19th Annual Emergency Management
Higher Education Symposium

Meeting Community Needs
June 5–8, 2017

Emergency Management Institute
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Department of Homeland Security
Emmitsburg, MD
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Morning Plenary – E Auditorium

7:00–8:00 a.m.  Symposium Registration (Building E, 1st Floor Hallway)

8:00–8:10 a.m.  Presentation of Colors
   Maryland State Police
   Honor Guard Platoon

National Anthem
   Mother Seton School
   First Graders

Pledge of Allegiance
   Wendy Walsh
   FEMA Higher Education Program Manager

8:10–8:25 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks
   Tony Russell, CEM
   Federal Emergency Management Agency/Department of Homeland Security
   Emergency Management Institute
   Superintendent

   Dan Paulette-Chapman
   FEMA, National Training and Education Division
   National Training and Education System
   Branch Chief

8:25–8:45 a.m.  Update and Perspectives from FEMA National Preparedness Assessment Division
   Katherine Fox
   FEMA National Preparedness Assessment Division
   Director

8:45–10:05 a.m.  Education as Part of a Broader National Preparedness System

Moderator:  Kay Goss, CEM
   The International Emergency Management Society
   National Academy of Public Administration
   World Disaster Management, LLC

Purpose:  To explore elements of the Emergency Management Higher Education System, discuss the strengths of our system, and identify opportunities to collaborate.

Panel:  Cathy Clark
   IAEM Training and Education Committee Chair
   State of Minnesota Emergency Management
   Director, Organizational Development Branch
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Kenneth Farmer
National Fire Academy
Branch Chief, Leadership and Community Fire Risk Management

Kathy L. Francis, M.S., CEM, MPEM
Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management
Frederick Community College
Executive Director

Keith Holterman, Ph.D.
FEMA/DHS S&T
Director

Nathan Rodgers
FEMA International Office
Civil Emergency Planning Officer
U.S. Mission to NATO

10:05–10:20 a.m. Break

10:20–11:35 a.m. Crisis Leadership: The Joplin School Story

C.J. Huff, Ed.D.

Plenary Reporter: Kizmet Davis-Esco
Jackson State University
Student

11:35–11:45 a.m. Instructions for the Week, Introduction of Conversation Cafe

Wendy Walsh
FEMA Higher Education Program Manager

11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lunch (Building K, Cafeteria)

1:00–2:30 p.m. 1st Round of Afternoon Breakout Sessions

2:30–3:00 p.m. Break

3:00–5:00 p.m. 2nd Round of Afternoon Breakout Sessions

5:00–7:00 p.m. Posters in the Pub – Share Fair and Cookout – Building B Pub
1:00–2:30 p.m.  1st Round of Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions

(1) Associate Level Programs: Pathways to Success

Description: This presentation will showcase best practices of two-year institutions to engage the whole community in emergency management academic credentialing and life-long learning. Panelists will discuss what makes a successful program, techniques to integrate emergency management concepts into other disciplines, and strategies to strengthen community and academic partnerships.

Panelists: Kathy L. Francis, M.S., CEM, MPEM
Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management
Frederick Community College
Executive Director

Joseph Arsenault, MSEM, ACEM
Community College of Rhode Island
Assistant Professor/Program Director
Emergency Management/Homeland Security Program

Reporter: Kawandrea Spann
Jackson State University
Student

(2) Teaching 9/11 at the Threshold of Remembrance

Description: This presentation will address the emerging challenges faced by educators when teaching 9/11 to young adults in the future and highlight that the factual events and ability to analyze these events are foundational elements of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Moderator: Gary R. Webb, Ph.D.
University of North Texas
Department Chair and Professor
Emergency Management and Disaster Science

Presenter: Jack Rozdilsky, Ph.D.
York University
Associate Professor

Reporter: Taneshia Davenport
Jackson State University
Student

(3) How Section 508 Applies to You

Description: This presentation will discuss Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended by Congress in 1998, as well as discuss tips on how to make various documents compliant.

