

# **19<sup>th</sup> 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**



**FEMA**

## **Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Morning Plenary – E Auditorium**

- 7:00–8:00 a.m.**            **Symposium Registration (Building E, 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

**2:30–3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00–5:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**(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

**3:00–5:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Continued)**

**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

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**Presenters:** **Pat Young**  
University of Delaware  
Disaster Research Center  
Resource Collection Coordinator

**Mei Johnson**  
University of Delaware  
Disaster Research Center  
Ph.D. Candidate – Disaster Science & Management

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

**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

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

**(5) [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

**3:00–5:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Continued)**

**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

**3:00–5:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Continued)**

**(6) National Qualification System: How Emergency Management Higher Education Might Contribute**

**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

## Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Morning Plenary – E Auditorium

- 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

## **Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Morning Plenary – E Auditorium (Continued)**

**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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**2:30–3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00–5:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

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

**1:00–2:30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

**Peter Kreysa, Ph.D.**  
California State University, Long Beach  
Associate Professor

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

## **(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

**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.

**1:00–2:30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Continued)**

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**3:00–5:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – Afternoon Breakout Sessions (Continued)**

**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

**Reporter:** Eric Gaunay  
University of Albany  
Student

**(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

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

**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

## Thursday, June 8, 2017 – Morning Plenary – E Auditorium

**8:00–8:05 a.m.**

### **Welcome Back and Recapping**

**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)

1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **Thursday, June 8, 2017 – Morning Plenary – E Auditorium (Continued)**

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Afternoon Breakout Sessions/Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

**2:30–3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00–5:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Milmoie**  
FEMA, Emergency Management Institute  
Senior Policy Advisor

**1:00–2:30 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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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

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

**Stephen Carter, M.S.**  
Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management  
Frederick Community College  
Instructional Coordinator and Adjunct Faculty

**Sam Lombardo, M.A.**  
Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management  
Frederick Community College  
EM Program Manager and Adjunct Faculty

**Reporter:** **Taneshia Davenport**  
Jackson State University  
Student

**(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

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**(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

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**(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

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**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