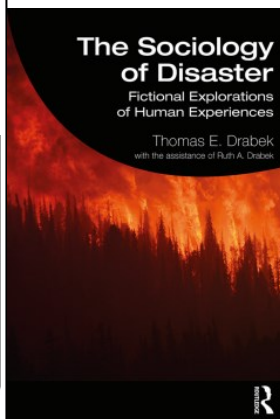
By: Valerie Lucas-McEwen, Conference Committee  
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One of the scheduled plenary speakers at the IAEM is Thomas E. Drabek, Ph.D, Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Denver. Starting with the creation of the Disaster Research Center (DRC) at The Ohio State University in 1963, Dr. Drabek will share his vision of changes in emergency management during his six decades in disaster research. As he describes this journey, he will focus on issues and questions that reflect those changes.

His most recent book, *The Sociology of Disaster: Fictional Explorations of Human Experiences* (2020) is a series of stories and in-depth analysis exploring the consequences of catastrophes with an examination of the emotional impacts of disaster events and the many ripple effects that follow. While designed for classroom use, it is ideal for casual reading by practicing (and retired) emergency management professionals.

Dr. Drabek has been semi-retired since 2004, but continues to write and lecture at emergency management and academic conferences. A several decade member of IAEM, Dr. Drabek has shared his research results through

numerous conference presentations and 30 books he has authored or co-authored, plus over 100 journal articles and book chapters. He received the E.L. Quarantelli Award for Outstanding Contributions to Social Science Disaster Theory (2007) and the Dr. B. Wayne Blanchard Award for Academic Excellence in Emergency Management Higher Education (2008).



## Did You Know?

Are you looking for your certificate of attendance or do you need to print a record of your receipt? [Click here](#). If you need assistance [email](#) Rebecca Campbell.

Do you want to see photos taken from the 2019 Annual Conference? Look [here](#) for multiple options!

Did you know you can access all of the speaker slide presentations from the 2019 Annual Conference on the IAEM2GO App and the web based version on your computer? All speaker PowerPoint presentations submitted to IAEM are located under each individual session. Choose a session and click on the link for speaker presentations under PDFs located at the bottom of each individual session screen. For more information on how to download the app or use the web version, [click here](#).

