

# FEMA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium Agenda

Plenary Sessions in E Auditorium		
Monday, June 3	Tuesday, June 4	Wednesday, June 5
8:00–9:00 a.m. <b>Symposium Registration</b> (E Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby)	8:00–9:00 a.m. <b>Symposium Registration</b> (E Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby)	8:00–9:00 a.m. <b>Symposium Registration</b> (E Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby)
9:00–9:10 a.m. <b>National Anthem, Presentation of Colors, and Welcome</b> Christine Spangler, FEMA Higher Education Program Manager Jay Wilkes, NTES Branch Chief Maryland State Police	9:00–9:15 a.m. <b>Protecting Communities Through Academic Engagement</b> Vania Lockett, Associate Director of DHS Office of Partnership and Engagement	9:00–9:10 a.m. <b>Final Day Remarks</b> Christine Spangler, FEMA Higher Education Program Manager Jay Wilkes, NTES Branch Chief
9:10–9:20 a.m. <b>Facility Welcome</b> Chief Tonya Hoover, USFA Deputy Administrator	9:15–9:45 a.m. <b>Who Are Our Emergency Management Students? (Traditional)</b> Dr. DeeDee Bennett-Gayle, University at Albany, State University of New York	9:10–9:55 a.m. <b>The Ten States Project: Social, Environmental, and Digital Justice Meet Climate Risk in African American Communities (Panel)</b> Monica Sanders, Juliette Jackson, The Undivide Project; Mariska Bogaard, Georgetown University; Helene Gusman, Johns Hopkins University
9:20–9:30 a.m. <b>Higher Education Program Overview</b> Christine Spangler, FEMA Higher Education Program Manager	9:45–10:45 a.m. <b>Emergency Management Higher Education Degree Programs, Standards Alignment, and Workforce Analysis (Overview) (Traditional)</b> Arthur Simental, University of Colorado Colorado Springs; Dr. Tina Bynum, Pikes Peak State College; Dr. Dara Marin Prais, Simental Industries SHIELD Initiative; Erin Zaideman, University of Colorado Denver	9:55–10:05 a.m. <b>Break</b>
9:30–9:45 a.m. <b>NTED Welcome and Overview</b> Patrick Cowhey, NTED Division Director	10:05–10:15 a.m. <b>Break</b>	10:05–11:05 a.m. <b>Leveraging Emergency Management for Teaching Sustainable and Climate Mindsets (Roundtable)</b> Dr. Joshua DeVincenzo, Hannah Dancy, National Center for Disaster Preparedness; Abigail Meola, Columbia University; Dr. Paula Buchanan, Northern Arizona University
9:45–10:05 a.m. <b>IAEM and Higher Education</b> Justin Kates, IAEM President	10:15–11:15 a.m. <b>FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC) Recommendations and Inclusion of Academia (Roundtable)</b> Rob Long, Director of Office of the National Advisory Council; Jacqueline Orban, Office of the National Advisory Council	11:05–11:30 a.m. <b>State of the Community (2019–2023)</b> Dr. DeeDee Bennett-Gayle, University at Albany, State University of New York
10:05–10:15 a.m. <b>Break</b>	11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. <b>From Practice to Publishing: Advancing the Field Through Research (Panel)</b> Dr. Misti Kill, Dr. Justin Heim, Dr. Tamara Mouras, Dr. Mary Lannon, Columbia Southern University	11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. <b>Academic Community Awards</b> Kay Goss Award (Arkansas Tech University), Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award (University of Central Florida University), Wayne Blanchard Award (North Dakota State University), Social Justice and Equity Award (Jacksonville State University)
10:15–11:15 a.m. <b>FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC) Recommendations and Inclusion of Academia (Roundtable)</b> Rob Long, Director of Office of the National Advisory Council; Jacqueline Orban, Office of the National Advisory Council	12:00–1:00 p.m. <b>Lunch</b> (K Building, Cafeteria)	12:00–1:00 p.m. <b>Lunch</b> (K Building, Cafeteria)
11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. <b>Using Exercises for Emergency Management Research (Traditional)</b> Noah Gibbs, FEMA National Exercise Division	12:00–1:00 p.m. <b>Lunch</b> (K Building, Cafeteria)	12:00–1:00 p.m. <b>Lunch</b> (K Building, Cafeteria)
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2:45–3:10 p.m. <b>DHS Update</b> Marcus Coleman, DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships	3:10–3:20 p.m. <b>Academic Community Award</b> Meldon Hollis Award (Texas Southern University)	3:10–3:20 p.m. <b>Academic Community Award</b> Meldon Hollis Award (Texas Southern University)
3:10–3:20 p.m. <b>Academic Community Award</b> Meldon Hollis Award (Texas Southern University)	3:20–4:00 p.m. <b>FEMA Regions' Updates (Panel)</b> Mark Strohoefer (Region 2), Danielle Cortes DeVito (Region 5), Dr. Jay Van Der Werff (Region 7), Daniel Green (Region 8), Sally Ziolkowski (Region 9)	3:20–4:00 p.m. <b>FEMA Regions' Updates (Panel)</b> Mark Strohoefer (Region 2), Danielle Cortes DeVito (Region 5), Dr. Jay Van Der Werff (Region 7), Daniel Green (Region 8), Sally Ziolkowski (Region 9)
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<b>Evening Sessions</b>		
4:00–4:30 p.m. <b>Campus Tour</b>		
4:00–5:00 p.m. <b>Effectively Managing Disasters, Research, and Collaborations in International Settings (Panel)</b> Dr. Laura Phipps, University of Texas at Arlington; Dr. Ray Chang, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Katie Curiel, FEMA Readiness Division; Richard Williams, U.S. Navy (Retired)		

