

## **Disaster Management and Post-Disaster Recovery: Lessons and Challenges for a Resilient Chile**

On November 16, [Dr. Malo Hutson](#) and the [Urban Community and Health Equity Lab](#) at [Columbia GSAPP](#) organized a workshop called “Disaster Management and Post-Disaster Recovery: Lessons and Challenges for a Resilient Chile.” This event took place in Santiago, Chile and is part of a larger academic research initiative, sponsored by the Columbia President's Global Innovation Fund, with additional support by the Lab's partners, [Columbia Global Center Santiago](#), [Centro de Estudios Urbano Territoriales \(CEUT\)](#), Universidad Católica del Maule, and the [Instituto de la Vivienda \(INVI\)](#) at the University of Chile. This initiative explores the Chilean experience responding to disasters and recovery to learn about applicable strategies and lessons to inform other countries and regions worldwide.

Dr. Hutson, together with a group of Urban Planning students (Pauline Claramunt (UP '19), Emilio Flamenco (UP '20), and Shoshana Sheinfeld (Dual UP and Public Health '21)) traveled to Chile, and joined a recent UP graduate and one of the Project's researchers, Maria Garces (UP '18). The workshop brought together a wide array of disciplines, from the public sector, private sector and NGOs who shared their experiences around the subject. The activities concluded with a day trip to Santa Olga, a community located about 400 km South of Santiago, that was devastated by wildfires on 2017 and is now undergoing a successful reconstruction process. During the visit, the group was able to talk to the community and visit the newly built public school, among other infrastructure.

The workshop established the foundation for strong future collaborations within this scope of research and intervention. A more detailed summary of the event will be published in the coming weeks and **Dr. Malo Hutson** will develop a graduate-level studio course with Ms. Urban Planning Master's students next Spring semester.