Moderator: Thonya Cook
FEMA Curriculum Standards and Instructional Technology Branch
Instructional Systems Specialist
1:00–2:30 p.m.  1st Round of Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Continued)

Reporter: Barbara Payne  
Portland State University  
Student

(4) Really Bridging Theory and Practice: Incorporating Practical Projects into the Classroom

Description: This presentation will examine a collaborative problem-based project focusing on the theoretical frameworks introduced in an undergraduate Principles and Practice of Planning and Response course for both novice and experienced Emergency Management students for the purpose of building collaborative team problem solving skills.

Moderator: Andrew Bates  
Alakaina Foundation  
Hawaii

Presenter: Caroline Hackerott, Ph.D.  
Arkansas Tech University  
Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Director

Reporter: Laura Kratz  
Millersville University  
Student

(5) Discipline Focus Group Report

Description: Three representatives of a recent focus group will briefly discuss the foundation of the emergency management discipline, the status of the discipline, and potential future steps. This session sets the stage for a detailed breakout session in which other focus group members will debrief the audience with findings from the AERA Conference and subsequent meetings.

Presenters: Claire Knox, Ph.D.  
University of Central Florida  
Director and Assistant Professor  
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program

Jessica Jensen, Ph.D.  
North Dakota State University  
Associate Professor  
Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator

Steven Jensen, DPPD, M.S.  
California State University, Long Beach  
Program Director, M.S. in Emergency Services Administration Program

Reporter: Lauren Dods  
University of Maryland University College  
Student
3:00–5:00 p.m.  2nd Round of Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions

(1) Bachelor Level Programs: Keeping it Real

Description: This presentation examines the challenges and opportunities in undergraduate education in an emerging and evolving field of study. Faculty development, scholarship, curriculum, and delivery modalities present a variety of opportunities that might be insurmountable. Share your practices and solutions with peer institutions.

Panelists:  
Dianna Bryant, Ph.D.  
University of Central Missouri  
Associate Professor, Crisis and Disaster Management

Tom Johnson, Ph.D.  
Western Carolina University  
Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Reporter: Eric Gaunay  
University of Albany  
Student

(2) Cultural Competence in Emergency Management and Homeland Security Higher Education: Where Are We On The Cultural Competence Continuum?

Description: This presentation uses the results of a national survey on emergency management and homeland security programs and applies Cross’ Cultural Competence Continuum to provide a contextual landscape of the inclusion of the knowledge, skills, and abilities in related courses within the curriculum.

Moderator: Troy Harris, Ph.D.  
Westmont College  
Assistant Vice President for Institutional Resilience

Presenter: Claire Knox, Ph.D.  
University of Central Florida  
Director and Assistant Professor  
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program

Reporter: Sara Starnes  
Arkansas State University  
Student

Dealing with Diversity: A Necessary Component for Meeting the Needs of Communities

Description: This presentation will focus on the importance of being aware and respectful of the variety of cultures that are part of any community and will include activities that will simulate working in diverse cultures.

Moderator: Thomas Poulin, Ph.D.  
Capella University  
Core Faculty, School of Public Service Leadership
Presenters: Linda Martinez, Ph.D.
California State University, Long Beach
Health Care Administration
Lecturer

Henry O'Lawrence, Ph.D.
California State University, Long Beach
Health Care Administration
Professor

Reporter: Sara Starnes
Arkansas State University
Student

(3) Building the Next Generation of Emergency Managers

Description: This presentation will share lessons learned from the synergy developed between an experienced Emergency Manager and an educated Emergency Manager and seeks to define and compare experienced and educated Emergency Managers and the relationship between the two.

Moderator: Valerie Lucas-McEwen, CEM, CBCP
California State University, Long Beach
Adjunct Professor
Emergency Management Administration

Presenter: James Caesar
University of California, Santa Barbara
Emergency Manager

Reporter: Taylor Davis
Arkansas State University
Student

(4) The Disaster Research Center’s E.L. Quarantelli Resource Collection: What Can It Offer You?

