



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Program Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week, the National Emergency Training Center hosted the first Annual African American History Month Observance. In prior years, we had participated in the FEMA headquarters observance, but this year Ms. Lillian Virgil had a vision that we should bring this observance closer to home in Emmitsburg, Maryland. She worked with a tireless group of volunteers that included our own Barbara Johnson and delivered an inspiring and moving program. The theme was *Celebrate the Diversity and Commonality of our Country*, and the program included personal stories of inspiration, an incredibly moving dance performance, as well as a speech by Ms. Willisa Donald, FEMA's Director of the Office of Equal Rights. Ms. Donald led us in exercises to experience greater empathy for cultural and generation differences. She highlighted two books she found useful to cultivate greater understanding — Malcom Gladwell's [Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking](#) and Laura Liswood's [The Loudest Duck: Moving beyond Diversity while Embracing Differences to Achieve Success at Work](#).

This week, I am also happy to share that we have received a couple confirmations for speakers at our upcoming 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium. Former Superintendent of Schools for Joplin, Missouri, Mr. CJ Huff, will be providing a keynote presentation at the plenary session on our symposium topic, *Meeting the Needs of our Community*, with a special focus on promoting resilience. Director of Global Crisis Management & Business Continuity at the Walt Disney Company and Chairman of the American Red Cross Los Angeles Regional Board of Directors, Ms. Andrea Davis, will provide a keynote presentation at the plenary session on emergency planning and response in a global environment, cultivating trust, and the criticality of continuous learning. We will keep you posted as the agenda continues to firm up. Remember, abstracts are due at the end of the month. International registrations must be in by March 2nd and domestic registrations are due April 24th.

Higher Education Program Hosts *Teaching with Cases* Webinar Series

This webinar series provides an overview of the use of cases in teaching emergency management higher education programs.

- Webinar #4: Using Cases for Their Intrinsic Value
Wednesday March 8 at 3 PM EST (registration information will be available soon.)

**If you have a topic or idea you would like covered in our Higher Education webinar series, contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.



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Would you like to be eligible for future Hi Ed projects, such as focus groups, student internship opportunities and course revisions? To receive a micro purchase contract for Hi Ed projects, participants must have a DUNS number and be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database. Visit our [link](#) for more information and instructions. For those already in SAM, or have an expired registration, please update your registration and send your new expiration date to [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. Please send information updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! [The 19th 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. Those interested in attending the symposium can download an invitation package, call for papers/presentations/posters submission form, and student volunteer information from the [website](#).

EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us. The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and answer questions. **The date for the next conference call is Thursday, March 16**, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST. Let us know if you have topics you would like to discuss. The call information is **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368**.

Employment

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

- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-12/12, OPEN 2/9/2017 / CLOSE 2/23/2017, [NCJT178507661899031D](#), Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-11/11, OPEN 2/10/2017 / CLOSE 3/12/2017, [IA17-041 \(1913080\)](#), Sioux City, Iowa
- Readiness and Emergency Management Program Specialist, GS-0089-11/11, OPEN 2/8/2017 / CLOSE 2/27/2017, [17-077T \(VIN 1906212\)](#), Fort Smith, Arkansas
- Security Specialist, GS-0080-13/13, OPEN 2/8/2017 / CLOSE 2/22/2017, [17-179-JSB-DE](#), Charlottesville, VA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Creighton University](#), Assistant or Associate Professor, Master in Public Health
- [East Carolina University](#), Faculty, Public and Environmental Health





- Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Full-time Faculty, Emergency Management
- The Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools (NYU Metro Center), New York University
- St. Francis College, Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice
- West Virginia University, Program Director, School of Public Health

Announcements

The Journal of Emergency Management editorial review board invites the submission of papers and case studies supporting its special issue, Higher Education in Emergency Management-Pathways to Professional Excellence in a Demanding Career, as well as manuscripts from academics, professionals and students. For questions, contact jem@pnpco.com, or call 781-899-2702, ext. 114, from 9 am - 4 pm EST.

Important Dates:

- * Manuscript submissions deadline May 1, 2017
- * Case Study submissions deadline May 20, 2017
- * Publication on or about September 2017
- * Distribution - Extended distribution - Print and Ejournal formats

Resources

"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"

[Cyber Threats and Vulnerabilities: A Conversation on the Future of Cyber Security \(Part 1\) \[podcast\]](#)

[America's Airports: The Threat from Within](#)

[Ending the Crisis: America's Borders and the Path to Security](#)

[Critical Infrastructure Threat Information Sharing Framework: A Reference Guide for the Critical Infrastructure Community](#)

[Terror Threat Snapshot \[February 2017\]](#)

[Bioforensics: DHS Needs to Conduct a Formal Capability Gap Analysis to Better Identify and Address Gaps. GAO-17-177](#)

[Critical Infrastructure Protection: Additional Actions by DHS Could Help Identify Opportunities to Harmonize Access Control Efforts. GAO-17-182](#)



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[Defense Civil Support: DOD, HHS, and DHS Should Use Existing Coordination Mechanisms to Improve Their Pandemic Preparedness. GAO-17-150](#)

[Federal Disaster Assistance: FEMA's Progress in Aiding Individuals with Disabilities Could Be Further Enhanced. GAO-17-200](#)

[Supply Chain Security: Providing Guidance and Resolving Data Problems Could Improve Management of the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program. GAO-17-84](#)

[Emergency Preparedness CMS Conditions of Participation & Accreditation Organizations Crosswalk](#)

Calendar

[Governor's Hurricane Conference](#) 2017 Student Scholarship & Presentation Application Reminder.

As part of the 2017 conference program, the Governor's Hurricane Conference® (GHC) is hosting a workshop for students to present their original academic research on *Thursday, May 18 from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.* Students currently enrolled in institutions of higher education and who have taken, or are taking, emergency management-related courses are encouraged to [submit an abstract](#). **The deadline for submission is March 10th.** Student [Scholarship application](#) or acceptance is not necessary.

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