

## Higher Education Program News

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### Higher Education Program Updates

#### Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop was held this week in Colorado. The theme was “Knowledge to Action: Reducing Hazards Losses and Promoting Disaster Resilience.” FEMA sent representatives from various program offices and regional offices to lead several sessions and attend the event.

There was a good exchange of information and dialogue between the practitioner and research community. This year, a new roundtable session was integrated into the program to discuss teaching and learning. This session was led by our Emergency Management Higher Education Community leaders, Dr. Shirley Jensen, California State Long Beach, Dr. Carol Hackerott, Arkansas Tech, and Dr. Steve Jensen, California State Long Beach. The roundtable, attended by a diverse group of domestic and international faculty, resulted in a dynamic exchange of valuable resources and perspectives. There were many other Emergency Management Higher Education Community members attending the workshop.

Dr. Dan Klenow from North Dakota State University presented Dr. Louis Comfort, Professor of Public and International Affairs and Director, Center for Disaster Management, University of Pittsburgh, with the Blanchard Award. She would have received the award at this year’s 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Program, but she was unable to attend. It was an honor to witness this award presentation, which was even more special with the participation of Dr. William Waugh, a prior Blanchard Award winner.



Dr. Klenow, Blanchard Awardee- Dr. Louis Comfort

**Hi Ed Webinar:** “Highlights from the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium,” July 19, 2017, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET. Did you miss the Higher Education Symposium this year, or are you interested in continuing the dialogue and thinking that emerged from your attendance? The Higher Education Program will be hosting an interactive webinar featuring highlights and reflections from our experiences at the symposium. Presentations will be provided by the Higher Education Program manager, faculty presenters and participants. If you have a story or highlight you would like to share during this webinar, contact Wendy Walsh at [wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov). The 2017 symposium agenda can be found at <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/17conf/final%20agenda-addendum%20changes.pdf>.

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## **Presenters:**

- DeeDee Bennett, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska Omaha.  
Symposium Presentation: Emergency Management Higher Education Community Update
- Carol Cwiak, J.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, North Dakota State University  
Symposium Presentation: Focus Group Integration Overview
- Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

**Registration link:** <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/hiedsym/event/registration.html>

**Conference Call-In: 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368**

**The Higher Education Program hosts a webinar each month.** For a topic or idea, contact [Wendy Walsh](#).

**Would you like to be eligible for future Hi Ed projects,** such as focus groups, student internship opportunities and course revisions? If interested, visit our [link](#) for instructions, or contact [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. Send information updates.

**The 20th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium** will be held June 4-7, 2018 at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD.

**The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Thursday, July 27, from 2:00-3:00 PM EDT. Please join us.** Learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that we can address. Let Wendy Walsh know if you have topics you would like to discuss. **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**

## **Employment**

Vacancy announcements posted for other emergency management/homeland security positions:

- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, GS 15, CLOSE 7/17/2017, [DLAJ3-17-1984273-MP](#), Warrenton, VA
- Program Support Assistant, GS 5, CLOSE 7/19/2017, [FEMA-17-TM-166828-DE](#), Emmitsburg, MD
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 09 - 11, CLOSE 7/27/2017, [SS-17-JRM-1984354](#), Sheridan, WY
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 12 – 13, CLOSE 7/19/2017, [IHS-17-HQ-1967796-ESEP/MP](#), Rockville, MD





### Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Simmons College](#) – Assistant Professor, Public Health
- [Strayer University](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Criminal Justice
- [University at Albany](#) – Assistant Professor, Public Management

## Resources

### [USGS publishes a new blueprint that can help make subduction zone areas more resilient](#)

*The resources below were compiled through a variety of sources and are included here as perhaps interesting and relevant resource for research or classroom use. The 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.*

### [Proposed Budget Cuts Could Hurt Hurricane Predictions, Forecaster Warns](#)

### [Earthquake conference back on the agenda in Christchurch](#)

### [Climate Change: Frequently Asked Questions About the 2015 Paris Agreement](#)

## Calendar

On July 19, 2017, the National Information Sharing Consortium (NISC) will host the third webinar with the Electric Infrastructure Security (EIS) Council on the EARTH EX 2017 Exercise. The [NISC's Mission-Focused Job Aids Webinar Series](#) reviews tools, techniques, and standard operating procedures that NISC partners in the homeland security, emergency management, public safety, first responder, and healthcare preparedness communities use to facilitate and manage information sharing. For more information, visit [www.nisconsortium.org](http://www.nisconsortium.org).

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