Description: This presentation will introduce DISCAT 2.0, the new web-accessible catalog database that reflects the significant resources included in the E.L. Quarantelli Resource Collection at the University of Delaware’s Disaster Research Center. The collection is both academically and practically important in theoretical and methodological content. The presentation will also explore additional collections and catalog databases at the Natural Hazards Center and at the National Emergency Training Center.

Moderator: Stacy L. Willett, Ed.D.
The University of Akron
Professor, Program Lead Faculty
Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Business and Disaster: A Synthesis of the Research

Description: This presentation details the results of a recently published research synthesis on the topic of businesses in disaster and focuses on research issues and findings across the phases of emergency management.

Moderator: Tim Sevison
Millersville University
Adjunct Professor

Presenters: Lt. Mark Landahl, Ph.D., CEM
Western Maryland Information Center
Frederick County Sheriff’s Office
Homeland Security Commander

Tonya Neaves, Ph.D.
George Mason University
Managing Director, Centers on the Public Service

Challenge Met: Graduate EMHS Curriculum and Assessment Development

Description: This presentation builds upon last year’s presentation regarding our undergraduate curriculum. Using a collaborative process, the Arkansas Tech University Department of Emergency Management faculty increased academic rigor and discipline-specific knowledge base for EMHS graduate students. We will examine and present the developmental process we used as we created both our new curriculum and assessment strategies, and assured alignment with our core competencies. This presentation includes an interactive workshop.

Moderator: Larry Porter, Ph.D., CEM
University of Maryland University College
Adjunct Associate Professor
Presenters: Sandy Smith, RN, Ph.D.
Arkansas Tech University
Department Head and Associate Professor

Caroline Hackerott, Ph.D.
Arkansas Tech University
Assistant Professor of Emergency Management

Jamie Earls, Ph.D.
Arkansas Tech University
Assistant Professor of Emergency Management

Ekong Peters, Ph.D.
Arkansas Tech University
Visiting Assistant Professor of Emergency Management

Reporter: Jennifer Stroud
Arkansas State University
Student

Validating the Next Generation Core Competencies: A Survey of EM Professionals

Description: This presentation will examine the results of a statistical survey of 64 Emergency Management professionals validating the proposed 2016 Next Generation Core Competencies for the future and ways to better address methods of learning for future Emergency Management professionals.

Moderator: Jessica Jensen, Ph.D.
North Dakota State University
Associate Professor
Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator

Presenters: James Phelps, Ph.D.
Phelps & Associates, LLC
Lead Consultant
Angelo State University
Assistant Professor of Border and Homeland Security

Monica Koenigsberg, Ph.D.
Angelo State University
Associate Professor

Reporter: Jennifer Stroud
Arkansas State University
Student

Description: This presentation will discuss how the NQS provides a common language and approach for qualifying/certifying emergency personnel, as well as tools for jurisdictions and organizations to implement their own qualification and certification process in a way that enables them to share resources more seamlessly.

Moderator: Patrick Cowhey  
FEMA, National Training and Education System  
Program Manager, Homeland Security Grants Program

Presenter: John Ford, CEM  
FEMA, National Integration Center  
Branch Chief, NIMS Implementation

Reporter: Tiffany Taveras  
Arkansas State University  
Student
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7:00–8:00 a.m.  International Breakfast (Building K, Cafeteria)

8:00–8:10 a.m.  Welcome Back and Recapping

  Wendy Walsh
  FEMA Higher Education Program Manager

8:10–8:20 a.m.  Poster Awards

  Wendy Walsh
  FEMA Higher Education Program Manager

8:20–8:35 a.m.  Blanchard Award

  Carol Ciwak, J.D., Ph.D.
  North Dakota State University
  Associate Professor

8:35–9:20 a.m.  EM Higher Education Community Update

  DeeDee Bennett, Ph.D.
  University of Nebraska at Omaha
  Assistant Professor

  Data Collection Focus Group Activities and Call to Action

  Kevin Mickey, GISP, CTT+
  Director, Geospatial Technologies Education
  Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

