

# CHRISTIAN REGENHARD CENTER FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE STUDIES

## FALL 2011 EVENTS : 9/11 + 10

### SEPTEMBER

#### *“After Katrina: Defense Support for Civil Authorities”*

Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2011      Time: 2:00-4:00 pm      Room 630T (899 Tenth Avenue)  
Speaker: **Col. Robert Freehill**, US Army NORTHCOM, FEMA Region II Defense Coordinating Officer

Col. Freehill was selected by the US Army command as the inaugural Defense Coordinating Officer for FEMA Region II. Growing from the experience of Hurricane Katrina, the US military is now “leaning forward” to provide assistance to State and local agencies in times of disaster. Col. Freehill will explain this new approach, and the redefined role of the military in civil support functions.

#### *“9/11 After Ten Years: Cultural, Personal, and Historical Perspectives ”*

Date: Friday, September 9, 2011      Time: 11:00am--6:00 pm      Room 630T  
Speakers (partial): Robert Jay Lifton, Charles B. Strozier, Moustafa Bayoumi, Louis Bickford, Karen Joy Greenberg, Susie Linfield, Karen Malpede, Sally Regenhard, Jaspreet Singh & Amy Waldman, Rev. Myrna Bethke, and others

Nothing can adequately honor the pain of 9/11 survivors and the families of those who died in the disaster. It was too large an event, one that remains simultaneously ever-present and elusive. At John Jay College, which lost 68 alumni that day, we feel a special connection to the significance of 9/11. The Center on Terrorism joins with RaCERS to host a conference that explores September 11th in cultural and historical memory. The panels and breakout sessions will feature scholars, writers as well as victims’ families and survivors of the 9/11 attacks

#### *“Twin Towers” Viewing of Documentary and Remembrances”*

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011      Two Showings: Times: 1:30-2:50 pm; 5:00-6:30 pm      Room 630T  
Discussant: Prof. Richard Mack, Department of Law and Police Science (invited)

“Twin Towers” is an Academy Award-winning short documentary about 9/11. One of the most moving documentaries produced on the subject, the project began as a profile of Det. Joe Vigiano, assigned to an elite NYPD Emergency Services Unit. His brother, John was a fire officer with FDNY. Filmmakers who set out to capture the story of one brother found themselves documenting the loss of both brothers on 9/11. Their father John Vigiano Sr. himself had retired from FDNY.

#### *About the Center*

The Christian Regenhard Center for Emergency Response Studies is a new, unique applied research center bridging the gap between theory and practice in emergency response and homeland security realms. We are unique in our cross-discipline responder emphasis and focus on developing actionable strategies.

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#### *About Christian Regenhard*

Christian Michael Otto Regenhard was born on August 25, 1973. He was raised in Co-op City, Bronx, New York. After graduating from the Bronx High School of Science, he served five years in the United States Marine Corps, leaving as a decorated Recon Sergeant. After studying language, art and writing at San Francisco State University, he was hired by the Fire Department of New York (FDNY), graduating from probationary school in July 2001. He was assigned to Ladder 131 when he was killed in the collapse of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 at age 28.

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### OCTOBER

#### *“Why Did the World Trade Center Collapse? A Reflection on the NIST Investigation”*

Date: Monday, October 17, 2011      Time: 12:30-4:30 pm      Room 630T

Speakers: **James Quintierre**, University of Maryland; **Jake Pauls**, Pedestrian Movement Expert; **Glenn Corbett**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice;  
Moderator: **Scott Knowles**, Drexel University

This panel discussion will retell the contentious history leading to authorization of the investigation of the World Trade Center's collapse by NIST. For the first time, principal players involved in advocacy, criticism, and research into this event are together to tell their stories. Moderator Scott Knowles, author of *The Disaster Experts: Managing Risk in Modern America*, will provide historical context.

### NOVEMBER

#### *“Security in Lower Manhattan: Recommendations from 2002”*

Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2011      Time: 11:00am--1:00 pm

Speakers: **Setha Low**, PhD Program in Anthropology, Graduate Center; **Maki Haberfeld**, Department of Law and Police Science; **Charles Jennings**, Department of Protection Management

This panel is a reprise of a panel given in February 2002 at the conference on redevelopment of Lower Manhattan sponsored by Baruch College's Newman Real Estate Institute. The presenters, representing counter-terrorism, urban security, and the anthropological implications of security on public spaces, will reunite to recap their predictions and recommendations for the way forward. The panel will also discuss the current plans, successes, and missed opportunities.

### DECEMBER

#### *“The Landscape of Counterterrorism Information Sharing in the United States”*

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2011      Time: 1:00-3:30 pm      Room 630T

Speaker: **Carol Dyer**, National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC)

This presentation will provide an explanation and overview of the structure and function of the counterterrorism information sharing system in the United States. Growing out of recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, the NCTC was opened in 2004 to “be a center for joint operational planning and joint intelligence, staffed by personnel from the various agencies.” The NCTC plays a central role in information sharing and analysis of intelligence from numerous sources including law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

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