



Program News for the week ending December 15, 2017

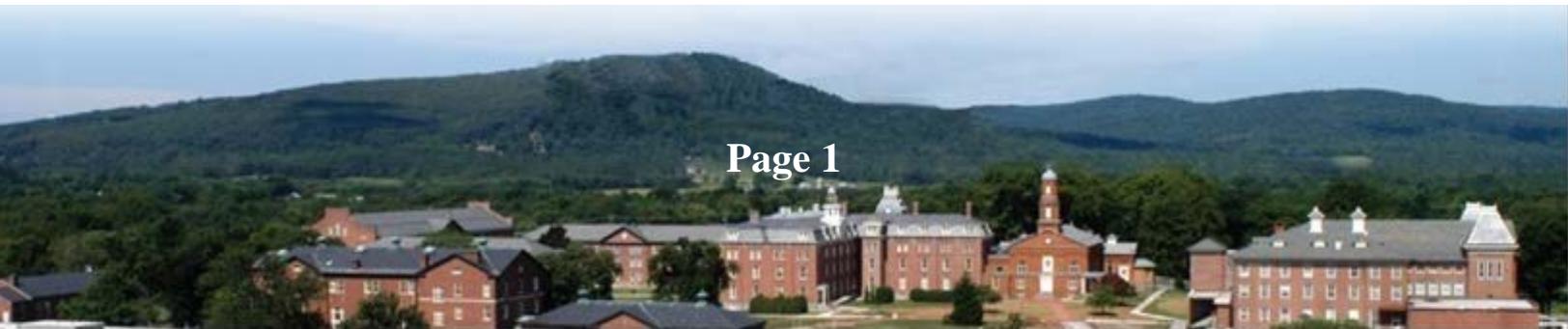
Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This will be my last message of the year, and I am so proud of all the accomplishments we have made this year! Our team has been working on our year-end report, which gives us the opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished!

- We have hosted five focus groups to explore and refine efforts towards program accreditation, articulating the emergency management academic discipline, discerning a proposed research agenda, expanding efforts to conduct and leverage the scholarship of teaching and learning research to improve program delivery, and looking to expand opportunities for students and faculty to support emergency management exercises.
- We have hosted nine webinars, including a four-part series on teaching with case studies.
- We supported six research inquiries, including research to understand student perspectives on jobs and internships, research to develop an independent study course for students contemplating emergency management careers (to be available in early 2018), as well as research on the Emergency Management Next Generation Core Competencies resulting in the development of a handbook of behavior anchors and measures for each of the competencies at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate level (to be posted to the Higher Education website in January 2018).
- We successfully hosted our 19th annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium and the planning of the 20th annual symposium is well underway.
- We have established several topical special interest groups for the community to share successful practices, promote research, host focus groups, design webinars and engage in collaborative publication to broaden and deepen the teaching, learning and practice of emergency management education. Some of them have been very active while others are just building a foundation.
- Great effort has been put into our College list to ensure that we have current and accurate information.
- And, we have hosted regional engagements for Region I and IX to strengthen and support regional collaboration.

All of these accomplishments have been possible because of you, the Emergency Management Higher Education Community! You are generous, thoughtful and driven to ensure we are educating the next generation of emergency managers to build and sustain a secure and resilient world. I am incredibly grateful and fortunate to serve the FEMA Higher Education program and have the opportunity to learn from and grow with this community. As 2017 wraps up, I will be disconnecting a couple weeks with my family and recharging to dive into 2018 with all of you to take the FEMA Higher Education Program to even greater heights! Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season!



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Higher Education Program Webinars

The Higher Education Program regularly hosts webinars for the emergency management higher education academic community. If you have a pertinent topic or idea, contact [Wendy Walsh](#).

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, December 15th, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET. 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. 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.

College List - The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Hi Ed staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. If you have a new program to include on the list or have program updates, please email FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Make a note on your 2018 calendar. 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. Information will be posted to the Hi Ed website symposium page as it becomes available.

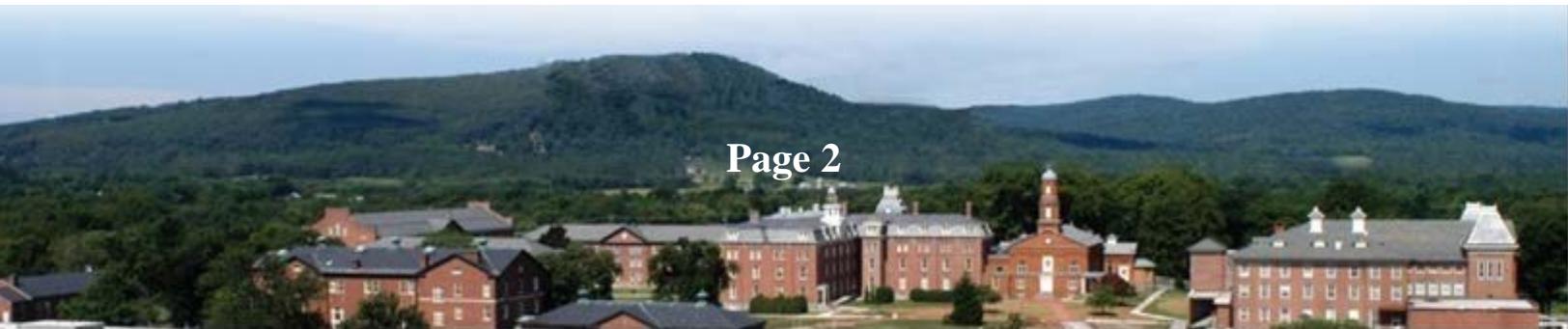
Employment

Vacancy announcements posted Emergency Management/Homeland Security Positions:

