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Career Profile

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Eve has been working in the field of natural hazard mitigation for more than 25 years. She has published widely and is an internationally recognized expert in the specialty areas of warning system development and flash flooding.

In 2003 she received National Science Foundation funding for a 3-year project evaluating warnings for short fuse weather events, particularly tornadoes and flash floods. Working with her colleague Chip Benight from psychology, the project will study how demographic changes, new technologies and new sources of information should be reflected in warning policy. The study will focus on Denver, CO and Austin, TX

During the spring of 2003 Eve was a Fulbright Scholar serving as the Distinguished Chair of Geography and University of Trieste, Italy. In 2002 she received a grant for a scholarly exchange with colleagues at Binghamton University in NY and University of Ljubljana in Slovenia to do comparable studies of flash floods and landslides.

In 2002 she co-edited the volume Coping with Flash Floods (Kluwer 2000) that brings together papers from leading experts who participated at the 1999 NATO Advanced Studies Institute that she organized and held in Ravello, Italy.

She has spoken to many professional organizations in the U.S. including the Association of State Floodplain Managers, the National Weather Service, and the Hydrologic Engineering

Center of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, COMET at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, and the Forecast Systems Laboratory of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She has participated in numerous workshops sharing lessons from research on warning systems and flash flooding.

She has completed contract work with several agencies including the Bureau of Reclamation, the Corps of Engineers, the National Weather Service, and has served in an advisory capacity to National Research Council, NOAA, and the National Science Foundation.

In 2002 Eve spent one month as a visiting scholar at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in the Environmental Societal Impacts Group. Eve spent nearly two years (97-98 and (98-99) at the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere at Colorado State University.

Eve teaches a wide range of courses with particular emphasis on human geography, disasters and society, women in the world, and environmental planning.



Eve and Mitja Brilly
examining recent landslide
in Slovenia, June 2002