



## Higher Education Program News January 29, 2016

### Higher Education Updates

#### **Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager**

We are already in the final week of January! Time seems to fly by at such a rapid pace. This month we opened up our Annual Symposium 'Call for Submissions.' The deadline for abstracts is FEBRUARY 15, which is only a little more than two weeks away! Remember, we will only be accepting [submissions](#) for the symposium electronically. I hope that you will make it a priority to get your submissions in and please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Johnson or me if you have any questions.

The theme for our Symposium is "Talking about My Generation." We will be hosting discussions and discourse regarding the variance and similarities of generational perspectives and behaviors among academics, practitioners and policy makers in emergency management. Exploring how these perspectives can impact and influence faculty, students, and practitioners in their utilization of research, theory, and curriculum development and make advancements in the overall emergency management body of knowledge. If you have engaged in relevant research, have pedagogical expertise in this topic and/or are interested in participating in the planning for the thematic panels and discussion, drop me an [email](#) so we can include you.

Lastly, don't forget to continue sharing events, new programs, current research, community awards, and other information with [Barbara Johnson](#). This newsletter is a great way for us to stay connected!

#### **Higher Education Program Presents 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. FEMA ESF-15 representation will be available to discuss training opportunities available through EMI. Participants are asked to [register](#) in advance for the online webinar. Closed captioning will be provided.



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**EM Hi Ed Webinar Series** Please send webinar topics to Wendy Walsh at [wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov)

**College List** - The Higher Education Program is in the process of updating the website [college list](#). The update is an effort to keep the information as fresh and current as possible. Send your updates to [Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov).

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium** is scheduled June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now. Information for the 2016 symposium can be found on the [Hi Ed website](#). **Call for submission is OPEN!** Click here for [instructions and fillable submission form](#) links. Please read the instructions prior to submitting. We will be accepting submissions electronically only and the **deadline for papers and facilitated session abstracts is February 15, 2016**. All submissions will be subject to a blind peer review, and there will be only 25 1½ - 2 hr. slots available on this year's agenda. **Poster session submissions must be received by March 31, 2016.**

## Internship Opportunities

**FEMA Pathways Summer Internship** - There are multiple budget/finance openings in Washington, DC and regional offices. Postings are announced on a rolling basis, and each vacancy will close once a 200 person limit is reached, or after five days, whatever comes first.

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## College/University Updates

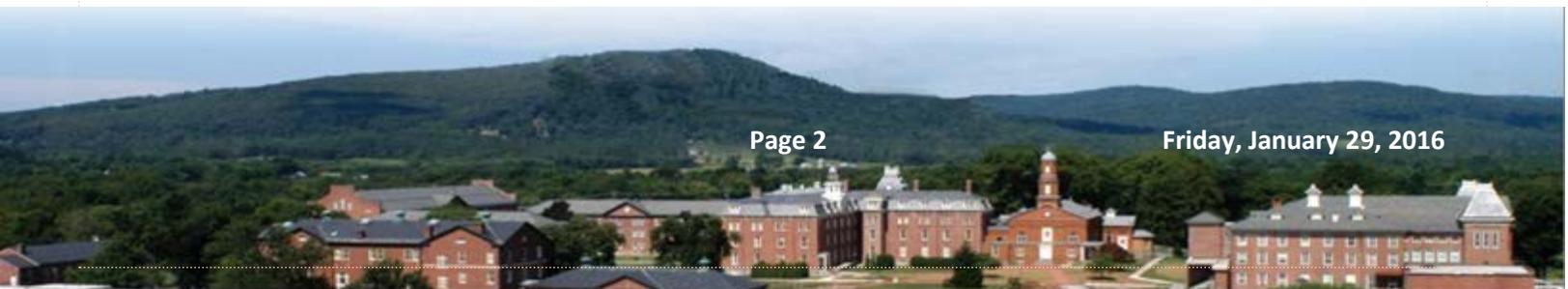
### **CALL FOR AUTHORS - NEW DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOOK SERIES**

Authors are being solicited for a five-volume series of case studies. The series focuses on expert practice in the field of disaster and emergency management, including the ability to adapt and innovate in the face of changing demands. Please use the [link](#) for additional information and to submit a proposal.

## Resources

### **Congressional Research Service reports:**

- Cybersecurity: Legislation, Hearings, and Executive Branch Documents. [R43317](#)
- Department of Homeland Security Appropriations: FY2016. [R44053](#)



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**Oxfam Policy & Practice**, [Finding Ways Together to Build Resilience: The Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Methodology](#)

## **Calendar**

**The Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance** document is out for comment and posted on the [Federal Register for review and comment](#). Comments are accepted until April 7, 2016.

Through the **Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking** FEMA is seeking public comment on establishing a [Deductible for FEMA's Public Assistance Program](#). Comments must be received by March 21, 2016

## **NETC Library Corner**

[Emergency Management Research Monitor](#)

New

[Red Tape: Attitudes and Issues Related to Use of Social Media by U.S. County-Level Emergency Managers](#)

– newly published article from the 2015 INSCFRAM Conference available online.

Notable

[Crisis Management Competencies: The Case of Emergency Managers](#). Published in 2011 in the journal, Public Management Review, it has been cited in some 23 other peer reviewed articles since then. We have this one in our library available for students to read.

Emergency Management book titles from 2015 - “check out” our 2015 book acquisitions from the emergency management domain. [Our titles come from a wide range of regional, national and international publishers and include some early “2016” releases.](#)

[The Value of Resilience: Securing Life in the 21st Century](#) / Chris Zebrowski

[Disaster Theory: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Concepts and Causes](#) / David A. Etkin

[Cities and Disasters](#) / edited by Davia Cox Downey

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