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Your fellow **Operations Research and Management Science** professionals are pleased to extend an open invitation to attend the Fourth INFORMS Richmond/Tidewater Chapter Meeting.

When: Thursday, **May 10th, 2012, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m**.
Where: Peninsula Higher Education Center (**Room 2212**)
600 Butler Farm Rd., Hampton, VA 23666
Food: Finger food and soda will be served
Parking: Open

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Presentation: MANAGING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DURING SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS
by
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Laura A. McLay is an Assistant Professor of Statistical Sciences and Operations Research at Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. McLay's research interests are in the field of operations research with a particular focus on discrete optimization and Markov decision processes to manage both routine and severe risks. Her research has applications in homeland security, emergency management problems, and emergency response during severe weather events.

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