9:20–10:00 a.m.  Higher Education Program Update

  Wendy Walsh
  FEMA Higher Education Program Manager

10:00–10:15 a.m.  Break

10:15–10:30 a.m.  NETC Library

  Edward Metz
  National Emergency Training Center Library
  Head Librarian

10:30–11:45 a.m.  Discipline Focus Group Overview

  Claire Knox, Ph.D.
  University of Central Florida
  Director and Assistant Professor
  Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program
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Jessica Jensen, Ph.D.
North Dakota State University
Associate Professor
Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator

Steven Jensen, DPPD, M.S.
California State University, Long Beach
Program Director, M.S. in Emergency Services Administration Program

Oral History Overview

Robert McCreight, DPA
Pennsylvania State University–Global Campus
Professor of Homeland Security

Program Accreditation Overview

Daryl Spiewak, CEM, M.A.
Council for the Accreditation of Emergency Management Education (CAEME)

Focus Group Integration Overview

Carol Ciwak, J.D., Ph.D.
North Dakota State University
Associate Professor

Plenary Reporter: Kizmet Davis-Esco
Jackson State University
Student

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1:00–2:30 p.m.  1st Round of Afternoon Breakout Sessions

2:30–3:00 p.m.  Break

3:00–5:00 p.m.  2nd Round of Afternoon Breakout Sessions

6:00–7:30 p.m.  NETC Library Open House

1:00–2:30 p.m.  1st Round of Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions

(1) Graduate Level Programs: Building a Future Executive Workforce

Description: The interactive session will explore the role of EM/HS graduate education in general, assess what constitutes quality in existing programs, and identify gaps to address in programs over the coming years.

Panelists: Shirley Feldmann-Jensen, DPPD, MPH, RN
California State University, Long Beach
Program Coordinator & Lecturer, Master of Emergency Services Administration
(2) How to Get Published: Tips, Tricks and Mistakes

**Description:** Panelists will discuss common mistakes and helpful tips for getting published in peer-reviewed journals. This session includes a discussion of submission requirements from various journals in the field of emergency management. The session also includes best practices and lessons learned from academics.

**Moderator:** Jamie Earls, Ph.D.
Arkansas Tech University
Assistant Professor of Emergency Management

**Panelists:**
DeMond S. Miller, Ph.D., LCADC
Rowan University
Professor
International Journal of Emergency Management
Associate Editor

Irmak Renda-Tanali, D.Sc.
University of Maryland University College
Chair of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Graduate Programs

**Reporter:** Kawandrea Spann
Jackson State University
Student

(3) Teaching to the Touchstones: The National Standards as the Ideal Foundation for Emergency Management Program Pedagogy

**Description:** This presentation discusses how to leverage the accumulated wisdom reflected in the national standards to inform academic program development and introduces an unprecedented panoramic vista of the standards landscape that offers practical insights discernible in no other way.

**Moderator:** Larry Porter, Ph.D., CEM
University of Maryland University College
Adjunct Associate Professor

**Presenter:** Troy Harris, Ph.D.
Westmont College
Assistant Vice President for Institutional Resilience
1:00–2:30 p.m.  1st Round of Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Continued)

Reporter: Taneshia Davenport  
Jackson State University  
Student

(4) **ReadyCampus: A Student-Focused Emergency Preparedness Program for Institutes of Higher Education**

Description: This presentation will explore the ReadyCampus program and its capabilities in drilling and practicing students, faculty, and staff for emergency and disaster preparedness purposes. ReadyCampus aims to bring students, campus emergency managers, local responders, and voluntary organizations together to help train and introduce students to resources that can assist them in better coping with, responding to, and finding opportunities for volunteerism following a disaster. ReadyCampus’ final goal is to increase student preparedness and thus ultimately improve the resilience of campuses and communities.

