



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

The sunny skies of Emmitsburg welcomed two dynamic Higher Education Program focus groups this week. The first, facilitated by Dr. Jessica Jensen, North Dakota State University, was the Emergency Management Doctoral Focus Group. This group has met twice and is comprised of emergency management doctoral degree holders and seekers. The group has been exploring emergency management as an academic discipline and has defined the academic discipline of emergency management as “The scientific study of how humans and their institutions interact and cope with hazards and vulnerabilities and resulting events and consequences.” They have also outlined areas of discipline responsibility, including the adoption of the October 2015 [Draft Research Standards for the Academic Discipline of Emergency Management](#). A full report of their engagement will be posted to the Higher Education Program website and discussed at the Higher Education Symposium in June.

The second is the Training and Education Synergy Focus Group. This was also their second convening, and they hit the ground running! This group is led by Dr. Carol Cwiak, North Dakota State University, and is comprised of members representing the emergency management academic and practitioner communities. This group is driven by their mission *“to further the emergency management community’s collective goals by increasing overall awareness in the community about the purviews of the academic discipline and the practitioner community; identifying the opportunities to assist in, elevate, and benefit from each other’s efforts; and, communicating the importance of such efforts in strengthening emergency management’s identity, voice, and professionalization efforts.”* I am writing this at the close of the first of their two-day engagement, and they have already addressed 10 initiatives, which include the development of key ideas to support the professional development of emergency management students as well as individuals transitioning to emergency management from other career fields. You will also hear more about this group’s activities at the Symposium in June.

Opportunities to engage directly with the higher education emergency management community of interest are incredibly inspiring, and I cannot wait to see more of you in June! I would again like to thank all of you who have made time to send me emails regarding your vision and hopes for the Higher Education Program. If you have thoughts, ideas, and/or suggestions on the Higher Education Program, please drop me an [email](#).



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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.

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-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

A new section, [Executive Education Programs](#) has been added to the College List. Four executive education programs are featured.

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

Director of Emergency Management in Santa Barbara, California. **Application deadline: Monday, April 4, 2016.** For more information contact [Pam Derby](#), CPS HR Consulting, Phone: 916-471-3126

Florida Atlantic University, [Emergency Management Director](#)

[Chief of Staff](#), Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Application deadline: **April 7, 2016**

[Emergency Preparedness Specialist](#), New York City Emergency Management, Deadline: Open until filled

Resources

[DHS in Today's Dangerous World: Examining the Department's Budget and Readiness to Counter Homeland Threats](#)

[Office of the Flood Insurance Advocate Annual Report](#)

[Top Four Homeland Security Priorities for the Next Administration](#)



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[State of Emergency: The Disaster of Cutting Preparedness Grants](#)

Diversity in Emergency Management. What is the new normal for Emergency Management?

[Twitter May Be Faster Than FEMA Models for Tracking Disaster Damage](#)

Calendar

Nominations Now Open for [Mary Fran Myers Gender and Disaster Award](#). The award winner will be invited to participate in the [Natural Hazards Workshop](#), July 10-13. Nominations should be submitted **by May 2** to gdn@gdnonline.com.

Upcoming Webinars

[Children with Special Healthcare Needs and Disaster Preparedness](#), March 31, 2016, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT

[Disaster Preparedness and Your Supply Chain](#), April 12, 2016, 2 p.m. EDT

[Partnerships for Protecting Cultural and Historic Resources](#), April 12, 2016, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT

[Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government](#), March 30, 2016 11:00a.m. EDT

NETC Library

New all-hazards library acquisitions Winter 2016

- [Books](#) (11)
- [Dissertations](#) (3)
- [Reports](#) (19)

New at the library – explore our wealth of resources on [disaster recovery via this library guide](#).

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