

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week has been another very productive week for the Higher Education Program. Last week I mentioned the two new Special Interest Groups (SIG), and I am very happy to report that this week's community call yielded two more SIG groups with volunteer leads. The topic areas are: 'Money Issues in Emergency Management' to dive into the resource and management considerations of emergency management and 'Inter-organizational EM' to explore criticality of coordination and collaboration. Both of these ideas have surfaced from faculty who have been passionate about these topics for years. If you are interested in either of these areas, please send me an email, and I will connect you.

Our community call dates are going to be adjusted from the 3rd Thursday to the 4th Thursday for September and October. Our next two calls will be September 22nd and October 27th at 2:00 PM (EDT). In November, we will resume the third Thursday on the 17th and in December on the 15th. The phone line will be the same 1-800-320-4330 but the PIN will change each month. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the new PIN, and remember that the community call is your opportunity to share your successes, opportunities and challenges.

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. **Date for the next conference call is September 22.** Call will be held 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Call information for September 22 is 800-320-4330.

Hi Ed Webinar, "The role of research in emergency management education: Current status and future directions," **September 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST.** For more than a decade, members of the emergency management higher education community have discussed the need to use research in emergency management programs. This webinar will feature discussion of results of a recent study related to utilization of research by Arkansas State University students and engage webinar attendees in discussing the extent to which those findings are similar to their perceptions and experience at their institutions. The webinar will also discuss efforts to address research issues in emergency management higher education programs.

Speakers: Deborah J. Persell, PhD, RN, APN, Director, Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education College of Nursing and Health Professions Arkansas State University and Jessica Jensen, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Management Co-Director, Center for Emergency Management Education and Research (CEMER) North Dakota State University



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Please [register](#) in advance. **Conference Call-In: 800-320-4330, PIN: 995678**

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 updates 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.

Remember to Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! The 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 5-8, 2017 at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Employment

The University of Michigan Division of Public Safety and Security has an Emergency Management Specialist [vacancy](#).

Resources and Announcements NETC Library

Download the free FEMA [app](#) to help keep your family stay safe through emergencies, even from across the country. With weather alerts available from anywhere in the U.S., know when severe weather may impact far-away students and family. Emergency safety tips, available even if internet and phone lines are down, can quickly teach FEMA app users what to do before, during and after all kinds of emergencies. Also set up a family communication plans, customizable checklist of emergency supplies, and maps of open shelters and disaster recovery centers all within the app. The app is available free on the Apple App Store and on Google Play. Watch [Travel Smart This Summer with the FEMA App: Video](#)

Every year, September is recognized as [National Preparedness Month](#) which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit.

On August 9, the Federal Emergency Management Agency released [The National Dam Safety Program Biennial Report to the United States Congress, Fiscal Years 2014–2015](#)

On August 12 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency in Puerto Rico in response to the Zika outbreak.

- [Determination that a Public Health Emergency Exists in Puerto Rico as a Consequence of the Zika Virus Outbreak](#)
- [HHS News Release](#)



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The National Library of Medicine Disaster Information Management Research Center continues to update the [Zika Virus Health Information Resource Guide](#). This guide includes links to information for healthcare professionals from U.S. Federal agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the National Institutes of Health, and international organizations such as the World Health Organization.

The Disaster Information Management Research Center [Disaster LitSM](#): *the Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health* database has recently been updated and is now available.

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Emergency Management Research Monitor, Some selected scholar articles from recent issues

[A comparative analysis of disaster risk, vulnerability and resilience composite indicators](#)

[Decision analysis for tornado warning and evacuation](#)

[Hurricane Wilma, utility disruption, and household wellbeing](#)

[Inclusion of people with disabilities, their needs and participation, into disaster management: a comparative perspective](#). (inclusion of people with disabilities, their needs and participation, into disaster management by studying relevant cases from Indonesia, Korea, and the USA)

[Leadership of mayors and governors during crises: a systematic review on tasks and effectiveness](#)

[Measuring Community Resilience to Coastal Hazards along the Northern Gulf of Mexico](#)

[A stakeholder approach to building community resilience: awareness to implementation](#)

[The storyline approach: a new way to analyse and improve flood event management](#)

[Trust and risk perception of natural hazards: implications for risk preparedness in Chile](#)

[Wide-area decontamination in an urban environment after radiological dispersion: a review and perspectives](#)

New books this month at the NETC Library

[Hazard mitigation and preparedness: an introductory text for emergency management and planning professionals. CRC Press 2017.](#)

[Men, masculinities and disaster. Routledge 2016.](#)

[Disaster management and private sectors: challenges and potentials. Springer, 2015.](#)

Recent dissertations acquisitions

[Cell phone technology and big data applications in emergency evacuations](#)

[The review of local hazard mitigation plans in Ohio: what local factors contribute local hazard mitigation plan quality](#)

[Understanding the factors affecting local emergency service collaboration](#)

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