Moderator: Blythe Joy Patenaude  
Urban Preparedness, Inc.  
President

Presenter: John Dispaldo  
FEMA Region III  
Regional Preparedness Liaison

Reporter: Colton Williams  
University of Massachusetts–Lowell  
Student

(5) **Exploiting Human Misery: How Do Disasters Contribute to Human Trafficking?**

Description: This presentation will discuss evidence that human trafficking is a problem in times of disasters and encourage dialogue on how to best control human trafficking in times of crisis.

Moderator: Goulda Downer, Ph.D., FAND, RD, LN, CNS  
Howard University School of Medicine  
Project Director and Assistant Professor

Presenter: Johanna Bishop, Ed.D. CPT  
Wilmington University  
Director and Associate Professor, Behavioral Science Programs

Reporter: Laura Kratz  
Millersville University  
Student

(6) **Creating Exercise Objectives for Senior Officials**

Description: This presentation offers Emergency Managers (EMs), exercise planners, and educators with example exercise objectives to help senior incident management teams and elected officials guide their community during a disaster. It highlights the challenges EMs have in preparing senior officials for such events.
By describing how a community and the systems intended to serve a community may be impacted during disasters and catastrophes, senior officials may better formulate their response objectives.

**Moderator:** Andrew Bates  
Alakaina Foundation  
Hawaii

**Presenter:** Raymond Perry, CEM, USCG (Ret.)  
Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
Assistant Professor of Emergency Management – Graduate School  
Rhode Island Association of Emergency Managers

**Reporter:** Barbara Payne  
Portland State University  
Student

**Synergy Course Update**

**Description:** This update will discuss the creation of a one-unit Higher Education course, “So You Want to be an Emergency Manager, Now What?”, as recommended by the Synergy Focus Group. This course is being pilot-effort built in EMI’s Learning Content Management System (LCMS). Many students are interested in emergency management, but do not fully understand how to enter this important profession. This session discusses several topics including: the nature of the profession, career opportunities in various sectors, employment projections and salaries, job titles and typical duties, educational requirements and training certifications, the benefit of membership in professional associations, etc. The goal of this discussion is to list ways to help students prepare to obtain positions as professional emergency managers and succeed in their career objectives.

**Presenter:** David McEntire, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Aviation and Public Services  
Utah Valley University

**Reporter:** Barbara Payne  
Portland State University  
Student

**3:00–5:00 p.m.  2nd Round of Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

(1) **Distance Learning Programs: Building Online Education for Emerging Emergency Management Leadership**

**Description:** This panel will examine the value of online education in providing quality curriculum to individuals seeking to lead in the Emergency Management profession. The panel will discuss emerging trends and topics in online education as well as the value of online curriculum in meeting the needs of today’s emerging emergency managers.

**Moderator:** Larry Porter, Ph.D., CEM  
University of Maryland University College  
Adjunct Associate Professor
Panel Lead: Anthony Mangeri, MPA, CPM, CEM
American Public University System
Director, Fire & Emergency SVS Strategic Relationships

Panelists: Laura Kratz
Millersville University
Graduate Assistant

Ronald C. Thomas, Jr., Ed.D., C.P.M.
Union Institute & University
Executive Director, Florida Academic Center

Reporter: Lauren Dods
University of Maryland University College
Student

(2) Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Building Opportunities in Emergency Management for the Minority-Serving Institutions’ Community

Description: Over the past decade, more than 10% of the HBCUs have begun programs in Homeland Security and Emergency Management. This presentation will discuss the variety of programs, emerging opportunities, and collaborative approaches.

Moderator: Goulda Downer, Ph.D., FAND, RD, LN, CNS
Howard University School of Medicine
Project Director and Assistant Professor

Presenter: Meldon Hollis, M.A., M.P.A., J.D.
Savannah State University
Visiting Professor, Political Science Department

Panelists: Carl Brown
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Director, Department Communication and Outreach

Angelyn Spaulding Flowers, J.D., Ph.D.
University of the District of Columbia
Professor and Graduate Program Director

Lillian Virgil
FEMA, Emergency Management Institute
Chief, Mitigation Branch

Stephanie Willett
Program Manager
DHS Science & Technology Office of University Programs
(3) **Approaches to Interprofessional Education: Integration Into New and Established Emergency Management Programs**

**Description**: This presentation will focus on collaborative efforts from colleagues of Saginaw Valley State University and University of Modern Sciences with regards to best practices for new program development with intentional Interprofessional Education concept integration as well as building IPE concepts into an established EM program.

