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Program News for the week ending December 8, 2017

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This has been an outstanding week! While being engaged with the final week of the Executive Academy, I have seen remarkable presenters and participated in inspiring conversations. Emergency Management education was a significant topic of a couple of the sessions. I was very happy to hear the passion of these high-level EM executives to ensure the readiness of the next generation of the emergency management profession. They highlighted the importance of experience and internships as well as the understanding of policy, doctrine, theory and research. I am hopeful that we will continue this dialogue and continue to grow educational opportunities in partnership with emergency management practitioners.

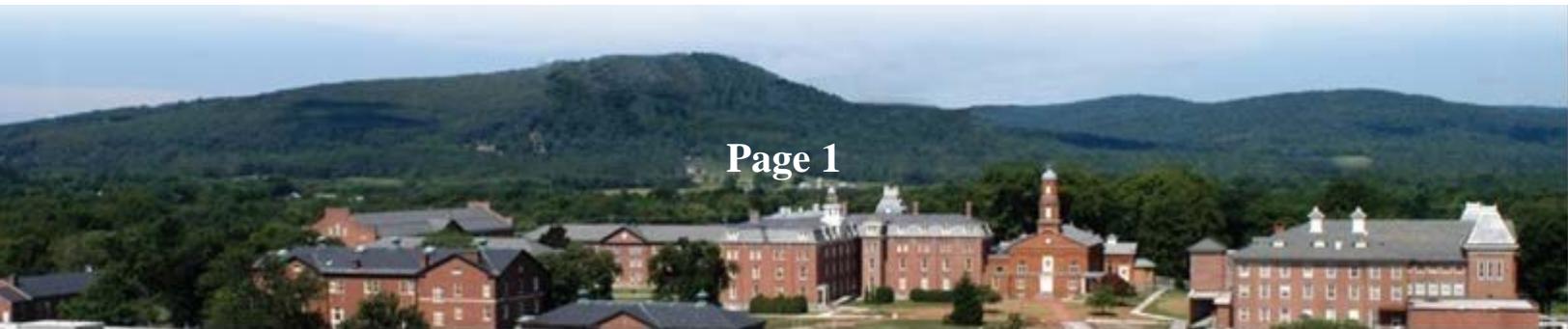
Tuesday, we hosted an amazing webinar on the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) for the emergency management and homeland security academic disciplines. This coordinated effort began with a focus group that convened in September. It is exciting to see this level of reflection and energy to continuously improve, conduct research and share successful practices to educate! This group has finalized a report of their current efforts, which will be posted soon to our website. They are also working on developing an annotated bibliography, collectively developing and delivering conference presentations and journal articles, as well as identifying viable journal outlets to publish SoTL research. I am very pleased to announce that this year the University of Central Florida's School of Public Administration will be announcing the recipient of their inaugural SoTL Award at our 20th Anniversary FEMA Emergency Management Higher Education Conference in June of 2018! More details on the criteria and application will be shared in the coming New Year.

The SoTL effort is interested in your participation! We are planning to develop in early 2018 a webinar to highlight the SoTL resources currently available, and the Unity of Effort Special Interest Group is interested in hosting the SoTL dialogue as we move forward. I encourage you to consider how you can participate in this important effort!

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.



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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.

New programs:

- Penn State University – PhD Program in Public Administration with Homeland Security Specialization
- Upper Iowa University – Emergency and Disaster Management Minor
- Upper Iowa University – Major in Public Administration with EM Emphasis

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.

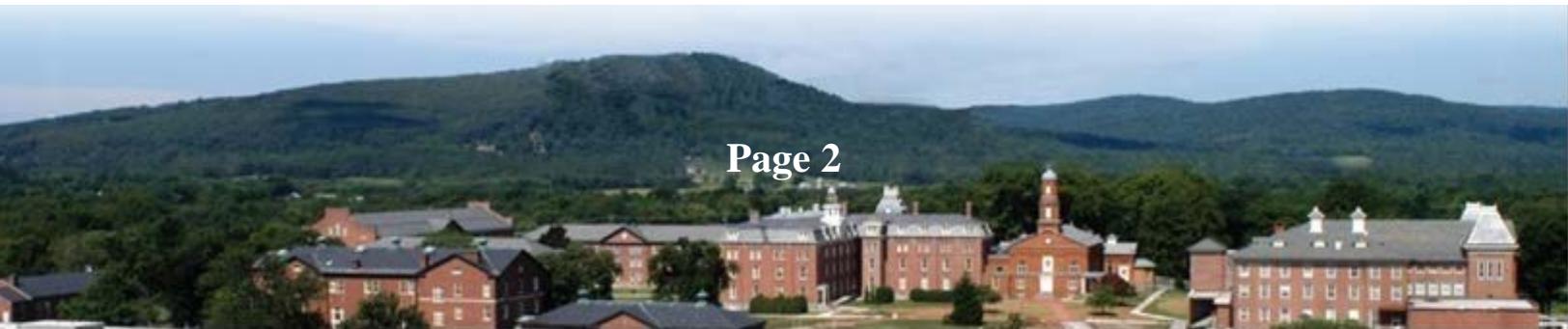
Employment

Vacancy announcements posted Emergency Management/Homeland Security Positions:

- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 12/18/2017, EOIR-18-0013MP, Falls Church, VA
- Security Specialist, GS 12, CLOSE 12/18/2017, DODEA-HQ-18-2025799-MP, Fort Benning, GA
- IT Specialist (INFOSEC), GS 13-14, CLOSE 3/16/2018, PH-18-KK-10067342-DHA, Pensacola, FL and Arlington, VA
- Emergency Management Specialist – Direct Hire Authority, NH 1-4, CLOSE 11/9/2018, AFMC-10075536-DHA-NH0089-JL, Edwards AFB, CA and Arnold AFB, TN
- Environmental Protection Specialist (CORE), IC-12, Mitigation Division, Close 12/11/2017, FEMA-18-JRS-191791-CORE, Mather AFB, CA and Oakland, CA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- Colorado State University – Assistant or Associate Professor, Epidemiology
- Fayetteville State University – Adjunct Assistant Professor, Lecturer in Intelligence Studies
- Grand Canyon University – Online Adjunct, Policy Management for Security Solutions
- Harvard University – Professor of Practice, Public Leadership and Director of the Center for Public Leadership
- University of Nebraska Omaha - Assistant Professor - Emergency Management
- University of Virginia – Faculty, Public and Environmental Health



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Resources

[Critical Infrastructure Protection: DHS Risk Assessments Inform Owner and Operator Protection Efforts and Departmental Strategic Planning](#)

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.

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.

[Senate confirms Kirstjen Nielsen to lead Homeland Security](#)

[Top Emergency Management Official: Hit the 'Reset Button' on Disaster Recovery Roles](#)

[The Government's Struggle to Hire Young Tech Talent is Worse Than You Thought](#)

[Natural Disasters of 2017: Congressional Considerations Related to FEMA Assistance](#)

[Protecting The Netherlands' Vulnerable Coasts With A 'Sand Motor'](#)

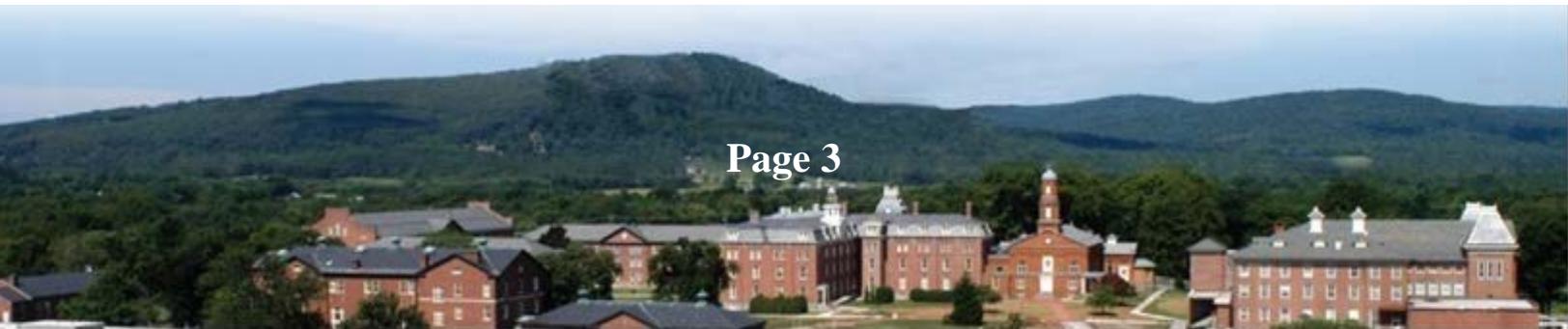
Calendar

The American Association for the Advancement of Science, with funding from the National Science Foundation, will support students and faculty from Historically Black Colleges and Universities to participate in the Making & Innovation Showcase. The showcase will coincide with the Emerging Researchers Network Conference (<http://new.emerging-researchers.org/>) and take place on February 22-24, 2018 at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel in Washington, D.C. The showcase is designed to provide an opportunity for students to showcase the talent and innovation at their institution. [Complete information and to register for the showcase.](#)

Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management (MACEM) webinar, "[Safeguarding Houses of Worship,](#)" 10:00 AM, December 15, 2017. Explore preparedness activities for Houses of Worship and learn about tools essential to building basic all-hazards emergency plans. Find out what you can do to help in these emergencies.

[HBCU Excellence in Research \(EIR\) Technical Assistance Webinar](#), Monday, December 11, 2017, 2:00 PM ET. Event number: 741 077 502 Event password: Hbcu2017.

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