



## Higher Education Program News

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### Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This week started on a high note with a handbook I received entitled, *The Next Generation Core Competencies for Emergency Management Professionals: Handbook of Behavioral Anchors for Measurement*. Based on the culmination of the higher education community's ongoing work to discern the professional emergency management competencies, Drs. Shirley Feldmann-Jensen, Steve Jensen, and Sandy Smith have created a handbook aligning competency areas to behavioral anchors and key actions appropriate for the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels. In the early fall, we plan to arrange a webinar to discuss the handbook, as well as opportunities for application and dissemination. My immense gratitude goes to the authors for their tireless efforts!

This week, I headed to Washington, D.C., to participate in a Discovery Change Session with FEMA Administrator Brock Long. As FEMA develops its 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, the agency is seeking diverse perspectives from stakeholders, partners and employees to inform future vision, direction, strategic goals, and operational objectives. These sessions are the first step in a new cycle of listening to employees at all levels, as well as stakeholders from state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector regarding ideas for improvements we could make to improve our services and processes.

You can participate too: FEMA is accepting feedback through [IdeaScale](#), an interactive, web-based application where people can submit, discuss, and vote on ideas. I encourage you to submit your thoughts and ideas via [IdeaScale](#) or to [FEMA-Strategic-Planning@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Strategic-Planning@fema.dhs.gov).

I am very excited about the efforts and direction our new Administrator is taking us. As the Discovery Change Sessions continue, and FEMA moves forward with our strategic planning efforts, expect to see additional opportunities to engage with our Agency and leadership. We want to hear what you think, and your ideas for the future of emergency management. And, I wish you all a good weekend and week ahead!

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

Emergency Management Specialist, Argonne National Laboratory, CLOSE 11/14/2017, District of Columbia

Emergency Management Specialist, Argonne National Laboratory, CLOSE 11/14/2017, Illinois

CPP Sector Coordinator (JOB ID 298933) The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, CLOSE 11/13/2017, NY

## Resources

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

Presidential Executive Order on Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure

Army, FEMA Prepare for Disaster Relief in Vigilant Guard Exercise

*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.*

Available evidence from systematic reviews on interventions for PTSD and psychological first aid on the Evidence Aid Resource page (<http://www.evidenceaid.org/resources/>)





[New natural hazards science for Australia](#)

[Disaster risk management: Insights from the US](#)

[Update of national guidance on flood risk management: the Handbook 7 collection](#)

[What's Next for Urban Resilience?](#)

[Tsunami Footage — Mandatory Watching](#)

[Tense Days in New Orleans as City's Pump Network Struggles to Keep Up](#)

[Center For Health Security Publishes First Working Definition of Global Catastrophic Biological Risks](#)

[Tribe, FEMA sign pact](#)

## Calendar

September 14, 2017, the [National Information Sharing Consortium](#) (NISC) will host a [webinar](#) with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate First Responders Group (DHS S&T FRG) and the Defence Research and Development Canada's Centre for Security Science (DRDC CSS) to discuss the upcoming Canada-U.S. Enhanced Resiliency Experiment (CAUSE V).

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