

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the [Coastal Resilience Center](#) of Excellence (CRC) hosted FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate as part of the Natural Hazards Resilience [Speaker Series](#). Mr. Fugate spoke about Emergency Management in the 21st Century. The Speaker Series is part of a course taught by CRC Director Gavin Smith that includes topics related to natural hazards. Talks will be held on the UNC campus throughout the Spring 2016 semester.

We are looking for a few more student volunteers for the June Symposium. Students will be taking session notes, managing logistics for breakout sessions and supporting Q&A during plenary sessions. This is a great opportunity to network with faculty and peers! Contact [Barbara](#) if you are interested.

It is always bittersweet to see young, capable teammates move on to new opportunities to learn, serve and grow. We would like to take this moment to convey our immense gratitude to Ms. Shannon Cool for her contributions to the Higher Education Program over the past several years. Shannon has been serving as our program contract support carrying out the important tasks of maintaining our program College List, supporting our annual Symposium, coordinating materials for our focus groups and assisting with the organization of our webinar series. She has always been dependable, diligent and detailed. Shannon will start her new position on May 2, and we wish her the very best in the next chapter of her career.

The [18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium](#) is scheduled June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now.

- **The deadline is May 13 for symposium applications. Applications will not be accepted after this date.**
- The draft agenda is available on the symposium [web page](#)
- Please provide your selections for Monday, June 6, [workshops](#) to [Barbara](#) as soon as possible.
- Moderators/facilitators are needed to introduce speakers, keep the breakout session to the allotted time, and maintain a cool and professional atmosphere. To request a session, or for more information, contact [Shannon](#) or [Barbara](#).



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New! EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us. The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and provide the opportunity for callers to ask questions. **Dates for the conference calls are April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, and September 15.** All calls will be 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. The April call information is 800-320-4330, PIN: 610664

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series - If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar, please contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

College List - The Higher Education Program is updating the website in an effort to keep the information current. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Send your updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Employment & Internship Opportunities

The **IAEM Scholarship Program** is accepting applications for 2016-2017 scholarships. Full-time students working towards a degree in emergency management, disaster management, or a closely related field may apply. Graduate and undergraduate applications are available [on the IAEM website](#). Questions may be directed to Scholarship Program Director [Dawn Shiley](#).

Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Preparedness Directorate, Center for Domestic Preparedness. **Program Analyst, GS-0343-09/09.** Open: April 13, 2016 / Close: April 22, 2016

MP Link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/435832100>

DE Link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/435831500>

National VOAD is hiring! Seeking a qualified and motivated candidate to fill the [Member Services Manager](#) position. Application deadline: April 22, 2016.

Resources

[All Things for Good? Faith, Disasters and Posttraumatic Growth. Cultivating Psychological Preparedness](#)
Emergency Management: [Improved Federal Coordination Could Better Assist K-12 Schools Prepare for Emergencies](#). GAO-16-144

[FEMA updates Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program Guide for Permanent Work](#)

[FEMA app](#) is your one-stop-shop with tools and tips to keep you safe before, during, and after disasters.

[Federal Perspective on the State of Our Nation's Biodefense](#)

[FEMA: Assessing Progress, Performance, and Preparedness](#)



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Federal Emergency Management Agency: [Progress and Continuing Challenges in National Preparedness Efforts. GAO-16-560T](#) [Testimony] <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-560T>
[Flint Water Crisis: Impacts and Lessons Learned](#)
Hazus-MH 3.1 is now available! For more [information](#)
[Improving the USAJOBS Website](#)
[Quadrennial Homeland Security Review: Improved Risk Analysis and Stakeholder Consultations Could Enhance Future Reviews](#). GAO-16-371

Calendar

FEMA's EMI will be accepting applications May 1-July 1, 2016, for the Fiscal Year 2017 Master Exercise Practitioner Program course series. Course details & registration information are available [online](#).

The 4th annual [Crisis Management Conference](#) will take place in London on Wednesday, September, 14 2016.

NETC Library

Do you or your students sometimes struggle to comb through all the different commercial sources for scholarly articles on all-hazards-related topics? Depending on what you are researching, you may have a quite a few to search through. Wouldn't it be a great help if there were just one reliable source, or one discovery tool that you could rely on for getting maximum coverage? Here at the NETC library, for many years we've been [indexing](#) scholarly articles from both core all-hazards journals and journals from other disciplines that offer research on topics of importance to the emergency management community.

To widen our reach, we've begun indexing selected articles that we may not immediately have the ability to acquire but which are likely of importance to our stakeholders. You can browse this initial group of about 100 citations that largely cover aspects of preparedness. Let us know what you think and if you have other suggestions for how we can make our online catalog a more readily useful discovery tool for you and your program. For more information, contact [Edward Metz](#).

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