

Higher Education Program News July 21, 2016

Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

Good Day Everyone! This week I would like to highlight the importance of the [College List](#). If your program has been included in our College List, you should have recently received an email request to review and update your listing. Please make time for this activity as many potential students and faculty use this list to identify programs to attend or reach out to as they consider building and sustaining emergency management academic offerings world-wide. To improve the reliability of the list, we are instituting a new practice of deleting entries that are not regularly updated, so it's important that you respond. If you have not received an email request to update your information, [contact](#) us immediately so we can provide you the template.

The College List is truly a capture of our community network, and it's important that we keep it current to support and strengthen our network. This year's update is being entered into a new, more automated database. We currently have 543 emergency management, homeland security and related programs listed. With this automation, we will have a greater ability to conduct outreach and research to expand the list. I would also like to highlight that we have added a new category: Emergency Management-Related Executive Education.

If your program is not currently listed and your college or university is regionally accredited, please [contact](#) us to add your program. Thank you to everyone for your time and contributions toward maintaining and growing the College List!

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 next conference calls are August 18 and September 15.** Calls will be held 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Call information for August 18 is 800-320-4330, PIN: **271433**.

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.



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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.

August 5 is the deadline to apply for the 2017 National Emergency Management Executive Academy. The program was developed in collaboration with prominent higher education institutions. It hones strategic leadership and critical thinking for senior executives involved with multi-jurisdictional, national, and international homeland security and emergency management policy development and decision making responsibilities. Emergency management academic executive level leaders are encouraged to apply for the program. For more information, contact [Wendy Walsh](#) at (301) 447-1633.

Penn State Harrisburg, School of Public Affairs is offering the Homeland Security 12-credit, online Graduate Certificate with a new residential component. The curriculum integrates an all-hazards approach in areas of homeland security policy, strategic and operational planning, and interagency cooperation into a unified body of knowledge. There are two required courses and two electives. [For more information.](#)

Employment

Occupational Health Branch (OHB), CA Department of Public Health is looking for a Public Health Medical Officer to lead the Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control's Emergency Preparedness Team and to conduct occupational illness/injury surveillance. OHB will open the recruitment in the next few months. The announcement to the medical, public health, and emergency preparedness communities is to encourage interested candidates to get on CA civil service hiring list for PHMOIII classification, to become eligible to apply for the vacancy (lateral transfers welcome). For questions, contact [Barbara Materna](#).

Resources and Announcements

Download and use the free FEMA [app](#), which provides valuable safety tips to help families prepare for and recover from more than 20 natural and man-made hazards. The FEMA app enables users to receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the nation, making it easy to follow severe weather that may be threatening family and friends. The app also provides family communication plans, customizable checklist of emergency supplies, and maps of open shelters and disaster recovery centers. The app is available on the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=so5rPzl0_-Q



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FEMA is offering a continuity webinar, “Using COOP as a Foundation for All-Hazards Response Planning,” on Aug. 3, 2016, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. [Register online](#).

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute is offering a new independent study course [**IS 505, Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster**](#). This course explores how religious and cultural communities are engaged during disasters, how religious and cultural diversity and practice is protected by law, and how religious and cultural diversity can strengthen emergency management capabilities.

[A Prepared Community is a Resilient Community](#)

[Value of DHS' Vulnerability Assessments in protecting our Nation's Critical Infrastructure](#)

[Zika in the Western Hemisphere: Risks and Response](#)

[Florida International University Marks First Disaster Management Class with a Field Exercise](#)

Critical Infrastructure Protection: DHS Has Made Progress in Enhancing Critical Infrastructure Assessments but Additional Improvements are Needed. [GAO-16-791T](#) [Testimony]

[Critical Infrastructure Protection: Improvements Needed for DHS's Chemical Facility Whistleblower Report Process](#). GAO-16-572

Characterizing National Exposures to Infrastructure from Natural Disasters: Data and Methods Documentation http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR1453z1.html

Libraries play an active role in a community's response to a crisis. They provide information about local events and services, create reading lists and research guides, and offer less-traditional services to their communities in the wake of tragedy. If your library wants to help your community process recent events, but is unsure how to begin, you might find inspiration in two recent articles.

- Gray J. & Amundsen J. Libraries respond to recent crises: local libraries help communities cope. *American Libraries* [Internet]. 2016 July 11; [about 1 page]. Available from: <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/libraries-respond-recent-crises/>
- Peet L. Dallas Public Library “dedicated to serving with compassion” after shooting. *Library Journal* [Internet]. 2016 July 8; [about 1 page]. Available from: <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2016/07/public-services/dallas-public-library-dedicated-to-serving-with-compassion-after-shooting/>

For more resources, see the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services guide to [coping with disasters, violence, and traumatic events](#) or explore the materials in the Disaster Lit® database. [Register for email updates](#) or [join the email discussion list](#).



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Interested in getting involved more deeply in disaster response? Take a look at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [Disaster Information Specialist Program](#) and consider taking one of the courses offered, or attending one of the monthly webinars.

Calendar

[64th Annual IAEM Conference and EMEX, Savannah, GA, October 14-19, 2016](#)

Governor's Hurricane Conference: 31st Annual GHC in West Palm Beach May 14-19, 2017. The GHC will be held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center and the adjacent Hilton West Palm Beach Hotel. [For more information and to make reservations.](#)

Download the [FEMA App](#) to receive weather alerts from the NWS for up to five different locations anywhere in the U.S.

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