

## Higher Education Program News

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### Higher Education Updates

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of Dr. Tom Phelan. He served as a visiting professor and lecturer at Hamilton College in NY, associate faculty at Royal Roads University in Canada, instructor at the FEMA Emergency Management Institute, and principle of his own consulting firm. He also served on numerous committees, focus groups and boards to promote emergency management. He authored the book, Emergency Management and Tactical Response Operations: Bridging the Gap.

His death was very unexpected- just a few days prior he was on our Higher Education Symposium planning call volunteering to sing the National anthem and lead a faculty development workshop on how to create an engaging and effective virtual classroom. Dr. Tom was a wonderful man to work with! He never hesitated to share his perspective and always took the time to listen others to find common ground and contribute. We were fortunate to know and work with Dr. Tom! I have been watching the postings on the social media and see the massive effect he has had on so many of us. Our deep condolences to Dr. Tom's family, friends and colleagues. Any notes and cards may be sent to his wife, Professor Catherine Phelan, c/o Hamilton College, 198 College Hill Road, Clinton NY 13323. <https://www.hamilton.edu/news/story/hamilton-mourns-the-death-of-Professor-Tom-Phelan>



**Dr. Thomas Phelan**  
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### 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  
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](mailto: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](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov).



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**Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium!** [The 19<sup>th</sup> 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

Vacancy announcements posted for Emergency Management Specialist:

- (Recovery) GS-0089-13/13, OPEN 1/13/2017 and CLOSE 1/19/2017, [FEMA-17-TJ-133524-DE](#), Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
- (Recovery) GS-0089-11/12, OPEN 1/13/2017 and CLOSE 1/20/2017, [FEMA-17-WG-123857-DE-V](#), Oakland, CA
- (Infrastructure Branch Director) IC-0089-03/03, OPEN 1/17/2017 and CLOSE 1/24/2017, [FEMA-17-JMW-132684-IMAT](#), Oakland, CA
- (Indian Health Service) GS-0089-11/11, OPEN 1/11/2017 and CLOSE 1/25/2017, [IHS-17-PI-1894614-ESEP/MP](#), Bothell, WA
- (Delegated Exam) GS-0089-11/11, OPEN 1/11/2017 and CLOSE 1/25/2017, [IHS-17-PI-1894708-DE](#), Phoenix, AZ
- (Air Force) GS-0089-11/11, OPEN 1/6/2017 and CLOSE 2/6/2017, [T17-203A](#), Westhampton Beach, NY
- (Air Force) GS-0089-09/09, OPEN 1/11/2017 and CLOSE 2/14/2017, [MT-16-189-1882187](#), Charleston, WV

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

- Government Information Specialist (Compliance), GS-0306-12/13, OPEN 1/17/2017 / CLOSE 1/23/2017, [GV-1893046-CB17](#), Washington, D.C.
- Physical Security Specialist, SV-0080-I/I, OPEN 1/17/2017 / CLOSE 1/23/2017, [FAM-OSSA-16-211567-P](#), Arlington, VA
- Physical Security Specialist, GS-0080-09/09, OPEN 1/11/2017 / CLOSE 1/24/2017, [NCDE178113281893087D](#), Camp Parks, CA
- Transportation Security Specialist, SV-1801-G/H, OPEN 1/12/2017 / CLOSE 1/24/2017, [FAM-HQ-FLGHTOP-16-206996P](#), Herndon, VA
- Transportation Security Specialist (Explosives), SV-1801-H/H, OPEN 1/17/2017 / CLOSE 1/30/2017, [MSP-17-234534](#), Twin Cities Airport, MN
- Security Specialist, GS-0080-09/09, OPEN 1/11/2017 / CLOSE 2/10/2017, [R1891701](#), Fort Richardson, AK

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Slippery Rock University](#) – Criminology/Corporate Security Studies Instructor, Part-Time
- [Slippery Rock University](#) – Homeland Security Studies Instructor, Part-time





- University of Colorado at Colorado Springs – Assoc. Professor of Public Administration and Director of the Master of Public Administration Program

### 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.

[Flood Insurance: FEMA Needs to Address Data Quality and Consider Company Characteristics When Revising Its Compensation Methodology.](#) GAO-17-36

[Public Health Emergencies: HHS Needs to Better Communicate Requirements and Revise Plans for Assessing Impact of Personnel Reassignment.](#) GAO-17-187

[Terrorism Risk Insurance: Market Challenges May Exist for Current Structure and Alternative Approaches.](#) GAO-17-62

FEMA announced the release of the final version of the [Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance](#) and the beginning of the pilot phase of tribal declarations under this new guidance.

January 2017, FEMA will begin the next phase of implementation of Section 28, Clear Communication of Risk, of the [Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014](#) (HFIAA), which requires the Agency to clearly communicate full flood risk determinations to individual property owners.

### Calendar

#### **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](#).

GIS Certification Institute Announces 2017 Map Contest. The challenge is to develop a map which shows us how GIS could be, or has been used in a disaster response scenario, either real or imagined. Maps could show disaster preparation; use of GIS during a disaster to manage emergencies, people, supplies, etc.; or use of GIS during post-disaster recovery efforts. **Submission Time Frame:** January 1 to February 28, 2017. Log onto the [GISCI](#) to post files and the required submission form.

[Call for Presentations for the 5th Annual Best Practices in Emergency Management for Higher Education Conference.](#) Submit your written ideas for consideration in this year's conference. It is important to remember that focus of this conference is to share best practices derived from lessons learned in the field of





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Emergency Management within Higher Education as well as discuss emerging issues. Submit your proposal no later than 5PM, February 7, 2017 to [K. Tim Pridemore](#).

The DHS Office of Academic Engagement (OAE), in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), would like input on topics/exercise scenarios from the higher education and emergency management communities given their equities to and expertise in campus resilience emerging issues and trends impacting colleges and universities. The Department will host the next National event in the fall of 2017. Topic/exercise scenario nominations must be received by February 24, 2017. Please send topic/exercise scenario nominations via email directly to OAE at: [AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov).

Please include the following subject line in your message: **2017 National Event Topic Nomination.**

**Selection Criteria-** Nominated topics/exercise scenarios should reflect campus resilience issues or trends that impact the college and university community. Topics/exercise scenarios should also align with [DHS core missions](#): (1) *Prevent terrorism and enhancing security*; (2) *Secure and manage our borders*; (3) *Enforce and administer our immigration laws*; (4) *Safeguard and secure cyberspace*; and (5) *Ensure resilience to disasters*.

Sandia National Laboratories, in partnership with the Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security, will host the **2017 Frontiers in Resilience Symposium** at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia on May 10 – 11, 2017. The Symposium will bring together thought leaders, practitioners, and researchers to give multi-disciplinary, solution-based talks that explore the critical intersection of engineering, policy, and economics as the foundation of resilience and foster conversations and collaboration toward identifying resilience solutions for our most complex and challenging national security concerns. Registration for this event will open in late January 2017.

We seek papers and presentations which explore innovative approaches in these areas. These presentations should feature original theoretical, methodological, and empirical research as well as relevant applied or policy research. We also welcome methods papers in areas such as risk communication or social network analysis. **For consideration for the paper presentation track, please submit a 250-300 word abstract and a CV by March 17, 2017.** Notification of selection will be completed by April 3. For more information and to submit all proposals, [Christie Jones](#), Education Program Manager, Center for Infrastructure Protection and Homeland Security.

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