



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Program Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

It was a very fast-paced week for the Higher Education Program! Our symposium agenda is looking really good, and we are very excited about the opportunities that are being provided. If you have not yet registered DO NOT DELAY! We will be extending the application period to May 1st and already have nearly 200 people registered. We are so excited to see everyone!

Please work to arrange your travel to attend the entire symposium, if possible. We have outstanding keynote speakers on Thursday, June 8, sharing approaches to increase financial literacy and whole community perspectives in emergency management. We will also be adding a new event to Thursday evening for anyone who will be staying the last night. We will be screening a few emergency management public service stories and showing the 'Great American Blackout' movie on the big screen in Building K302. We expect this will be a way to squeeze in a little more networking before we depart.

This week EMI Mitigation Branch Chief, Ms. Lillian Virgil, hosted the E0390 course, Integrating Emergency Management Education into Your Institution, for Historically Black Colleges & University (HBCU) for 15 students. In addition, Barbara and I represented the Higher Education Program and community in a presentation for the class. It is always inspiring to learn what work is being done, ideas that are generated and possibilities expressed!

The Higher Education Program hosts a webinar each month. If you have a topic or idea, contact Wendy Walsh. We will not have a May webinar due to Higher Education Symposium planning crunch time.

Would you like to be eligible for future Hi Ed projects such as focus groups, student internship opportunities and course revisions? If interested, visit our link for instructions, or contact Barbara.

College List - The EMI Higher Education Program keeps a 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. Send information updates 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 Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Go to the website to download an invitation





package, moderator and student volunteer information. As of April 11, 191 symposium applications have been accepted, and 16 student volunteers have accepted our invitation.

A few items to note in preparing for the symposium:

- Please [email](#) your workshop choices. A workshop schedule is on the [website](#).
- We need breakout session moderators to provide guidance during each session and student volunteers. Information for moderator/facilitator expectations is on the [website](#).
- We need at least 10-15 additional student volunteers to assist the Hi Ed Program manager by carrying out various tasks each day of the symposium and serve as session reporters. A valuable asset to the symposium, session reporters provide a short report with highlights of their particular session. If interested, send an [email](#) for more information.

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Thursday, May 11, from 2:00-3:00 PM EDT. Please join us. Learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that we can address. Let [me](#) know if you have topics you would like to discuss. **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**

Employment

Vacancy announcements posted for other Emergency Management/Homeland Security Positions:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS-0089-12, CLOSE 4/24/2017, [FEMA-17-WG-132970-DE-V](#), Oakland, CA
- Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist, GS-0301-11, CLOSE 4/25/2017, [FEMA-17-SGF-161995-DE](#), Washington, DC
- Assistant Director – Security and Emergency Preparedness Section, CM-0301-02/02, CLOSE 4/27/2017, [2017-HQ-0836](#), Washington, DC
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-12, CLOSE 5/3/2017, [EC-17-RW-4827-1918735](#), Denver, CO
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-15, CLOSE 4/26/2017, [WTKC178119761940849](#), San Francisco, CA
- Emergency Management Assistant, GS-0303-07, CLOSE 4/25/2017, [SWGJ170204441924872](#), Nashville, TN

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [American Public University System](#) – Online Part-Time Faculty, Emergency & Disaster Management
- [American Public University System](#) – Online Part-Time Faculty, Security Management in the USA
- [Radford University](#) – One-Year Full-Time Temporary Position in Homeland Security

Resources





FEMA issued an update to the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide ([PAPPG](#)), effective for all disasters declared on or after April 1, 2017. The Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG) combines all Public Assistance (PA) policy into one consolidated document.

The collection of resources below were compiled through a variety of sources and are included here as perhaps interesting and relevant resources for research or classroom use. These links are provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.

[DHS Next: Moving Beyond Collaboration and Cooperation](#)

IAEM-USA, on Apr. 12, submitted [comments](#) on a FEMA's concept of a Public Assistance deductible that would condition states' receipt of FEMA reimbursement for the repair and replacement of public infrastructure damaged by a disaster event.

[Homeland Security Affairs Journal](#), v. 8, April 2017

- [Cognitive Defense: Influencing the Target Choices of Less Sophisticated Threat Actors](#)
- [Coordination in Crises: Implementation of the National Incident Management System by Surface Transportation Agencies](#)

Calendar

- The National Information Sharing Consortium will conduct a webinar April 26 at 1-2 PM EDT on the information sharing tools tested during the January 23 New Orleans Flood Experiment. [Register](#).
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) prepared a draft, nationwide programmatic environmental impact statement (NPEIS) evaluating the environmental impacts of proposed modifications to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The draft NPEIS is available [online](#), with the option of making online comments. The deadline for comments is June 6, 2017.
- Center for Risk-Based Community Resilience and Planning [Webinar](#) April 27, 11:00 AM MDT
- [Potential Corrosivity of Untreated Groundwater in the United States](#) by Kenneth Belitz, Chief Groundwater Assessment, National Water Quality Assessment Program, April 27, 7:00 PM PDT.
 - Corrosive groundwater, if untreated, can dissolve lead and other metals from pipes.
 - National maps have been prepared to identify the occurrence of potentially corrosive groundwater
 - Findings have the greatest implication for the 44 million people dependent on domestic wells for drinking water.

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