\*All times Eastern

LEGEND: Traditional Presentation, Panel, Roundtable, Workshop, Other, SIG Meeting.

**Tuesday, June 4 Breakout Sessions**

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K302	K308	K318	M201	M202	S125
<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Learning from the Marshall Fire to Inform Emergency Management and Resilience-Building (Traditional)</b> Hannah Walters, Colorado School of Public Health; Dr. Andrew Rumbach, Urban Institute</p>	<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Learning Through Functional Exercises: Program, Design, and Implementation Considerations (Other)</b> Dr. Claire Connolly Knox, Mohammad Newaz Sharif, University of Central Florida; Jennifer Classen, Pennsylvania State University; Steven Lerner, Seminole County Government</p>	<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Emergency Management Plan Evaluation Using Prepared4ALL in a Classroom Setting (Traditional)</b> Dr. Andrea Adams, Anthony Mazza, Venise Thompson, University of the District of Columbia; Sue Wolf-Fordham, Association of University Centers on Disabilities</p>	<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Climate Risk and Resilience (ClimRR) Portal: Using Future Forecasted Climate Data (Traditional)</b> Carmella Burdi, Argonne National Laboratory</p>	<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Required Internships in Emergency Management Higher Education: Student Reflections and Career Progressions (Traditional)</b> Dr. Stacy Willett, University of Akron; Dr. Mark Landahl, City of Rockville</p>	<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Building Resilient Communities: The Role of U.S. Land Grant Universities and Cooperative Extension (Traditional)</b> David Kay, Cornell University</p>
<p>2:00–3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>A Team Approach to Teaching and Learning: SQUIRREL (Workshop)</b> Dr. Jamie Stacy, Dr. Beth Gray, Dr. Bethany Swindell, Arkansas Tech University</p>	<p>2:00–3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Integrating GIS Training in Emergency Management Higher Education Programs (Traditional)</b> Dr. Sarah Jackson, Western Carolina University</p>	<p>2:00–3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Maximizing Learning with GenAI Case Studies: An Instructor Guide (Workshop)</b> Joseph Rafter, Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management &amp; Public Safety at Frederick Community College; Kim Pratt, Montgomery County Police</p>	<p>2:00–3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool (RAPT): Usage in Collegiate Emergency Management Courses (Traditional)</b> Dr. John Carr, Argonne National Laboratory</p>	<p>2:00–3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>What We Get Wrong About "Resilience" (Traditional)</b> Dr. Anthony Abruzzese, Boston University Healthcare Emergency Management Program (Retired)</p>	<p>2:00–3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>How Cornell's "Hub" of Community Engagement is Supporting Community-Engaged Research (Traditional)</b> Basil Safi, Cornell University; JLP Prince, Einhorn Center for Community Engagement</p>
3:00–3:30 p.m. Break					
<p>3:30–4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>A Model for Emergency Management Bachelor's Degree Programs and Standards Alignment (Workshop)</b> David "Woody" Boyd, Teresa Ward, Pikes Peak State College</p>	<p>3:30–4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Current and Emerging Trends in International Disaster Management (Panel)</b> Dr. Laura Phipps, University of Texas at Arlington; Dr. David McEntire, Utah Vally University</p>	<p>3:30–4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Incorporating Artificial Intelligence into Emergency Management Education (Workshop)</b> Sarah Miller, Lenora Borchardt, Pierce College</p>	<p>3:30–4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Instilling Equity as a Foundation of Local Emergency Management (Traditional)</b> Dr. Joseph Ripberger, Clinton McNair, University of Oklahoma</p>	<p>3:30–4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>The Integration of Academic Research and Pedagogy into Resilience Training (Traditional)</b> Dr. Julia Crowley, University of Missouri-Kansas City</p>	<p>3:30–4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Theory to Practice (Panel)</b> Dr. John Comiskey, Monmouth University; Dr. Carol Cwiak, North Dakota State University; Dr. Shirley Feldmann-Jensen, California State University Long Beach; Dr. Terrence O'Sullivan, University of New Hampshire</p>
			<p>4:00–4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Vulnerability Assessment of Electric Vehicle Drivers During Hazardous Flooding Evacuation (Traditional)</b> Denissa Purba, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</p>	<p>4:00–4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Including Perspectives from the Blind and Visually Impaired People in Emergency Management (Roundtable)</b> Yifan Li, University of California, Irvine</p>	
Evening Networking Sessions					
Command Post Pub	K302	K308	K318	K314	K315
<p>4:30–5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Meet the Authors</b> Damon Coppola, Shoreline Risk LLC; Caroline Hassler, NETC Librarian</p>	<p>4:30–5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) (SIG Meeting)</b> Dr. Caroline Hackerott, North Dakota State University; Dr. Mark Landahl, City of Rockville <b>Jobs and Internships (SIG Meeting)</b> Dr. Stacy Willett, University of Akron</p>	<p>4:30–5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Theory and Research (SIG Meeting)</b> Dr. Ray Chang, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Dr. Lucia Velotti, City University of New York (John Jay College)</p>	<p>4:30–5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Collaboration, Connection, and Commitment to 2-Year Programs (SIG Meeting)</b> Diana Culp, Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management</p>	<p>4:30–5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Experiential Learning and Leadership (SIG Meeting)</b> Elizabeth Dunn, University of South Florida; Rebecca Morgenstern Brenner, Cornell University</p>	