**Room**: M202

**Presenters**: Rene Hernandez, DHEd, M.S., PA-C  
Saginaw Valley State University  
Assistant Professor, Health Sciences  

Christine Noller, J.D., LLM  
Saginaw Valley State University  
Assistant Professor, Health Sciences  

Robert Tabler, Jr., Ph.D., M.A., CHES  
University of Modern Sciences  
Program Director

**Reporter**: Sara Starnes  
Arkansas State University  
Student

(4) **The Importance of an International Academic Collaboration Between Two Graduate Emergency Management Programs: The Malaga-NYC Experience**

**Description**: This presentation will provide an overview of the importance of a new international academic collaboration of graduate emergency management programs. The exchange of faculty and students has proven to be a powerful tool in the process of engaging each, as well as broadening their horizons beyond their respective classrooms.

**Moderator**: Andrew Bates  
Alakaina Foundation  
Hawaii

**Presenters**: George W. Contreras, MPH, M.S., MEP, CEM  
Kingsborough Community College, CUNY  
Associate Professor and Director of Allied Health  

Ali M. Gheith, M.S., MEP, CEM  
Metropolitan College of New York  
Program Director, MPA in Emergency and Disaster Management
Information Sharing and Analysis Centers and Emergency Management

**Description:** This presentation will provide an overview and update for the Emergency Management professional on Information Sharing and Analysis Centers serving the Critical Infrastructure Community.

**Moderator:** Stacy L. Willett, Ed.D.
The University of Akron  
Professor, Program Lead Faculty  
Emergency Management and Homeland Security

**Presenter:** Fred Hintermister  
NERC E-ISAC  
Manager, Cross Sector

**Reporter:** Taylor Davis  
Arkansas State University  
Student

(5) **Key Themes in Disaster Preparedness Research for Older Adults**

**Description:** This panel presentation will provide an overview of the historical evolution and current status of research and regulation on disaster preparedness for older adults.

**Moderator:** Thomas Poulin, Ph.D.  
Capella University  
Core Faculty, School of Public Service Leadership

**Presenters:**  
Mary Helen McSweeney-Feld, Ph.D.  
Towson University  
Associate Professor  

Sandi Lane, Ph.D.  
Appalachian State University  
Assistant Professor  

Allison Gibson, Ph.D.  
University of Kentucky  
Assistant Professor

**Reporter:** James Rogers  
Arkansas State University  
Student
(6) Next Generation Core Competencies: Refinement and Measurements

**Description:** This presentation will discuss the refinement of the Next Generation Core Competencies based upon community listening sessions. Measurements developed with behavioral anchors will be presented along with sample learning objectives. An interactive discussion will focus on how these new core competencies and their measures can be infused into existing emergency management programs.

**Moderator:** Valerie Lucas-McEwen, CEM, CBCP  
California State University, Long Beach  
Adjunct Professor  
Emergency Management Administration

**Presenters:** Sandy Smith, R.N., Ph.D.  
Arkansas Tech University  
Head and Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Management

Steven Jensen, DPPD, M.S.  
California State University, Long Beach  
Program Director, M.S. in Emergency Services Administration Program

Shirley Feldmen-Jensen, DPPD, MPH  
California State University, Long Beach  
Program Coordinator & Lecturer, Master of Emergency Services Administration

**Reporter:** Jennifer Stroud  
Arkansas State University  
Student
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Wendy Walsh
FEMA Higher Education Program Manager

8:05–8:20 a.m. IAEM Message

Nick Crossley, CEM, CPM
International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)
1st Vice President

