



Higher Education Program News August 11, 2017

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

The Higher Education Program convened a focus group of researchers this week to begin the process of determining a research agenda for FEMA that would serve the emergency management and homeland security practices in addition to professional workforce development through creating stronger bridges for research to inform curricula. The group is chaired by Dr. Lori Peek from the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder, and participants came from the institutions of the University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of Oklahoma, National Science Foundation, John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, University of Ohio, Natural Hazards Center, University of North Texas, and the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology. The group made significant progress, and they will be presenting the outcome of this meeting in a webinar that will be hosted on Friday, September 8th at 2:00- 3:30 p.m. This webinar will also provide a forum for the broader community to convey feedback to be included in the final report, which will be completed mid- to late September. Details for the webinar registration will be communicated in the next two weeks.

The planning for emergency management and homeland security higher education regional academic collaboration events is underway. We are organizing three events in the next two months. The first event will be held in FEMA Region IX on August 23 in Palo Alto, CA. There are several reasons why we coordinate these regional events. In addition to building awareness, we also hope to capture successful regional practices of collaboration with faculty, students, and researchers working with emergency management practitioners, and we hope to identify untapped opportunities. This first engagement will feature successful practices from California, Arizona, Nevada, and American Samoa representing the efforts of city government, academic institutions and private sector. The second event will be held the following week in Region I, and the third, in Region II, is in the initial planning stages for the end of September. I will keep you posted on the development and outcomes of these events. If you are in any of these FEMA regions and are interested in participating, please drop me an email <<mailto:wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov>>. We will continue planning these events to eventually host events in all FEMA regions, and we will keep you posted on the dates and outcomes.

NEW Special Interest Group for two-year emergency management institutions!

Thursday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m. The Emergency Management Higher Education Special Interest Group (SIG) – Collaboration, Connection, and Commitment to Two-Year Emergency Management Academic Programs will convene for its inaugural meeting. The purpose of this SIG is to increase the exchange of





knowledge and broaden and deepen the areas of study and understanding of practice among two-year emergency management institutions. Please register [here](#) to participate.

The Higher Education Program hosts a webinar each month. For a topic or idea, contact [Wendy Walsh](#).

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.

We have a number of folders available from the 19th Annual Emergency Management Hi Ed Symposium held in June. If you would like one or more folders, please send an [email](#) with your name and mailing address and the number you would like to receive. Conference folders contain information about the presentations and much more.

The 20th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 4-7, 2018, at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD.

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Thursday, August 17, 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 Wendy Walsh know if you have topics to discuss. **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**

Employment

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

- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 8/23/2017, [TH-17-BMH-1995932bu](#), Wichita, KS
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 8/24/2017, [NY-17-KG-10035191-BU](#), Bay Pines, FL

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Capella University](#) – Core Faculty, Emergency Management
- [Columbus State Community College](#) – Faculty, Criminal Justice
- [Eastern Kentucky University](#) – Lecturer, Homeland Security
- [Herzing University](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Criminal Justice and Homeland Security





Resources

The resources below were compiled through a variety of sources, and included here as, perhaps, what could be interesting and relevant resources for research or classroom use. The 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.

[Preparing for High-Impact, Low-Probability \(HILP\) Events](#)

[DHS Joins Facebook, YouTube at Counter Terrorism Summit](#)

[Lending a helping hand in disaster's wake](#)

[How to Refer Disaster Survivors for Mental Health Care](#)

[How to Provide Psychological First Aid](#)

[Human-induced and natural earthquakes in central U.S. are “inherently similar”](#)

[Government Report Finds Drastic Impact of Climate Change on U.S.](#)

Calendar

The Adobe Digital Government Technology Conference, November 15, 2017 in Washington D.C. will feature sessions built towards enhancing the public sector's understanding of Adobe solutions towards agency projects and missions, providing thoughtful and hands-on sessions for end-users. [Information and registration.](#)

NETC Library

Interested in exploring a topic in the context of a particular state, region or foreign country? The National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Library added a new filter to the [search results](#) page that lets you see results from different geographic areas. Here's an example. Enter the term “[Tsunami](#)” scroll down the page to see all the available selections in the left-hand column. We hope you find this feature useful.

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