**Wednesday, June 5 Breakout Sessions**

K302	K308	K318	M201	M202	S125
<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>The Use of Technology in the Emergency Management Classroom (Traditional)</b> Dr. Kevin Kupietz, Elizabeth City State University</p>	<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>The Current Landscape of the Emergency Management Workforce (Traditional)</b> Dr. Rita Burke, University of Southern California; Lorraine Schneider, The Resiliency Initiative</p>	<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Public Health Emergency Preparedness Workforce Competencies for the Next Generation (Traditional)</b> Ashley Moore, Resham Patel, University of Washington</p>	<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FEMA IHE Research Projects: Data Insights for Community Empowerment (Panel)</b> Dr. Richard Rushforth, Dr. Paula Buchanan, Northern Arizona University; Denissa Purba, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Dr. Christina Barsky, Dr. Lauren McKeague, University of Montana</p>	<p>1:00–2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Code of Ethics and Professional Standards of Conduct (Roundtable)</b> Dr. Sandy Smith, Arkansas Tech University (Retired); Dr. Shirley Feldmann-Jensen, California State University Long Beach; Dr. Andrea Adams, University of the District of Columbia; Dr. Carol Cwiak, North Dakota State University</p>	<p>1:00–2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Making Flood Messages Meaningful to Build Community Resilience (Workshop)</b> Keri Stephens, Nancy Carlson, University of Texas at Austin; Judge Joanna MacKenzie, Hudspeth County; Cody Powell, Wise County</p>
<p>2:00–2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Emergency Preparedness and Technology in the New Digital Age (Traditional)</b> Dr. DeeDee Bennett-Gayle, Dr. Xiaojun Yuan, University at Albany, State University of New York</p>	<p>2:00–2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Interprofessional Education: A Curricular Framework for Next Generation Emergency Management Professionals (Traditional)</b> Dr. Terry Cooper, University of New Haven</p>	<p>2:00–2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Introducing Artificial Intelligence in Emergency Management Technology Courses (Traditional)</b> Dr. Yi Victor Wang, Massachusetts Maritime Academy</p>	<p>2:00–2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>AI in Emergency Management: Ethical Considerations and Challenges (Traditional)</b> Jaideep Visave, Abby Cameron, Greensboro Police Department</p>		<p>2:00–2:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>International Emergency Management (SIG Meeting)</b> Dr. Ray Chang, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Dr. Laura Phipps, University of Texas at Arlington</p>
<p>2:30–3:00 p.m. Break</p>					
<p>3:00–4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Innovative Solutions Through FEMA/Higher Education Partnership: A Problem-Based Collaborative Pedagogical Model (Other)</b> Dr. Caroline Hackerott, Dr. Carol Cwiak, North Dakota State University; Daniel Green, FEMA Region 8</p>	<p>3:00–3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Centering Local Experience: Pioneering Visual Storytelling in Disaster Research (Traditional)</b> Dr. Christina Barsky, Dr. Lauren McKeague, University of Montana; Dr. Hugo Sindelar, Montana State University</p> <p>3:30–5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>One in Five Hundred Film Screening (Traditional)</b> Dr. Hugo Sindelar, Montana State University; Dr. Christina Barsky, Dr. Lauren McKeague, University of Montana</p>	<p>3:00–3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Campus CERT and Expanding Equity (Traditional)</b> Amitai "Tai" Zuckerman, FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Division; Brittany Giles-Jones, Clark Atlanta University</p>	<p>3:00–5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool (RAPT): Train-the-Trainer for Faculty (Workshop)**</b> Dr. John Carr, Argonne National Laboratory</p>	<p>3:00–5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Harnessing the Hidden Gems: Grey/Gray Literature for Effective Emergency Management (Workshop)**</b> Tenley Sablatzky, Prairie View A&amp;M University/Indiana University of Pennsylvania</p>	

\*\*Participants are strongly encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet to participate in active demonstrations and activities.