



Program News for the week ending April 30, 2021

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Program Update

FEMA’s National Training and Education Division (NTED) manages the Emergency Management Higher Education Program (HiEd) in partnership with FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute (EMI) and the [Center for Homeland Defense and Security \(CHDS\)](https://www.chds.us/c) (<https://www.chds.us/c>). We serve the needs of the community, including institutions of higher education, professional organizations and practitioners who are all dedicated to advancing the field of emergency management.

Please check out the HiEd pages on the EMI website! We have simplified the menu bar on the left side and removed some outdated links and materials: [FEMA Higher Education Program](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu) (<https://training.fema.gov/hiedu>). If you have any feedback to share about the website, please send a message to FEMA-HiEd@fema.dhs.gov.

Call for Proposals

We invite members of the HiEd community to submit academic research inquiry proposals to FEMA-HiEd@fema.dhs.gov by June 30, 2021. [The template for submissions is on the HiEd website: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/latest/2020.aspx](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/latest/2020.aspx).

In 2018, the HiEd Program convened an interdisciplinary focus group and [published a 3-to 5-year research agenda focusing on hazards, disasters and emergency management](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/docs/latest/2018_fema_research_agenda_final-508%20(march%202018).pdf) ([https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/docs/latest/2018_fema_research_agenda_final-508%20\(march%202018\).pdf](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/docs/latest/2018_fema_research_agenda_final-508%20(march%202018).pdf)). The goal was to bridge the gap between academic research and practice and to seek answers to complex real-world problems. To be considered, proposals must align with the research agenda. Proposals must also address a community need, be of value and interest to FEMA, and align with the [Next Generation Core Competencies](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/docs/emcompetencies/final_%20ngcc_and_measures_aug2017.pdf) (https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/docs/emcompetencies/final_%20ngcc_and_measures_aug2017.pdf). Proposals related to regional academic engagements and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are encouraged. [Information on current SIGs is available here: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx).



Proposals will be reviewed by the HiEd team and other FEMA offices, including relevant FEMA regions, as appropriate. Some proposals will be selected for collaborative development of final language for award. The HiEd Program will award a limited number of micro-purchases of \$3,500 to \$5,000 each for academic research inquiries for a period of performance of up to 12 months. In rare instances, HiEd may award up to \$10,000 for research of exceptional merit. **Awards will be made by September 30, 2021.**

Upon award, researchers will be expected to participate in periodic status meetings with the HiEd team and community calls, and to provide written summaries upon request for the HiEd Program newsletter. Following the completion of the research activity, a report will be submitted to the HiEd Program. The report will be reviewed for content, format and section 508 compliance. Once approved it will be disseminated to relevant stakeholders via the HiEd Program newsletter and website. Research inquiries will be considered as potential topics for the annual symposium and other HiEd events.

23rd Annual Symposium

SAVE THE DATE: June 8-10, 2021. [Additional information is available at https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference21.aspx.](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference21.aspx)

Symposium Registration: <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/educonference21.aspx>. Please register! Follow instructions and certify your own application. As of April 23, **227** applications have been accepted. Applications will be accepted until **May 20, 2021.**

Pre-symposium workshop dates, topics, and links:

- **GIS Workshop, May 21, 2021**, 12 - 4 p.m. ET – Kevin Mickey, GISP CTT+, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis
[Join from computer:](#)
<https://iu.zoom.us/j/89392804602?pwd=ampyU3JMQU11VDVmR3Vkak8xY205UT09>
Meeting ID: 893 9280 4602 | Password: 199567
- **What to Teach in Emergency Management, May 28, 2021**, 12 - 4 p.m. ET– David McEntire, Ph.D., Utah Valley University
[Join ZoomGov Meeting:](#) <https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16046780270>
Meeting ID: 160 4678 0270 | Passcode: 621901



HiEd Webinar

Reflections and Lessons Learned in Building EM/HS Academic Programs

May 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET

This interactive roundtable discussion will share lessons learned in developing and implementing academic programs in Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EM/HS). Panelists have a broad range of expertise and experiences building and working with academic programs around the country. Panelists will give brief opening remarks, and the remainder of the roundtable will be a moderated question and answer session between the panelists and attendees. Topics will include what worked well in establishing programs, what might have been done differently, and to what extent, if at all, have recent events around the nation (e.g., COVID-19 pandemic or civil unrest) generated any realignment in the strategic priorities or mission of EM/HS programs?

Presenters:

Alyssa L. Provencio, PhD, University of Central Oklahoma
Steve Recca, Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Naval Postgraduate School
Jayson Kratoville, University at Albany
Jeffery M. Johnson, PhD, University of Mississippi

Moderators:

Stephanie Lipson Mizrahi, PhD, California State University, Sacramento
David B. Taylor, PhD, Niagara University
Michelle Norphlet, Acting HiEd Program Manager

[ZoomGov Meeting](https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16046780270): <https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16046780270>

Meeting ID: 160 4678 0270 | Passcode: 621901

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Community Call

The next HiEd Community Call is Friday, June 18, 2021 from 2 - 3 p.m. ET. [Link to the community call](https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16046780270): <https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16046780270>. Meeting ID: 160 4678 0270, Password: 621901. This is an informal call – all are welcome. We schedule one or two short presentations at the beginning of the call and an open forum for discussion about ongoing projects and opportunities for collaboration. If you would like to be a presenter on a future call, send an email with your name, topic and a short description of your presentation to FEMA-HiEd@fema.dhs.gov.