8:20–9:00 a.m. Jobs and Internships Update

Timothy DePalma, Ph.D.
Barry University
Assistant Professor in Emergency Management

Joseph Arsenault, MSEM, ACEM
Community College of Rhode Island
Assistant Professor/Program Director
Emergency Management/Homeland Security Program

National Tabletop Exercise (NTTX) Panel

Stacy L. Willett, Ed.D.
The University of Akron
Professor, Program Lead Faculty
Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Development of Internships

Sandy M. Smith, RN, Ph.D.
Arkansas Tech University
Head and Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Management

Caroline Hackerott, Ph.D.
Arkansas Tech University
Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Management

Megan Staudt
Arkansas Tech University
Graduate Assistant
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9:00–9:55 a.m.  Financial Literacy: Promoting Inclusivity and Strengthening Diversity

  John Hope Bryant
  Chairman and CEO
  Bryant Group Ventures
  Operation HOPE

9:55–10:10 a.m.  Break

10:10–10:55 a.m.  Bridging Emergency Management and the Private Sector

  Andrea Davis, CEM
  The Walt Disney Company
  Director of Crisis Management and Business Continuity

10:55–11:45 a.m.  Closing Remarks and Next Steps

  Wendy Walsh
  National Training and Education System
  FEMA Higher Education Program Manager

Plenary Reporter: Tiffany Taveras
Arkansas State University
Student

11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  Lunch (Building K, Cafeteria)

1:00–2:30 p.m.  1st Round of Afternoon Breakout Sessions/Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

2:30–3:00 p.m.  Break

3:00–5:00 p.m.  2nd Round of Afternoon Breakout Sessions/Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

6:30-9:00 p.m.  Movie Night: Public Service Stories Trailer and “American Blackout”

  Vilma Milmoe
  FEMA, Emergency Management Institute
  Senior Policy Advisor

1:00–2:30 p.m.  1st Round of Thursday, June 8, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions

(1)  FEMA’s Homeland Security National Training Program/Continuing Training Grants (CTG)

Description: The workshop provides information on FEMA’s Homeland Security National Training Program/Continuing Training Grants (CTG). The CTG program provides funding via cooperative agreements to partners to develop and deliver training to prepare communities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and natural, man-made, and technological hazards. The program is an open and competitive funding opportunity, available to entities with existing programs or demonstrable expertise; this
includes non-profit higher education institutions. This information workshop will focus on informing each participant’s experts working in grants or business operations offices on the process for applying and competing for funding for this program.

Moderator: **Blythe Joy Patenaude**  
Urban Preparedness, Inc.  
President

Presenter: **Patrick Cowhey**  
FEMA, National Training and Education System  
Program Manager, Homeland Security Grants Program

Reporter: **Kizmet Davis-Esco**  
Jackson State University  
Student

(2) **National Training Capability Strength and Gaps**

**Description:** This presentation will provide an overview of current national trends in training capability strengths, weaknesses, and gaps, and explain how jurisdictions use the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and State Preparedness Report (SPR) to determine their capability requirements and assess their training capabilities.

Moderator: **Kevin Schaller**  
Truckee Meadows College  
Adjunct Faculty, Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Presenters: **Dante Randazzo**  
FEMA National Preparedness Assessment Division  
Emergency Management Specialist  
**Jazmine McKinney**  
FEMA National Preparedness Assessment Division  
Program Analyst

Reporter: **Kawandrea Spann**  
Jackson State University  
Student

(3) **Effective Utilization of Our Training and Education Pathways**

**Description:** This panel presentation will identify the many pathways of emergency management training and education including academia, K–12, internships, apprenticeships, certified training programs, conferences/seminars and personal qualifications.

Moderator: **Gerald “Gerry” White, Ph.D.**  
FEMA, National Training and Education System  
Analytics Team Lead
(4) Teaching Emergency Management With and Without Textbooks

Description: This presentation will examine the pros and cons of reducing the use of textbooks and increasing reliance on digital resources. Over the past 20 years, a wide array of educational resources has become available for use by educators in the EM field – especially with the introduction of online teaching. Panelists will discuss the historical reliance on textbooks, review the recent use of only digital resources, and assess the transition from the standpoint of faculty and students.