- **Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist**, IC 13, CLOSE 12/18/2017, [FEMA-18-TDS-192257-CORE](#), Austin, TX
- **Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist**, IC 12, CLOSE 12/18/2017, [FEMA-18-LGN-192260-CORE](#), Austin, TX
- **Emergency Management Specialist (Geospatial)**, IC 13, CLOSE 12/18/2017, [FEMA-17-JOB-181019-CORE](#), Kansas City, MO
- **Physical Security Specialist**, SV G-H, CLOSE 12/19/2017, [FAM-OSSA-17-383364-P](#), Dallas, TX and Arlington, VA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Ferris State University](#) – Faculty, Information Security & Intelligence
- [Georgia Tech University](#) - Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- [Jacksonville State University](#) – Assistant Professor, Emergency Management
- [Massachusetts Maritime Academy](#) – Faculty, Emergency Management



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Resources

[Statement By Secretary Nielsen On House Passage Of H.R. 3359 To Create The Cybersecurity And Infrastructure Security Agency](#)

[Secretary Nielsen Announces the Establishment of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office](#)

[Homeland Security: DHS \(Department of Homeland Security\)'s Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Program Consolidation Efforts](#)

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) Disaster Information Management Research Center (DIMRC) resources to support California wildfires response/recovery

Key National Resources

NLM Fires and Wildfires [Information Guide](#):

- Content syndication—you can embed the content of this page on your own website to get automatic updates and new resources:
- NLM [Coping with Disasters, Violence and Traumatic Events](#)
- 2017 [California Wildfires](#) (DHHS, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response)
- [Disaster Distress Helpline](#) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration):

Key California Resources

- California Office of Emergency Services [Wildfires Resource & Information](#)
- City of Los Angeles [Skirball Fire Emergency Information and Updates](#)
- City of Los Angeles [Creek Fire Emergency Updates and Information](#)
- Maps:
 - [California Statewide Fire Map](#)
 - City of [Los Angeles December 2017 Fires](#)

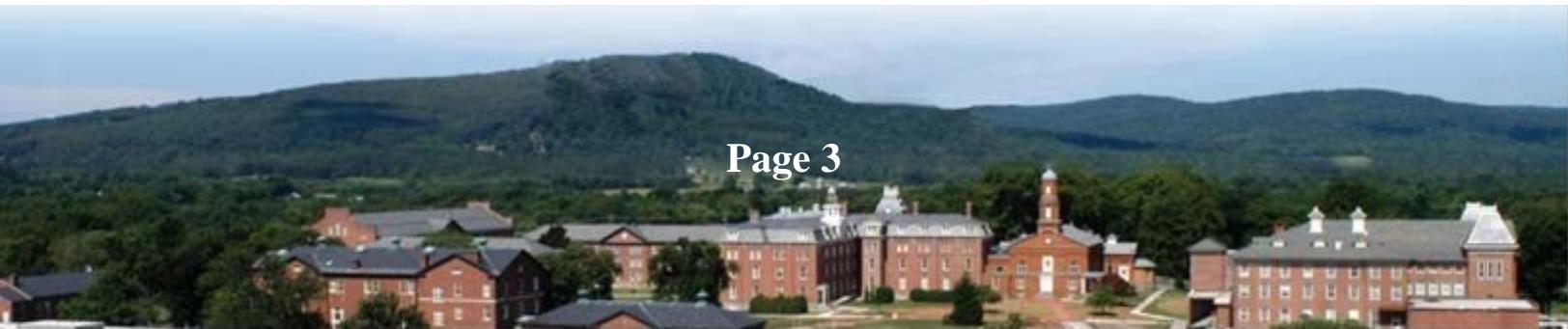
Key Documents

Search [NLM Disaster Litdatabase](#)

Social Media

- Hashtags: [#CAWildfires](#) [#LilacFire](#) [#LibertyFire](#) [#ThomasFire](#) [#CreekFire](#) [#SkirballFire](#) [#RyeFire](#) [#LAFires](#)
- [Twitter List](#)

[Welcome to JetStream, the National Weather Service Online Weather School](#). This site is designed to help educators, emergency managers, or anyone interested in learning about weather and weather safety. The National Weather Service (NWS) understands the critical value of fast, accurate weather information. You are free to use the materials in any manner you wish. NWS welcomes your feedback on this project. Your input will greatly assist others in teaching the "hows" and "whys" of weather. Not sure where to begin? Click to see all topics in JetStream in the [Topic Matrix](#).



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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.

[Bill to Elevate and Rename DHS Cyber Division Passes House](#)

[Congress Resets Shutdown Clock](#)

[Emergency Management as a Career](#)

[Wildfires Emphasize Need to Improve Emergency Alert Systems](#)

[Beyond wind speed: A new measure for predicting hurricane impacts](#)

[Emerging Threats to Rail Infrastructure: Part I, Freight](#)

The [Justice Technology Information Center \(JTIC\)](#) has compiled a list of resources and a Safeguarding House of Worship App to help law enforcement agencies and houses of worship prepare for natural and man-made disasters.

Calendar

The Washington Center has released their summer 2018 application for the [Naval Research Laboratory \(NRL\) HBCU/MI Internship Program](#). This program is designed for students who attend historically black college or universities, a tribal college or university, or a minority-serving institution. Applicants should be majoring in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subject and have an interest in complex laboratory work. Application deadline is January 19, 2017. Contact the NRL at NRL@twc.edu or 202-238-7734 for more information.

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