



Higher Education Program News November 4, 2016

Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week has been another inspiring week for many reasons, and I would like to highlight just a couple. First, I had the opportunity to share the Emergency Management Higher Education Program with the PhD students at Jacksonville State University. I am very grateful to Dr. Jane Kushma for the invitation and was impressed with the work in which the students are currently engaged as well as their ideas for dissertations. While the Higher Education Program is mainly charged with supporting emergency management programs and faculty, the ultimate measure of its success is the quality of emerging emergency management research and workforce (both practitioners and academic).

Secondly, this week EMI held its employee appreciation luncheon. Building a sense of grateful community is inspiring and energizing. Our Superintendent, Tony Russell, and Deputy Superintendent, Paul Butki, shared their remarks about the great EMI team. What sort of things are you doing in your campus environment to promote community? Share your story with me [here](#).

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. **The date for the next conference call is **MONDAY, November 21** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT.** Please note this is a change from our regularly scheduled Thursday call. Let us know if you have topics you would like to discuss. The call information is **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**

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 EMI Higher Education Program keeps a list [list](#) of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. EMI staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. Please send updates to your information to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov Next year, the update templates will be pre-populated with your information.

Have you heard of our community special interest groups (SIGs)? The SIGs serve as a focal point for community development in their special area, potentially co-authoring/researching and serving as mentors to students and subject matter experts to practitioners. If you are interested in joining a SIG please send an [email](#) to us, and we will connect you with the SIG lead. The current SIGs are:





- Theory and Research Practices
- International Emergency Management
- Service Learning and Leadership
- Science and Technology Integration in Emergency Management Higher Education
- Information Exchange and Symposium
- Accreditation
- Jobs and Internships for Emergency Management Students and Graduates
- Emergency Management and Homeland Security Higher Education Unity of Effort
- Money Issues of Emergency Management
- Inter-organizational Emergency Management
- Race, Ethnicity & Economic Impacts in Emergency Management
- Virtual Resources & Simulation Tools for the Emergency Management Classroom

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.

Employment

The National Integration Center has an open position for a GS-15 Supervisory Program Analyst. The application deadline closes 11/07/2016 [FEMA-16-TM-118850-DE](#)

FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate/Protection and National Preparedness Action Office has an open position for a GS-14 Supervisory Management and Program Analyst (Lead Action Officer). The application deadline is 11/07/2016. [FEMA-17-EA-119423-DE](#)

Access Coastal Resilience Center [opportunities](#) which list jobs, internships and funding opportunities.

Resources and Announcements

National Native American Month. Tribal governments and their members are an essential part of our nation's emergency management team. Effective relationships with tribes are necessary to fulfill FEMA's mission to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards. FEMA is committed to supporting Indian Country in its efforts to build more resilient and better prepared communities.

“Fall Back” While Stepping Up Your Disaster Readiness. On Sunday, November 6, Daylight Saving Time ends. Take advantage of an extra hour of sleep, then take a few simple steps to make your home more





[disaster-resilient](#). When resetting your clocks, make sure your smoke alarms work. Follow these tips from the [U.S. Fire Administration \(USFA\)](#).

Watch *When The Sky Turns Gray*, an [Animated Video for Winter Storm](#)

November is [Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month](#). DHS offers a wide array of [free training programs](#). These web-based independent study courses, instructor-led courses, and associated training materials provide government officials and critical infrastructure owners and operators with the knowledge and skills needed to implement critical infrastructure security and resilience activities. Training resources are also available via the [Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Institute \(EMI\) Course Catalog](#).

[Homeland Security Acquisitions](#): Joint Requirements Council's Initial Approach Is Generally Sound and It Is Developing a Process to Inform Investment Priorities. GAO-17-171

[The CIP Report](#), October 2016. George Mason University, Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security.

[Coastal Resilience Center researchers 'making waves' in hurricane mitigation](#) cites that researchers from Oregon State University and Colorado State University are conducting benchmark laboratory and numerical experiments to improve the resilience of coastal structures subject to hurricane waves and surge.

Frederick Community College's, [Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management](#) launched a blog that delivers content on a variety of topics to serve readers in every phase at every level in the industry.

Calendar

The [Humanitarian Evidence, 4th Evidence Aid International Conference](#) will be held November 17-18, 2016 at the Healey Family Student Center, Georgetown University, in Washington D.C. Continuing the successful tradition of [Evidence Aid's](#) international conferences, the 4th conference is inspired by the findings of a policy Delphi Study. Presentations will cover the access and uptake of robust evidence and how to facilitate appropriate use so that decisions on the ground use the best knowledge when responding to or preparing for disasters and other humanitarian emergencies.

The Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence, in collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard, will host the [7th Annual Maritime Risk Symposium](#) November 14-15, 2016, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This is an invitation-only event. If interested in receiving an invitation, please contact [Anna Schwab](#).



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