



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

It has been another wonderful and productive week for the Higher Education Program. This week we received the Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium abstract scores from our expert team of reviewers and are integrating them to make the final selections. We are so grateful for the time and thoughtfulness that went into this blind peer review process and are now building a very impressive agenda for the June symposium. If you submitted an abstract, you will be receiving notification of your selection within a week.

I also had the opportunity to brief the [Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council](#) on our program and look forward to building a strong connection between our communities. If you are not familiar with this council, please check out their website as there are some very informative briefs posted there. I look forward to identifying opportunities to collaborate and share the collective intelligence of our group with them.

Aligned with sharing our collective intelligence, I would like you to know that the FEMA National Emergency Management [Executive Academy](#) is leveraging the on-going work of our Core Competencies Focus Group. Their findings are influencing the curricula redesign of the Academy in a very significant way. This bridging of emergency management academic work to directly impact FEMA programs, policy, and curricula is a great success, and I will continue to look for opportunities to facilitate this type of exchange.

Last week I asked for your inputs on how we might encourage more focus group topic generation year-round, and I would like to thank Michael Ryan of Hillsborough County for his response. His idea was to facilitate special sessions at various locations across the nation. As a result, our team will be looking for regional opportunities to share the focus group work. If you have additional thoughts on the Higher Education Program that you would like to share, please drop me an [email](#).

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 is updating 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-collelist@fema.dhs.gov.

New Programs include:

- Eastern Mennonite University
- University of Cincinnati

There is a new section that has been added to the College List, [Executive Education Programs](#)

The **18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium** is scheduled from June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center in 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.**
- **Call for Abstracts:** Third Emergency Management Theory & Research Workshop, Monday June 6, 2016. **The deadline for abstract submissions is April 8 at midnight CST.**

Employment & Internship Opportunities

FEMA Region III Lessons Learned Advisor (CORE- Emergency Management Specialist) in the National Preparedness Division. Resumes must be submitted to [Joe DeMuro](#) by **March 16, 2016** for consideration. Series & Grade: IC-0089-11/12, Position: Full Time - Temporary - Not to Exceed 2 Years, Duty Locations: 1 vacancy - Philadelphia, PA, All U.S. citizens may apply.

The [University of Texas at Dallas](#) has a [vacancy](#) for a full-time business services specialist. This position will assist in the development, coordination, and maintenance of the University business continuity program.

Resources

[Analysis to Support Louisiana's Flood Risk and Resilience Program and Application to the National Disaster Resilience Competition](#)

[An Examination of Federal Disaster Relief Under the Budget Control Act. R42352](#)

The [ALNAP](#) call for authors deadline has been extended through **March 25, 2016**. Authors are being solicited for a five-volume series of case studies focusing on expert practice in the field of disaster and emergency management.

[Center for Infrastructure Protection & Homeland Security CIP Report, January/February 2016](#)



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[Disaster Response: FEMA Has Made Progress Implementing Key Programs, but Opportunities for Improvement Exist, Report to Congressional Requesters](#)

The World Health Organization has created a [Zika app](#). The English version of the app is available both in [Android](#) and [iOS](#) versions.

Calendar

The [National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health](#) is pleased to host [Children with Special Healthcare Needs and Disaster Preparedness webinar](#), presented by Rita Burke, PhD, MPH, of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles March 31, 2016 at 1 p.m., ET. Call in: [1-888-537-7715](#), Participant Code: 39933371

[Governor's Hurricane Conference](#) March 11th Deadlines – [Early Registration Deadline](#) – [Award Nomination](#)

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Newly indexed all-hazards journal articles

- [Disaster response](#)
- [Disaster recovery](#)
- [Social media](#)
- [Disaster preparedness](#)
- [Unmanned aerial vehicles](#)
- [Resilience](#)
- [Planning](#)

New at the library– **Tabletop exercises collection.** From the Master Exercise Practitioner Program at the Emergency Management Institute have come this series of exercises that we're adding to our collection. First to appear in this collection are "[A not so pleasant day in the Bay, City of Lodi emergency response for drinking water systems tabletop exercise](#), and [others](#)."

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