New York University Visit to IRIDeS and Study Tour (2019/1/18-2019/1/19)

Theme: Disaster recovery, urban plan, fieldwork and study tour
Place: IRIDeS, Sendai City, Natori City

On January 18th and 19th, 23 students of the Gallatin School of Individualized Study at New York University (NYU), along with 3 faculty members, visited IRIDeS and areas in the Sendai Plan to learn about the process of recovery after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. On January 18th students visited IRIDeS, watched the Great Tsunami Movie, and listened to an orientation and overview lecture about the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami and recovery presented by Associate Professor Elizabeth Maly (Disaster Information Management and Public Collaboration Division).

On the following day, January 19th, guided by Assoc. Professor Maly, the students and faculty from Gallatin visited Yuriage area of Natori City, and the Arahama area of Sendai City. Students learned about the history of Yuriage, the experience of the 2011 tsunami, and the current situation of recovery through the explanation of members of Fram Natori, and visited the Maple House and Yuriage Disaster Recovery Public Housing. In the coastal area of Sendai, students learned about the experience of tsunami in the Arahama area at the former Arahama Elementary School and visited the 3.11 Memorial Community Center at Arai subway station.

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