

Damon Coppola

SCOR²E Team



Years of Experience

20+ Years

Education

The George Washington University

Master of Environmental Planning

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BS in Regional Development

Professional Experience

Accomplished emergency management systems engineer who has bridged the gap between practice and academia through his ever-expanding catalog of emergency management textbooks.

Damon Coppola has authored many best-selling books on risk and emergency management, climate change, and homeland security. He is a risk and resilience expert and innovator with more than two decades of practical and academic experience. As the founder and principal of a disaster risk management consulting firm, Damon has served as a consultant to international organizations, national and local governments, NGOs, and the private sector.

Shoreline Risk, Founding Principal

Bullock and Haddow, LLC, Partner (2001 – Present)

- Provide community resilience, disaster risk reduction, and climate change technical advisory/training
- Manage project operations including: stakeholder engagement; program planning and development; research, analysis, and modeling; information management; reporting; and other functions

Pacific Disaster Center; University of Hawaii, Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor + Senior Disaster Management Specialist (2018 – Present)

- Provide strategic and program development guidance for the National Disaster Preparedness Baseline
- Assessment (NDPBA) program
- Manage national and sub-national disaster management capacity assessments
- Facilitate partnerships building and stakeholder engagement

Hagerty Consulting, Senior Managing Consultant (2008 – 2009)

- Designed and developed federal program policy and drafted policy guidance documents
- Supported preparedness stakeholders at the Federal, FEMA Regional, State, and local levels

GWU Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management (ICDRM), Research Associate (2001 – 2003)

- Conducted primary research and analysis focused on advancing emergency and disaster management capacity in the United States
- Developed training and education to support the US FEMA Emergency Management Institute

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Intern, Environmental Unit (2000 – 2001)

- Evaluated sustainable development and conservation projects against target standards
- Assisted project managers in submitting audits on active UNDP-Ecuador projects

Harvard University, T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Environmental/Occupational Risk Program, Research Technician (1999 – 2000)

- Conducted experiments to identify work-related occupational illnesses linked to endotoxin exposure using kinetic limulus assays, gravimetrics, and uranine fluorescence
- Managed two full-time laboratory interns on multiple research projects