



## Higher Education Program News September 29, 2016

### Higher Education Updates

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

This week has been filled with learning for me! I have had the opportunity to travel to Boston and attend the 2016 MIT Systems Design Management Conference on Systems Thinking for Contemporary Challenges. During this time we explored the creation and management of systems through making thoughtful architecture decisions, addressing complexity, supporting teams and identifying meaningful measures. I have noted many good ideas, tools and practices for innovation from the various speakers and made several very good connections. In the next few weeks after digesting what I have learned, I can begin steps to put these ideas into practice to serve our community.

I also attended the MIT Climate Change CoLab Conference keynote address and awards ceremony. The CoLab is a project of MIT's Center for Collective Intelligence in collaboration with many other organizations. Each year CoLab hosts a competition for proposals to positively address climate change. This year's \$10,000 winning project created an interactive climate change dashboard for cities. The connection between emergency management and climate change is strong, and I know many of you discuss this topic regularly in your class. The CoLab site may serve as an inspirational resource.

Also, this week, I received an invitation to attend an emergency management/first responder leadership conversation at Harvard's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative being held today. I am looking forward to this dialogue facilitated by many of our emergency management leaders including Ms. Kay Goss and Mr. Richard Serino. I had hoped to visit more of our programs in the greater Boston area. In the future I will have to build in an additional full day or more formally arrange a gathering to ensure I meet and stay connected with our community!

I wanted to thank everyone who participated on the community call last week. It was a very inspirational call as we heard from a community member who was looking for resources and connections to integrate drones into curricula, and the outpouring of resources and leads was great! The community calls serve as a point of dialogue, and while I love to provide you with all the updates from Emmitsburg, I am most excited when I witness the exchange of information across our programs. We are a rich community with much to offer each other! I hope you will join us next month for the call on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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 October 20** 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](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.*

**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 NETC in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

## Employment

The EPA Environmental Research and Business Support Program is looking for two EPA EnviroAtlas Data Support Associates with the Office of Research and Development at the EPA facility in Research Triangle Park, NC. Associates will provide data management, data curation, and data analysis. The job is expected to begin November 2016. [For full position description and to apply](#)

## Resources and Announcements

[Fire Grants: FEMA Could Enhance Program Administration and Performance Assessment. GAO-16-744](#)

September is National Preparedness Month: Everyone can become better prepared for unexpected emergencies and disasters. This year's National Preparedness Month theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today." Disasters don't always occur when we are together with our family and friends, and so it's important to take time to plan what you will do in an emergency. Here are some other tips that can help you and your family be better prepared:

- Download the free FEMA App for disaster resources and safety tips in English and Spanish. The App allows you to sign up for weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the country. It's an easy way to get weather updates on parents and family who live out of town, kids who are away at college or for when you're traveling.
- Have an emergency supply kit with food, water, medication, batteries and important documents. These are just some of the basic emergency supplies you'll want to have ready in a kit that you can grab quickly if you had to leave your home quickly. Take some time to make a list of the things you would need or want to take with you, including cash.
- Practice preparedness. Whether it's your family holding a fire drill or testing your communication plan,





you are building “muscle memory” so you will know what to do during an actual emergency. You can also gather your family to plan where to meet if you had to evacuate from home and digitize important documents.

Share tips and ideas by following @Readygov and on Twitter using #NATLPREP. For more information about National Preparedness Month, visit [www.ready.gov/September](http://www.ready.gov/September).

2016 International Women in Homeland Security and Emergency Management Hall of Fame Inductees “*Honoring Pioneers and Trailblazers and Transforming Our World.*” include **Dr. Meloyde Batten-Mickens and Rear Admiral Mary E. Landry**. Dr. Batten-Mickens is the first African American female, Certified Emergency Manager, to serve as Chief/Executive Director of Public Safety at Gallaudet University and to lead the Crisis Leadership Team. Rear Admiral Landry, USCG Retired, is the first female District Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District, in charge of operations that covered 26 States, including the Gulf of Mexico coastline from Florida to Mexico. In April 2012, she became the inaugural Director of Incident Management and Preparedness at the Coast Guard's headquarters. For more about inWEM Hall of Fame, contact [Jalarsen.inwem@gmail.com](mailto:Jalarsen.inwem@gmail.com) or [drjmcbride.inwem@gmail.com](mailto:drjmcbride.inwem@gmail.com).

[Space, the Final Frontier for Cybersecurity?](#)

[An Examination of FEMA's Limited Role in Local Land Use Development Decisions](#)

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

The Disaster Information Management Research Center *Disaster Lit®*: [the Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health](#) database weekly update is now available.

## Calendar

Auburn University – The next scheduled elective course is 10/03-30/2016. Unmet Needs and Challenges: Some Key Challenges Facing Homeland Security and Emergency Management Post 9/11 and Post Katrina. For more information, contact [Shavon Williams](#), MBA, Office of Professional and Continuing Education.

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