Higher Education Program News
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Higher Education Updates
Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

The Higher Education Program team has been very busy as we ramp up for the 19th Annual Higher Education Symposium coming June 5th-9th! I am very pleased to announce that the call for symposium abstract submissions has been posted to our website. Paper abstracts are due Tuesday, February 28th and poster submission are due Friday, March 31st. The posted application is fairly straightforward. Please be sure to fill out all of the fields. There are seven topic areas for you to choose from: 1) Engaging and Serving Students, 2) Research, 3) Teaching, 4) Program Administration, 5) Community Engagement, 6) Innovations in Emergency Management Higher Education, and, 7) Hot Topics in Emergency Management Education. Please select the topic area that most aligns with your symposium submission so we can match it with a knowledgeable reviewer.

No late submissions will be accepted, so please do not delay. If your submission is selected, we will provide templates for paper briefings and posters. The templates meet accessibility requirements so that we can share your work on our website. We have also made arrangements to print posters onsite, so if your poster submission is accepted you will be provided with a template to populate and return. You will then be provided with a proof to review. Once we have your approval, it will be printed here, so no more worries about how to travel with your poster.

Last year, we were grateful to have the Journal for Emergency Management editorial board serve as volunteer abstract reviewers. We received a lot of feedback from others indicating that they would like the opportunity to serve as a reviewer. Now is your chance. You will find a form on our website to volunteer as a submission reviewer. The review will occur March 6th-15th so please only volunteer to review if you will be available during that time frame. You may volunteer to review in single or multiple topic areas. If you are interested please send the completed form to Barbara Johnson no later than Friday, February 24th.

Lastly, you will find the student volunteer form on our symposium website. If you are interested in volunteering, please submit your application soon! International applicants must be received by March 6th to ensure security clearance. All other applicants must be submitted by April 30, 2017. This is a very great opportunity to interact with our nation’s brightest emergency management academics and to be of service to your community.

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
  **Registration link:** [https://fema.connectsolutions.com/teaching-cases/event/registration.html](https://fema.connectsolutions.com/teaching-cases/event/registration.html)

- **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 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](https://www.fema.gov) 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:

- (Mitigation) IC-0089-13/13, OPEN 1/20/2017 / CLOSE 1/26/2017, GV-1893046-CB17, Denton, TX
- (Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator) GS-0089-15/15, OPEN 1/19/2017 / CLOSE 3/20/2017, FEMA-17-LC-147626-DE, Oakland, CA; Atlanta, GA; Denton, TX

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

- Advanced Technology Security Specialist, GS-1801-11/12, OPEN 1/19/2017 / CLOSE 1/30/2017, PH-17-JL-10001817-DEMP, San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA; Denver, CO; Washington, D.C.; Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX

Higher Education Vacancies:

- **Columbus State University** – Endowed Faculty Chair in Cybersecurity/ Director, TSYS Cybersecurity Center
- **Columbus State University** – Assistant/ Associate Professor of Public Health
- **Kentucky Community & Technical College System** – Criminal Justice/ Homeland Security Adjunct Faculty Position
- **Sam Houston State University** – Assistant Professor of Security Studies

Manchester Metropolitan University senior research positions available:

- **Professor of Education and Head of the Education and Social Research Institute**, closing date: 07 February 2017
- **Professor of Education and Head of International, Faculty of Education**, closing date: 07 February 2017

**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.

**Learning from Disaster Simulation Drills in Japan**

*Toward a substantive dialogue: The case for an ethical framework in emergency management, Part 1 and 2*

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Infrastructure Protection in December 2016 released two planning guides for response to a nuclear detonation. The [Quick Reference Guide: Radiation Risk Information for Responders Following a Nuclear Detonation](#) supports the [Planning Guidance for Response to a Nuclear Detonation](#) and was designed to provide responders with guidance and recommendations about the radiation risk associated with responding to an improvised nuclear device (IND) event, in order for them to protect themselves from the IND effects. The [Health and Safety Planning Guide For Planners, Safety Officers, and Supervisors for Protecting Responders Following a Nuclear Detonation](#) was released to provide additional guidance for protecting responders following a nuclear detonation.

The [Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL)](#) is the nation’s premier collection of homeland security policy and strategy related documents. It supports local, state and federal analysis and decision-making needs and assists academics of all disciplines in homeland defense and security related research.
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.

**Calendar**
Governors Hurricane Conference [Student Scholarship Program Applications Now Open](#).

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](#).

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