

## Higher Education Program News September 16, 2016

### Higher Education Updates

#### Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

Since our last newsletter, the Higher Education program convened a focus group to explore the topic of professional development and job opportunities for emergency management students and graduates. The focus group included the perspectives of students, faculty, program managers and career services. We also had members of the Jobs and Internships Special Interest Group (SIG) join the focus group via telephone as well as faculty who are researching emergency management employment and internship opportunities for emergency management students.

The focus group identified stakeholders and discussed what would be a desired professional development and jobs future for the emergency management higher education community. The discussion surfaced a lot of ideas that fell into four areas: program structure and support, communication, collaboration and needed resources. We will post the findings surfaced by this group as well as ideas for next steps and will make the findings available for your input and review. If you are interested in this topic, I would encourage you to join the Jobs and Internship SIG. You can do this by sending me an [email](#), and I will connect you to the SIG lead. Thanks to all of you have expressed interest in the various SIGs. You will be receiving more information in the next couple weeks.

**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. **Date for the next conference call is September 22** from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. The call information is **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**

**Hi Ed Webinar**, “The Role of Research in Emergency Management Education: Current Status and Future Directions,” **September 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EDT.** For more than a decade, members of the emergency management higher education community have discussed the need to use research in emergency management programs. This webinar will: feature results of a recent study related to utilization of research by Arkansas State University students; engage webinar attendees in discussing how the findings are similar to their perceptions and experiences at their institutions; and, address research issues in emergency management higher education programs.

**Speakers: Deborah J. Persell, PhD, RN, APN, Director, Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education College of Nursing and Health Professions Arkansas State University and Jessica Jensen, Ph.D.,**



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Please [register](#) in advance. **Conference Call-In: 800-320-4330, PIN: 995678**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov).

*Note: Recently in an effort to update the college list, a template was sent with an inaccurate email address. The correct email when returning the template is: [FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov) or click reply to the email.*

**Remember to Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 5-8, 2017 at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland.**

## Resources and Announcements

Download the free FEMA [app](#) to help keep your family stay safe through emergencies, even from across the country. With weather alerts available from anywhere in the U.S., know when severe weather may impact far-away students and family. The app is available free on the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

September is [National Preparedness Month](#) which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. National Preparedness Month is a good time to take action to prepare yourself and your family. The month leads up to National PrepareAthon! Day on September 30, when individuals, organizations and businesses across the country will highlight the importance of taking action and practicing emergency preparedness actions.

[Homeland Security Affairs Journal, 2016, 15th Anniversary of 9/11 edition](#)

[Understanding Tornado Warnings, False Alarms, and Complacency](#)

Auburn University is offering Planning and Preparedness for Healthcare and Medical Professionals, 09/19 to 10/16, 2016 and Technology in Emergency Management, 10/17 to 11/13/2016. Both online courses are electives in the Emergency Management Certificate Program.



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## Calendar

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology (S&T) Office of Public-Private Partnerships is dedicated to redefining the way S&T does business with industry innovators to find more effective and novel ways to research, develop, and transition new technologies for our customers within the Homeland Security Enterprise. We are looking for input on ways we can improve our outreach to ensure that we clearly communicate high-priority needs and requirements. We also welcome feedback on our existing opportunities and tools for traditional and non-traditional partners as we engage with them to discover, connect, develop, and transition technologies.

On September 27, from 1-2 p.m. ET, join the DHS S&T Office of Public-Private Partnerships in a [Facebook virtual town hall](#) to learn and discuss how S&T collaborates with industry. This virtual town hall is an opportunity for industry to provide S&T with feedback on how we can improve our partnership and engagement efforts to make it easier and more efficient to work with us. You can also follow us at [@dhsscitech on Twitter](#) for more ways to connect.

The Federal Emergency Management ~~Agency's~~ ~~Emergency~~ ~~Agency's~~ ~~Emergency~~ Management Institute announces the FY 2017 offerings of the **E390 – Integrating Emergency Management Education into Your Institution course**. Training announcement and application available

The Texas AM Engineering Extension Service MGT-361 course, Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions, is being offered October 18-20 at the Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY. This free course is not law enforcement-specific, but an opportunity for Emergency Operation Center members, department heads and first responders in the community to work together. To register

The 2016 National Seminar and Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education, will be held at the University of Illinois at Chicago from November 16-17, 2016.

Registration is now open for the 2017 Governor's Hurricane Conference held May 14-19, 2017 in West Palm Beach, Florida. Visit our website or click

The CRHNet Annual Symposium will be held November 23-25, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Montreal. Information/Registration

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