



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

The peer review process is underway, and it is a clear demonstration of the passion and professionalism of our emergency management academic community! The process is on schedule, and if you submitted an abstract for the Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, you will be notified of your selection status by mid-March.

Please don't forget about the poster submission! The deadline is **March 31st**. We are very excited to be hosting the Share Fair and Posters in the Pub at EMI Tuesday night, June 7th, during the Symposium. This is a great opportunity to share, discuss and get feedback on student and faculty programs and research. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity.

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series

We are happy to report that we had more than 150 people participate this week in our webinar, *"Understanding the Basic Relationship between Public Information Officers and Journalists."* It was a wonderful sharing of community expertise both in the presentations and the chat of participants! We are fortunate to have so much expertise in our community. 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 in the process of updating the website. The update is an effort to keep the information as fresh and current as possible. Send your updates to Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov.

The **18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium** is scheduled from June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now.

- The call for poster submission is OPEN! Go to [instructions and fillable submission forms](#). **Poster session submissions must be received by March 31, 2016.**

Employment & Internship Opportunities

A vacancy announcement has been posted for a [Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist](#) (Preparedness), GS-0089-14.



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Resources

[Do colleges respond well to armed threats?](#)

[Scientists have figured out how to create a category 5 hurricane in a lab](#)

Emergency Management Higher Education Program Accreditation Focus Group Final Report, September 16-17, 2015. [Word](#) or [PDF](#)

[MyShake App Turns Smartphones Into Earthquake Detectors, Warning Devices](#)

[National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\) Opens New Grant Opportunities to Support Standards Education](#)

National Library of Medicine [Zika Virus Information Resources](#) page

Calendar

2016 Best Practices in Higher Education Emergency Management Conference, March 16– 18 in Fort Worth, Texas. [Registration](#) closes on **March 5**.

The [Disaster Forum 2016](#), May 9-12 in Banff, Alberta, Canada, will focus on innovation

The FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC) is currently [accepting applications](#) for consideration of appointment to the NAC in September 2016. Applications will be accepted through March 16, 2016, 11:59 p.m. EDT.

FEMA announced the Notice of Funding Opportunities for the FY 2016 [Pre-Disaster Mitigation \(PDM\)](#) and [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#) grant programs. A one-hour webinar is scheduled on the following dates to learn more about these opportunities. The session content is the same for both webinars.

Thursday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)

• FEMA Adobe Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/fema-nofo/>

• Conference Bridge: 1-800-320-4330, PIN 532822

Monday, February 29 at 2:30 p.m. EST

FEMA Adobe Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/fema-nofo/>

Conference Bridge: 1-800-320-4330, PIN 782802#

Save the date, **May 24–26**, for FEMA's [National Training, Education, and Exercise Symposium](#) in Emmitsburg, Maryland. **Applications are due April 12.**



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The National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health, [*Disaster Health Education Symposium: Innovations for Tomorrow*](#), is September 8, 2016, Twitter at #DHES2016

DigitalGov University is hosting a webinar, [Listening Before We Speak: Understanding Our Audience in Times of Disaster #SomosSocial](#), on preparedness and disaster social media listening with Spanish speaking and limited English proficiency communities **March 2 from 11am-12pm (EST)**.

NETC Library

Newly indexed all-hazards journal articles

- [Scholarly/academic](#)
- [Practitioner/professional](#)

The Smithsonian just offered an interesting piece on Cold War history in this article about family fallout shelters. [Dig Into the Nuclear Era's Homegrown Fallout Shelters](#). The NETC library has many Cold War era materials including one of the largest collections of Civil Defense films to be found anywhere in the country. These were until recently available only as 16 mm film but we've been steadily digitizing this collection. Browse and view online our [collection of Fallout Shelter related videos](#) or browse other parts of our [civil defense film collection](#).

We recently searched extensively for published dissertations and theses focused on roles of emergency managers. [Here are some of what we came up with](#).

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