



## Higher Education Program News

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### Higher Education Program Updates

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

This week has been outstanding as we delivered the second course of the National Emergency Management Executive Academy. We redesigned the Executive Academy curriculum. It now aligns with competencies of the next generation emergency manager research, which was identified by our emergency management higher education academic community. The competencies covered this week were: critical thinking; emotion and social intelligence; decision making models and theory application; continuous learning; ethics; and, conflict management. We have had great dialogues on these topics and discussed how we could deliver elements of the competencies more effectively. We have been successful in establishing a co-creative environment with the students, and this has yielded a lot of richness for continuous improvement.

This weekend, several members of the Higher Education Program community of practice will be discussing the emergency management academic discipline, which is part of the agenda at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, held April 27 – May 1. Our group will focus on:

1. Understanding better how, or if, the emergency management academic discipline, students, and faculty could benefit from the AERA.
2. Discussing the boundaries of the emergency management academic discipline and working toward articulating a clear narrative of relationships with complementary academic disciplines.
3. Exploring the role of the emergency management academic discipline in the National Training & Education System to build and sustain the capabilities and competencies needed to achieve the National Preparedness Goal.

The outcomes of our discussion will be written up and shared at the Higher Education Symposium June 5-8. If you are interested in the topic and would like to learn more and/or contribute to the focus group, send us an email.

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

**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 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:

- The deadline for application submission has been moved to May 1, 2017.
- Please send an [email](#) with 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 (Recovery), GS-0089-12/12, CLOSE 5/1/2017, [FEMA-17-JBG-150030-CORE](#), Lakewood, CO
- CORE Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC-0301-12/12, CLOSE 5/1/2017, [FEMA-17-JMW-160619-CORE](#), Oakland, CA
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-12/12, CLOSE 5/4/2017, [ST-10008661-17-DG](#), Oahu, HI
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-13/13, CLOSE 5/1/2017, [HHS-CDC-M5-17-1945317](#), Atlanta, GA





### Higher Education Vacancies:

- [American Public University](#) – Online Part-Time Faculty, Security Management
- [Western Kentucky University](#) – Instructor, Public Health
- [Texas A&M University](#) – Public Service and Administration Department Head

### Resources

Earlier this week, ASPR in partnership with CMS, officially re-launched the “[HHS emPOWER Map 2.0](#)” that can be found at: <https://empowermap.hhs.gov>. Building on its prior successes and partner recommendations, emPOWER Map 2.0 now offers a streamlined format to enhance each user’s experience and an expanded set of near real-time hazard tracking capabilities and base map options that can help emergency preparedness, response and recovery activities in every community. The map continues to feature the monthly de-identified total of Medicare beneficiaries that have a claim for 13 types of electricity-dependent medical and assistive equipment (e.g. oxygen concentrators, enteral feeding, dialysis, electric wheelchairs, etc.) and cardiac implantable devices (i.e. LVADs, RVADs, BIVADs, TAHs). Together, this information provides enhanced situational awareness and actionable information that can assist community partners- from health care to first responders to utility companies and others- more rapidly identify areas and at-risk populations that may be impacted and provide assistance in the event of severe weather, wild fires, earthquakes and other disasters.

In the future, state public health authorities will also be able to access the forthcoming HHS emPOWER Initiative Portal through this site. Additional information will be sent out as the portal gets closer to its official launch date. In the interim, additional information can be found in our 508 compliant [HHS emPOWER Map 2.0 Factsheet](#) and additional questions can be sent to the HHS emPOWER Program Manager at [empower@hhs.gov](mailto:empower@hhs.gov).

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

*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 chief: Government needs 'heavy artillery' for cyberspace](#)

[The most tornado-prone counties in the US](#)

[The Virginia Tech Shooting's Impact on Emergency Preparedness](#)

[Lessons from Parkfield help predict continued fault movements after earthquakes](#)

[Slashing FEMA's budget would put Americans last](#)





### Calendar

Global Risk Forum GRF Davos announces the World Bosai Forum International Disaster and Risk Conference 2017, which will be held in Sendai, Japan from November 25-28, 2017. The [World Bosai Forum](#) will build on the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#) and aim to create practical solutions for disaster risk reduction. Registration and [poster abstracts submission](#) will open May 15, 2017.

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