



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

The first couple weeks of the new fiscal year are filled with looking forward to what the new fiscal year will bring and looking back over what we accomplished. Last year at this time, I had been at EMI for only one month. I was excited and nervous about all the potential opportunity and what kind of impact I would be able to have on this critical and well established higher education community. As we put together the fiscal year-end report for 2016, I am amazed at all that has been accomplished and feel so fortunate to be a part of this community!

In my experience over the past year, I have met many people with amazing and creative minds, passionate spirits and who are hard workers. This past year, together we have established 12 special interest groups, undertaken several research projects, collaborated on webinars, convened focus groups, gathered for a symposium, connected on social media, provided advice and workshops to FEMA, hosted panels, participated and supported the Executive Academy, published articles, planned for our students to learn from exercises and internships, documented case studies, collected data, collaborated on community calls, educated stakeholders, strengthened relationships, built partnerships, conducted analysis, discovered possibilities and overcame challenges! It has been spectacular and I am so grateful to each of you for your participation in this community and your efforts in emergency management education. These accomplishments have supported our mission to *empower and leverage the Emergency Management Higher Education Community & stakeholders to develop, dialogue and disseminate emergency management related information, courses and research and to share opportunities, to improve the Nation's capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards*. I am looking forward to 2017!

As we come upon the next fiscal year, we are thinking about what's next. More of the same would be great, but what else do we need to focus on? As we prepare for the Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium in June, the emerging theme is about our community networks. Who are we connected with, and how is that helping or distracting? Who are we not connected with, and what is the impact of this disconnect? Are we leveraging and collaborating with our network? What are our collective strengths? Have we remembered to include all of our networks? I would love to hear your feedback!

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



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opportunity for callers to ask questions. **Date for the next conference call is October 21 (new date)** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. 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 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 and questions to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

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 NETC in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Employment

The University of South Florida seeks applicants for a new emergency coordinator position to support their growing emergency management program. [Review additional information about the position and apply.](#) The position number is 11146.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Research and Business Support Program has an immediate opening for an EPA Ecosystem Modeling Research Associate at the facility in Gulf Breeze, Florida. The selected candidate will provide the technical resources and expertise needed to help develop, parameterize, and calibrate quantitative models to support ecosystem research. The job is expected to begin November 2016. [See the full position description and apply.](#)

Western Carolina University's, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice is seeking applications for two tenure-track faculty members at the rank of Assistant Professor, beginning August 1, 2017. These are nine-month positions with summer teaching possibilities. Applications can be submitted through this [link](#). Inquiries may be directed to Drs. [Al Kopak](#) or [Steve Brown](#)

Resources and Announcements

Lori Peek, an award-winning sociologist, author, and disaster scholar, will assume the role of director at the Natural Hazards Center in January 2017. She will also be a professor in Colorado University Boulder's Department of Sociology. Peek will follow current Director Kathleen Tierney, who is stepping down to pursue other academic projects.

[Climate Change: Information on NOAA's Support for States' Marine Coastal Ecosystem Resilience Efforts.](#)
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FEMA EMI News, Training Opportunity: Course: V-0025A - Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series (VTTX) – Active Shooter (College Campus with Hostages) December 6, 7, and 8. For a complete listing of all the FY17 VTTX dates and scenarios as well as contact information, contact information, and how to apply, go to the [FEMA training website](#).

The National Council for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (NCEMHS) organization, a variety of new and exciting emergency management, homeland security, cybersecurity, and campus preparedness/school safety programs and initiatives. [Organizational overview, vision, and mission statements](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released an updated online climate change risk assessment tool that assists users in designing adaptation plans based on the types of threats confronting their communities. Access the [Climate Resilience Evaluation and Awareness Tool](#) or to learn more about water sector climate readiness.

New Tool to Strengthen Flood Insurance: The [NFIP reinsurance program](#), when fully implemented, will strengthen the flood insurance program.

The [DHS Science and Technology, Office of University Programs](#) and Centers of Excellence currently have four open funding opportunities:

- Arctic Domain Awareness Funding Opportunity - Interested applicants must review the [Arctic IONS Workshop Report and full RFP details](#) and apply by October 14, 2016.
- Critical Infrastructure Resilience Funding Opportunity - Applicants should review the [2013 National Infrastructure Protection Plan](#) and [2015 Critical Infrastructure Security and Protection R&D Plan](#) before responding by October 24, 2016.
- New Center of Excellence: Homeland Security Quantitative Analysis Center Funding Opportunity. Apply to lead a new 10-year Center of Excellence, up to \$40 million total funding opportunity, supporting [Homeland Security Quantitative Analysis](#). The deadline for submissions is 11/1/16.

Calendar

[CRC Maritime Risk Symposium Nov. 14-15, 2016, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC](#)

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) for Emergency Responders - 20 FST 3055 - One-Week Residency: May 1-5, 2017 University of Cincinnati Aerospace Flight Lab – 3 credits

Registration:

- [Complete Basic Data Form for non-matriculating students \(not seeking degree\)](#)
- [Register for course on UC One Stop](#)



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