



Higher Education Program News

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday season and have started the New Year off with lots of ambition. We certainly have here at EMI! As many of you noticed, we suspended our newsletter for a few months to redesign, and I think you will be pleased with the new format.

This newsletter is a critical media for the Higher Education Program as it provides a way for us to share the community voice. To this end, we invite you to share events, new programs, current research, community awards, and other information you would like us to consider including in the weekly newsletter. Please send your submissions to Barbara Johnson at Barbara.johnson3@fema.dhs.gov.

With the New Year, we have some new sections in our newsletter including a monthly update to provide you current information on the opportunities and activities of our sponsored focus groups, new programs added to the college list, and updates on symposia, webinars, and courses. We also have a section provided by the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Library. Our librarian, Ed Metz, will highlight new books and publications that might be of interest to our higher education community. In addition, we will work to include activities and opportunities provided by other Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) offices. For example, you will see an opportunity to join a webinar next month sponsored by FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division on "Preparing Youth for Disasters" as well as our own webinar "Understanding the Basic Relationship between Public Information Officers and Journalists."

I look forward to your inputs and feedback as we embark on 2016, energizing and taking the EMI Higher Education community to the next level!

Higher Education Updates

Higher Education Program Webinar Series- Session VI - February 24, 2016- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. EST

"Understanding the Basic Relationship between Public Information Officers and Journalists"

The webinar will provide college-level emergency management and homeland security educators with a basic understanding of the relationship between public information officers and journalists. Ed McDonough, Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and Stacey Cohan, freelance journalist, will present. Stephen Carter, Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management, Frederick Community College, will moderate. Please [register](#) in advance. Closed captioning will be provided.

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series: Please send webinar topics to wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov



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

Call for abstract submission is OPEN! We will be accepting [submissions](#) for the symposium electronically only. The **deadline for papers and facilitated session abstracts is February 15, 2016**. All submission will be subject to a blind peer review, and there will be only 25, 1-hour breakout slots on this year's agenda. **Poster session submissions must be received by March 31, 2016**. Please read the instructions prior to submitting.

E0390 Integrating Emergency Management Education into Your Institution

The course is an interactive workshop designed to assist minority and minority-serving institutions of higher education (IHEs) in establishing or enhancing Emergency Management (EM) courses or programs in their institutions. It addresses issues unique to them, and begins the process of identifying and overcoming institutional roadblocks to increasing their schools' EM-related offerings. Tribal Colleges and Universities are invited to apply for the **March 21-22, 2016** class. For additional information contact the course manager, Lillian Virgil, by email at: Lillian.virgil@fema.dhs.gov.

Preparing Youth for Disasters Webinar: The FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Division will host a webinar **Thursday, February 4, 2016, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EST** on disaster preparedness and resilience efforts serving youth. Register at [Adobe Connect Registration](#). The webinar will offer closed captioning. Please [test](#) your Adobe Connect connection prior to the webinar.

College List - The Higher Education Program is updating the [website college list](#) to enable access to the very latest information concerning emergency management and related programs. Send your updates to Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov.

NETC Library Corner

Emergency Management Research Monitor

[Newly indexed scholarly articles on vital topics related to emergency management.](#)

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and related titles from our collection: [Border security](#) / James R. Phelps, Jeff Dailey, Monica Koenigsberg
[Transnational threats: smuggling and trafficking in arms, drugs, and human life](#) / Kimberly L Thachuk, ed



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Emergency managers in the scholarly literature 2015 – some selected articles

- Emergency managers as change agents: recognizing the value of management, leadership, and strategic management in the disaster profession
- Red Tape: Attitudes and issues related to use of social media by U.S. county-level emergency managers
- The words we use and the stories we tell: The impacts language has on the actions and perceptions of emergency managers
- New tools for emergency managers: an assessment of obstacles to use and implementation
- The general use of outdoor warning sirens: a preliminary survey of emergency managers

College/University Updates

Frederick County Sheriff's Office Sgt. **Mark Landahl**, a Naval Postgraduate School master's degree alumnus and regular contributor to the EMI Higher Education Program activities, was profiled in a [story](#) that traces his journey from teacher to school liaison officer.

University of Alaska, Fairbanks, offers new Master of Security & Disaster Management [Program](#) to prepare homeland security and emergency management practitioners to lead and manage at the operational to strategic levels within their career field.

Resources

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Best Practices for Protecting Privacy, Civil Rights & Civil Liberties In Unmanned Aircraft Systems Programs <http://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/UAS%20Best%20Practices.pdf>

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) works to combat human trafficking every day through law enforcement investigations, collaborations, and training; public outreach and awareness; and assistance for victims. We coordinate these efforts through the [Blue Campaign](#), the Department's unified voice to combat human trafficking.

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