Presenters:

- Amie Leigh, Director of Public Health Initiatives, Somatic Experiencing International
Topic: Somatic Experiencing for Emergency Management
- Terry Pruitt (or assigned staff), FEMA Training Partners Program (TPP) Branch Chief, Continuing Training Grants (CTG)



The College List

[The College List](https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist), located at <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist>, outlines programs at all levels of study in EM, HS and related fields. HiEd staff do not provide recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. To maintain currency, the HiEd team removes entries that have not initiated contact or activity for two years or more. If you have a new or updated program to include, send an email to fema-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

College list by the numbers: **721 total**

- Emergency and Disaster Management Programs in Other Countries – 26
- Emergency Management Programs – 327
- Executive Education Programs – 3
- Homeland Security Programs - 253
- International Disaster Relief/Humanitarian Assistance – 10
- Public Health, Medical and Related Programs – 26
- Related Programs – 76

Internship, Scholarship, Research and Training Opportunities

National Science Foundation, [CyberCorps Scholarship for Service \(SFS\): Defending America's Cyberspace](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21580/nsf21580.htm) (<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21580/nsf21580.htm>)

The [Disaster Justice Network](http://disasterjusticenetwork.org) (DJN) (<http://disasterjusticenetwork.org>) is a volunteer network lending support to share critical information that is not easily accessed for the hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Zeta recovery processes. DJN is looking for volunteers to share resources and expertise that can avoid usual pitfalls in disaster recovery and help find healthy safe alternatives. [If you can lend your expertise complete the survey:](#)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3TIFNbDXN7w1dv19WGbIciMs6sWCJ0lhvhIK59HCesruL_w/viewform. If you have any questions, please send an email to: disasterjusticenetwork@gmail.com.

University of Colorado at Boulder, [Call for Applications: Part-time Environmental Communications Assistant](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10nLdEKcyBGQnC4xiYbokmzMnyXQxAHtd/view) (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10nLdEKcyBGQnC4xiYbokmzMnyXQxAHtd/view>)

Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are self-organized and self-directed for knowledge exchange on specific topics related to EM higher education. SIG members can potentially become involved in co-authoring research, mentoring students and advising practitioners. To join a SIG, [contact the SIG lead:](#)

<https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx>. For more information, [refer to the updated HiEd website SIG page:](#) <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx>.



Resources

The resources below are compiled from a variety of sources to support research or classroom use. The links are provided as a convenience. They do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.

Homeland Security Newswire

[Students Collaborate to Solve Homeland Security Challenges](http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20210423-students-collaborate-to-solve-homeland-security-challenges)

(<http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20210423-students-collaborate-to-solve-homeland-security-challenges>)

[New Tool Could Guide Floodwater Management and Combat Ongoing Drought](http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20210422-new-tool-could-guide-floodwater-management-and-combat-ongoing-drought)

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San Jose State University Mineta Transportation Institute established its National Transportation Security Center (NTSC) in 1996. NTSC conducts research on terrorist activities against surface transportation targets, cyber security preparedness and response, and emergency management. [NTSC maintains a Database](https://transweb.sjsu.edu/research/centers/security/research) (<https://transweb.sjsu.edu/research/centers/security/research>) on Terrorist and Serious Criminal Attacks against public surface transportation, supported by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Calendar

Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) Executive Education Program Lecture and Webinar Series: Disrupting Disinformation, Thursday, May 13 at 2 p.m. EDT/11 a.m. PDT. Join CHDS for a discussion with technology and communications experts of the latest research in disinformation and actions local, state and federal leaders can take to counter the influence and impact of online and off-line disinformation. [Click here to register](https://www.chds.us/c/item/18367): <https://www.chds.us/c/item/18367>.

Participants are encouraged to submit questions for the panel in advance on the webinar registration page or by email to chds-eeep@nps.edu.

The **UCLA Luskin Center** for Innovation is inviting abstracts for our [2021 Climate Adaptation Research Symposium](https://innovation.luskin.ucla.edu/climate-adaptation-symposium/): <https://innovation.luskin.ucla.edu/climate-adaptation-symposium/>. This virtual event will feature recent social science research on the impacts of climate change, particularly on vulnerable populations and communities. Abstracts are welcome from economics, geography, law, public health, sociology, urban planning and related disciplines. Research should measure the scale of climate impacts or focus on strategies to reduce these impacts. [For more information](https://innovation.luskin.ucla.edu/climate-adaptation-symposium/): https://innovation.luskin.ucla.edu/climate-adaptation-symposium.

- **Submission deadline:** May 7, 2021
- **Symposium:** September 8, 2021
- [Submit your abstract to](https://innovation.luskin.ucla.edu/abstracts) <https://innovation.luskin.ucla.edu/abstracts>.
- Direct questions to lcievents@luskin.ucla.edu.



