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Valerie Seefried is a Research Associate at the Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management (ICDRM) at the George Washington University. She is concurrently pursuing her doctoral degree at GWU in the department of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering, with a specialization in the emergency management of public health incidents. The projects she is presently involved with include the development of a generic Public Health and Medical Volunteer Management System (PH&M VMS) for widespread use at the local and jurisdictional levels for organizations managing spontaneous volunteers during the response to incidents. In addition, she has worked on a year-long contract by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Emergency Management Strategic Healthcare Group to assist in the creation of innovative training and personal development curricula for the VHA Emergency Management Academy. She has also contributed to the development of a Public Health Volunteer Management System for the Arlington County Public Health Division of the Department of Human Services.

Her Masters of Public Health from the Tulane School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine and her work as Program Coordinator for the Homeland Security and Resilience Program at the British think-tank, the Royal United Services Institute, served both to motivate her doctoral research and contribute to her project work with the Institute. Valerie has a Bachelor of Science in zoology from the University of Bristol, UK and speaks French, German and Italian fluently.