Moderator: Valerie Lucas-McEwen, CEM, CBCP
California State University, Long Beach
Adjunct Professor
Emergency Management Administration

Presenters: Claire Rubin
Academic/Researcher
Claire B. Rubin & Associates, LLC

Irmak Renda-Tanali, D.Sc.
University of Maryland University College
Chair of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Graduate Programs

Panelists: Shirley Feldmen-Jensen, DPPD, MPH
California State University, Long Beach
Program Coordinator & Lecturer, Master of Emergency Services Administration

Tim Sevison
Millersville University
Adjunct Professor
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**Reporter:** Colton Williams  
University of Massachusetts–Lowell  
Student

(5) **Accreditation Special Interest Group (SIG)**

**Moderator:** Daryl Spiewak, CEM, TEM, MEP  
Council for the Accreditation of Emergency Management Education (CAEME)  
Consultant

**Reporter:** Laura Kratz  
Millersville University  
Student

**Unity of Effort Special Interest Group (SIG)**

**Moderator:** Richard Suttie  
University and Agency Partnerships  
Center for Homeland Defense and Security  
Naval Postgraduate School

**Reporter:** Laura Kratz  
Millersville University  
Student

(7) **Racial Ethnicity and Economic Impacts in Emergency Management**

**Moderator:** Meldon Hollis, M.A., M.P.A., J.D.  
Savannah State University  
Visiting Professor, Political Science Department

**Reporter:** James Rogers  
Arkansas State University  
Student

3:00–5:00 p.m.  2nd Round of Thursday, June 8, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions

(1) **Jobs and Internships Special Interest Group (SIG)**

**Moderator:** Tim DePalma, Ph.D.  
Barry University  
Assistant Professor in Emergency Management

**Reporter:** Lauren Dods  
University of Maryland University College  
Student
3:00–5:00 p.m.  

2nd Round of Thursday, June 8, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Continued)

(2) Inter-Organizational Matters in Emergency Management Special Interest Group (SIG)

Moderator:  
Thomas Poulin, Ph.D.  
Capella University  
Core Faculty, School of Public Service Leadership

Reporter:  
Eric Gaunay  
University of Albany  
Student

Virtual Resources and Simulation Special Interest Group (SIG)

Moderator:  
Lt. Mark Landahl, Ph.D., CEM  
Western Maryland Information Center  
Frederick County Sheriff’s Office  
Homeland Security Commander

Reporter:  
Eric Gaunay  
University of Albany  
Student

(3) Homeland Security Starts at Home: How the Citizens of Pennsylvania Perceive Core Missions and the Whole-Community Approach to Fostering a Resilient Nation

Description: This presentation disseminates findings and conclusions from an omnibus poll study conducted state-wide in Pennsylvania to investigate citizens’ perception of homeland security and how its missions – that include ensuring resilience to disasters – effectively deliver to community needs.

Moderator:  
Dan Paulette-Chapman  
FEMA, National Training and Education Division  
National Training and Education System  
Branch Chief

Presenter:  
Alexander Siedschlag, Ph.D.  
Penn State University  
Professor of Homeland Security  
Program Chair, Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security

Reporter:  
Barbara Payne  
Portland State University  
Student

(4) Service Learning and Leadership Special Interest Group (SIG)

Moderators:  
Jess Bonnan-White, Ph.D.  
Stockton University  
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
Christopher Schultz
Thomas Edison State University
John S. Watson School of Public Service and Continuing Studies
Assistant Dean and Director of Continuing Studies

Reporter: James Rogers
Arkansas State University
Student

(5) 2018 Symposium Planning Committee Special Interest Group (SIG)

Moderators: Wendy Walsh
FEMA Program Manager, Higher Education Program

Barbara Johnson
FEMA Program Assistant, Higher Education Program

Reporter: Jennifer Luihn
Arkansas State University
Student