

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. It is a time for us to reflect on what we can do to raise our awareness as well as the awareness of our students. Human trafficking is not something that happens in a distant land to ‘other’ people. It happens right here in the United States. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation have an informative literature review on the topic. While it’s a little dated (2008), it’s an adequate place to start the conversation. It is important that emergency managers are aware of the indicators of human trafficking and know the appropriate steps to report it.

The US Department of Homeland Security has established the Blue Campaign to raise awareness. They have a document library with an abundance of resource material. They offer a 7-min training video for first responders and nine scenario videos that could serve as a classroom resource to generate discussion. Knowing the signs of human trafficking can save lives! We would love to learn how your programs cover this topic in the classroom. Share your story with us!

Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Foundation Student Paper Competition

Abstracts (500 words or less) are due Jan. 31. Three semi-finalists will receive travel stipends to attend the 2017 ASFPM National Conference, April 30-May 5 in Kansas City. More information, including examples of papers previously presented, can be found on the foundation’s website.

Robert Perry, the EMI Floodplain Management Course Manager had the following observations on the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Foundation Student Paper Competition: *“After reviewing the student papers that have been submitted to this competition in the past I was surprised that the vast majority of the submissions have been from engineering schools. I know that your higher education partners in emergency management must have some outstanding Planning, Environmental and project management students who can give these engineering students a literal run for the money!”*

ASFPM is interested in growing university connections and investment in the students who are our future. If you have university connections or know a student in programs related to floodplain management (such as natural sciences, engineering, planning, public policy or atmospheric science), please let them know about the competition. Pass contact information with faculty to Diane Brown.

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. Webinars scheduled in 2017:

- Webinar #3: Using Cases as Examples in Teaching and Assessment



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Wednesday February 8 at 3 PM EST

- Webinar #4: Using Cases for Their Intrinsic Value

Wednesday March 8 at 3 PM EST

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

[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.

Employment

Student Trainee (Administrative and Office Support), GS-0399-02/05, Open 1/3/2017 / Close 1/31/2017, FEMA-17-SW-SUMINT1 0399.

Vacancy announcements for Emergency Management Specialist:

- (Air Force), GS-0089-11/11, OPEN 1/6/2017 and CLOSE 2/6/2017, [T17-203A](#), Latham, NY
- (Supervisory), GS-0089-15/15, OPEN 1/7/2017 and CLOSE 3/6/2017, [FEMA-17-SC-146978-DE](#), Kansas City, MO and Bothell, WA

Vacancy announcements for other Emergency Management/Homeland Security Positions:

- Director, Office of Security, ES-0301-00/00, OPEN 12/13/2016 / CLOSE 1/15/2017, [OST.SES-2017-0004](#), Washington, D.C.
- Personnel Security Specialist, GS-0080-09/09, OPEN 1/9/2017 / CLOSE 1/17/2017, [FEMA-17-NSA-122382-DE](#), Washington, D.C.
- Logistics Management Specialist, GS-0346-12/12, OPEN 1/9/2017 / CLOSE 1/19/2017, [FEMA-17-RJ-130915-DE](#), Washington, D.C.
- Supply Management Specialist (Support Branch Director), FV-0301-K/K, OPEN 1/9/2017 / CLOSE 1/23/2017, [IC-2003-03/03](#), Lakewood, CO

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Dakota State University](#), Cybersecurity and Cyber Operations Faculty
- [Northeastern University](#), P/T Lecturer, Strategic Intelligence Analysis
- [Syracuse University](#), Lerner Professor of Public Health Policy
- [Temple University](#), Public Health Faculty Position





Internships/Fellowships

Graduate Student Fellowship Opportunities with the Social Security Administration. [For more information.](#)

NWS/NCEP 2017 Summer Internship Program - The National Weather Service (NWS) National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) is accepting applications for its 2017 summer student internship program. NCEP is offering up to 10 paid summer internships targeted towards current undergraduate and graduate students to work in areas that will meet the future needs of the ever-broadening weather-climate-water user community. Students from the following majors are welcome to apply: math, physics, meteorology, atmospheric and climate science, computer science, engineering, and social science. Applications are due February 6, 2017. [For more information and to apply.](#) Questions can be directed to [Genene Fisher](#), NCEP Executive Officer,

Resources and Announcements

FEMA App - Winter weather preparation is important. Do you have the [FEMA App](#) downloaded on your phone? The app contains weather information, preparedness tips for travel, checklist to customize for your needs and other easily accessible information.

Call for Papers - International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health for a special issue on public health and disasters in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. The venue is an online, peer-reviewed, scientific journal that publishes articles and communications in the interdisciplinary area of environmental health sciences, disasters and public health. [For detailed information on the journal.](#) [Submission information.](#)

[Report No. 17-14 Summary Report on Audits of Security Controls for TSA Information Technology Systems at Airports](#) (redacted)

[Congress Must Re-Set Department of Homeland Security Priorities: American Lives Depend on It](#)

[Post-Extreme Event Damage Assessment and Response for Highway Bridges](#)

National Library of Medicine, *NLM In Focus* highlights newly reformatted training for disaster information specialists. Read “[This could be you! NLM resources help librarians prepare for and respond to disaster](#)” to learn more about the Disaster Information Specialist program, updated training.

[Natural Hazards Observer](#) offers thought provoking articles for December 2016.

- All Creatures Great and Small – Improving Disaster Resilience Through Pets
- Inmates: Our Defenders in Disaster
- Reporting for Duty During Disease Outbreaks – The Views of Emergency Medical Providers



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- Awareness isn't Knowledge – A look at How the U.S. Public Perceives Zika
- A Tale of Two Floods – Katrina, Baton Rouge, and the Lessons in Between

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