2021 Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Virtual Conference, May 10-14, 2021

The ASFPM will convene the world's largest and most comprehensive floodplain management conference in a virtual setting. You are invited to share your experiences with local, state, regional, tribal and federal officials, industry leaders, consultants and a wide variety of subject matter experts from diverse fields. [Click here for more information and to register](https://www.floods.org/conference/2021-asfpm-conference): <https://www.floods.org/conference/2021-asfpm-conference>.

FEMA's [Emergency Management Institute \(EMI\)](https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx>) announces the application period for the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy, the National Emergency Management Executive Academy, and the Master Public Information Officer Program. The application period ends **June 1** and applicants will be notified in late summer of their selection status. Download the application packets from the FEMA website.

- [National Emergency Management Advanced Academy](https://training.fema.gov/empp/advanced.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/empp/advanced.aspx>)
- [National Emergency Management Executive Academy](https://training.fema.gov/empp/executive.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/empp/executive.aspx>)
- [Master Public Information Officer Program](https://training.fema.gov/programs/pio/masterpio.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs/pio/masterpio.aspx>)

National Hurricane Conference, June 14-17, 2021, Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, LA. The primary goal of the National Hurricane Conference is to improve hurricane preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation to save lives and property in the United States and the tropical islands of the Caribbean and Pacific. This conference also serves as a national forum for federal, state and local officials to exchange ideas and recommend new policies to improve EM. [Click here for more information and to register](https://hurricanemeeting.com): <https://hurricanemeeting.com>.

Save The Date: 46th Annual Natural Hazards Workshop Virtual Event, July 11 - 14, 2021 with the **Researchers Meeting** to follow on **July 14 and 15**. The workshop brings together federal, state and local mitigation and EM officials and planning professionals; representatives of nonprofit, private sector and humanitarian organizations; hazards and disaster researchers; and others dedicated to alleviating the impacts of disasters.

Employment Opportunities

[Federal vacancies are posted on USAJOBS at https://www.usajobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov). When you save a search, they will automatically send email updates with new jobs that match the criteria.

Higher Education Vacancies:

- Temple University College of Public Health - [Research Faculty, Epidemiology](https://www.higheredjobs.com/faculty/details.cfm?JobCode=177466007&Title=Research%20Faculty%2C%20Epidemiology) (<https://www.higheredjobs.com/faculty/details.cfm?JobCode=177466007&Title=Research%20Faculty%2C%20Epidemiology>)
- University of California, San Diego - [Associate Professor \(Ladder/In-Residence\) Epidemiology](https://apol-recruit.ucsd.edu/JPF02705) (<https://apol-recruit.ucsd.edu/JPF02705>)
- Bridgewater State University - [Part-Time Faculty, Dept. of Criminal Justice](https://jobs.bridgew.edu/postings/20193) (<https://jobs.bridgew.edu/postings/20193>)



- Texas A&M University-San Antonio - [Adjunct Faculty in Criminology/Criminal Justice](https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/TAMUSA_External/job/San-Antonio-TAMUSA/Adjunct-Faculty-in-Criminology-Criminal-Justice_R-036910) (https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/TAMUSA_External/job/San-Antonio-TAMUSA/Adjunct-Faculty-in-Criminology-Criminal-Justice_R-036910)
- American Public University System - [Online Part-Time Faculty - Homeland Security](https://www.higheredjobs.com/faculty/details.cfm?JobCode=177458767&Title=Online%20Part%20Time%20Faculty%20%2D%20Homeland%20Security) (https://www.higheredjobs.com/faculty/details.cfm?JobCode=177458767&Title=Online%20Part%20Time%20Faculty%20%2D%20Homeland%20Security)
- Virginia Commonwealth University - [Adjunct Pool: \(HSEP\) Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness](https://www.vcujobs.com/postings/101758) (https://www.vcujobs.com/postings/101758)
- Rowan University - [Visiting Professor - Cyber Security](https://careers.pageuppeople.com/860/cw/en-us/job/495142) (https://careers.pageuppeople.com/860/cw/en-us/job/495142)
- University of Southern Maine - [Assistant Professor of Cyber Security](https://usm.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobID=67295&job=assistant-professor-of-cyber-security) (https://usm.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobID=67295&job=assistant-professor-of-cyber-security)
- Columbus State Community College - [Adjunct - Geographic Information System](https://csc.ccsod.com/ux/ats/careersite/3/home/requisition/3150?c=csc) (https://csc.ccsod.com/ux/ats/careersite/3/home/requisition/3150?c=csc)
- Clark University - [Visiting Assistant Professor in Geographic Information Science](https://clarku.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp;jsessionid=DDD2095566867C53ECD7ECD34183B509;jsessionid=5836E9CFB543A82CF9745B864A2A3682?JOBID=130173) (https://clarku.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp;jsessionid=DDD2095566867C53ECD7ECD34183B509;jsessionid=5836E9CFB543A82CF9745B864A2A3682?JOBID=130173)

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