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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

Labor Day weekend was filled with a lot of activity for FEMA. The weather does not take holidays, and while here in Emmitsburg it was nice, much of our Nation was dealing with severe weather and flooding!

This week at EMI, the Training & Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) was convened. The gathering hosted representatives from every FEMA region and several supporting FEMA headquarters divisions with the purpose to develop the Multi-Year Exercise Management Plan. I was able to attend the first day and learned about the efforts of the Senior Leadership Coordination Group, the current status and use of the Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), State Preparedness Report (SPR) data and the Lessons Learned and Continuous Improvement Program (LL/CIP). I listened to these briefs with a keen ear to listen for potential opportunities for the Higher Education Program Community to engage and contribute to these efforts.

I learned that there are opportunities for exercise role players and evaluators. While this might not be an ideal internship program, it could be a great opportunity for students to participate and learn from the perspective of a survivor. As a result, I am planning to follow up with my FEMA colleagues to discuss potential opportunities. To help with this meeting, I would be very interested in learning more about any engagement you have with exercises in your areas as well as any ideas of how you would like to be more engaged. Please send me an [email](#) with your experiences and stories!

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



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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., Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Management Co-Director, Center for Emergency Management Education and Research (CEMER) North Dakota State University
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.

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 to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Remember to 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

Emergency Preparedness Manager, New York City Emergency Management, Brooklyn, New York,
Deadline: The position is open until filled

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.

The Disaster Information Management Research Center Disaster LitSM: the Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health database has recently been updated, and is now available.

Zika Poses New Challenges for Blood Centers, CRS Insight. IN10544





Center for Infrastructure Protection & Homeland Security, CIP Report, July/August 2016

Flood Insurance: Review of FEMA Study and Report on Community-Based Options. GAO-16-766

Calendar

Safety and Emergency Readiness - Virtual Leadership Summit, September 21-22, 2016. For more information and free registration #safeandreadysummit

The University of Chicago Graham School Master Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies is hosting How To Build A Resilient Organization webinar September 21, 2016.

The 2016 International Disaster and Risk Conference theme has been Integrative Risk Management - towards resilient cities, focusing on urban areas and promoting their resilience. Potential authors are invited to contribute to a special issue from all perspectives and disciplines to enrich the discussion on the current state of Integrated Disaster Risk Reduction. This ~~issue~~ issue on IDRC Davos 2016 is of interest to business leaders, decision makers, practitioners, UN-, IO- & NGO-agents, scientists, and more. Deadline for submission is 15 October 2016.

Call for Submissions,

The Canadian Risk and Hazards Network is accepting submissions for the November issue of *HazNet*, which will focus on exploring resilience in Indigenous communities, including topics such as emergency preparedness, disaster resilience and climate change adaptation. **Deadline: September 30, 2016**

NETC Library

Check out the new article, Communication, Sense of Community, and Disaster Recovery: a Facebook Case Study^[CKL1] / by Douglas Paton and Melanie Irons at <http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fcomm.2016.00004/full> published in Volume 1 “Frontiers in Communication.”

The NETC Library and the National Fire Heritage Center are commemorating this month the 15th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks with a joint display of books and related documents. View poster to learn more.

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