

## Higher Education Program News

### January 5, 2017

#### Higher Education Updates

Happy New Year! It is with great enthusiasm that we jump into 2017! We have just completed our fiscal year 2016 year-end report and are pleased with all that has been accomplished. We convened 4 focus groups, held an annual symposium, hosted 5 webinars, instituted monthly community calls and established 13 specific community special interest groups. We have also begun to explore moving course resources into the EMI Learning Content Management System (LCMS), capturing the emergency management oral history and identifying measurable behaviors that demonstrate emergency management competencies.

One of our key focus areas is to identify resources that will help the Higher Education Community increase its capability to facilitate building and sustain national capabilities and competencies that realize the National Preparedness Goal. The Higher Education Community realizes this through the creation of academic research, professional development, internships and job placement programs. To this end, we hosted a resource-needs focus group and resource-needs query to better understand community needs. Participation in these efforts has been low and we need your voice.

This year's Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will take place at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD June 5-7. The theme for the symposium is "Meeting the Community Needs." We are looking forward to exploring that theme to understand what the Higher Education Community and whole community needs to be able to move toward realizing the National Preparedness Goal. Invitations to the symposium will be sent electronically and posted on our website next week. We hope to see you in June!

#### The Emergency Management Institute is now on Social Media!

Follow and participate with EMI on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

#### 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 #2: Invitation to Emergency Management Teaching Cases](#)  
Wednesday January 11 at 3 PM EST
- 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



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Wednesday March 8 at 3 PM EST

*If you were unable to participate in the first webinar of the series, we have the slides available for request [here](#).*

**\*\*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). Next year, the college list update templates will be pre-populated with your information.

**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:

- (FEMA Supervisory) GS-0089-14/14, OPEN 1/4/2017 and CLOSE 1/10/2017, [FEMA-17-FF-120084-DE](#), Washington, DC

### Vacancy announcements posted for other Emergency Management Positions:

- Safety and Emergency Preparedness Specialist, GS-0018-13/14, OPEN 1/3/2017 and CLOSE 1/10/2017, [DE-10004015-17-BJ](#), Washington, DC
- Emergency Management Coordinator, GS-0089-13/13, OPEN 12/23/2016 and CLOSE 1/11/2017, [SFEP-2017-051](#), Washington, DC
- Deputy Associate Administrator for Mission Support, ES-0301-00/00, OPEN 12/19/2016 and CLOSE 1/17/2017, [FEMA-17-DAAMS-CW-SES](#), Washington, DC
- FEMA Summer Internships – Student Trainee for [Emergency Management](#), [Human Resources](#), [Administrative](#), [Financial Management](#), [Legal](#) and [Information Technology](#), GS 5/5, OPEN 1/3/2017 and CLOSE 1/31/2017, Multiple Locations

### Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Champlain College](#), Chair, Assistant/Associate Professor, Cybersecurity
- [Louisiana State University](#), Manager – Emergency Management
- [MacMurray College](#), Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Homeland Security
- [Saint Leo University](#), Assistant/Associate Professor of Public Safety Administration



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- Salt Lake Community College, Manager 2, Emergency Response
- Sul Ross State University, Assistant Professor of Homeland Security & Criminal Justice
- The University of Arizona, Adjunct Instructor, Security Studies (Part-Time)
- University of California San Francisco Medical Center, Emergency & Continuity Manager – Emergency Management

## 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.

## Calendar

Webinar: **“Fostering Entrepreneurship for College-Age Women.”** Join Walker’s Legacy Foundation and the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) for this virtual webinar.

**Date:** January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 1:30 p.m. ET. **Please RSVP.**

Webinar: **“Disaster Behavioral Health Education: Education Fact Sheets to Enhance Preparedness and Response.”** The webinar is presented by one of the 2016 Disaster Health Education Symposium Poster winners, Joshua Morganstein, M.D. Commander, U.S. PHS Scientist; Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress Assistant Professor; Assistant Chair Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine Uniformed Services University. **Date:** January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 11:00 a.m. EST.

**Access:** <https://usuhs.adobeconnect.com/ncdmphdisasterbehavioralhealth/>

**Call in:** 1-888-537-7715; Participant Code: 39933371

**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 provide the opportunity for callers to ask questions. **The date for the next conference call is Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** 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.**

**The Center for Policy on Emerging Technologies** is hosting their first webinar series on Security Critical Infrastructure Resilience: Innovation for Infrastructure Resilience with Dr. Robert McCreight, C-PET Senior Fellow and author, among other titles, of An Introduction to Emergency Exercise Design and Evaluation. This free webinar will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 2:00-3:00PM EST. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.





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## 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, and will compete for cash prizes of up to \$1,000. More information, including examples of papers previously presented, can be found on the [foundation's website](#). 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 at [diane@floods.org](mailto:diane@floods.org).

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