



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Program Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week, at the Higher Education Program, we are wrapping up the symposium after action report. We are also planning for the 2018 symposium, which is an exciting endeavor, as so many community members are sharing their perspectives, gifts and talents. If you are interested in participating, do not hesitate to send me an [email](#). There are lots of ways to participate in the Emergency Management Higher Education Program and community at large.

Remember that all of our special interest groups (SIGs) are open for your participation. Currently there are a couple of leadership opportunities. The Science and Technology SIG is looking for a co-lead. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with faculty who bridge the scientific, technological and academic emergency management communities. This SIG is working to identify opportunities to bridge and collaborate across communities to improve both emergency management technology and curricula efforts. The Jobs and Internship SIG is also looking for a co-lead. This SIG has been focused on understanding how colleges and universities are assisting graduates in getting jobs and in tracking their careers. The SIG is also interested in exploring internship opportunities. If you have a passion to contribute, and curiosity to learn more about providing internship and job opportunities for emergency management graduates, this would be a great opportunity for you to join the SIG. If you are interested in exploring these offerings, please send us an [email](#).

This Sunday, I will be heading to the 42nd Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications [Workshop](#) in Colorado. I am looking forward to meeting up with many people from the emergency management researcher community, learning more about their efforts and identifying ways that we can collaborate. If you are planning to be there, I hope you will connect with me. I am grateful for this opportunity to reconnect with many from the higher education community, and I am looking forward to making new acquaintances, and sharing and learning from each other. Next week, I will share what transpired!

Hi Ed Webinar: “Highlights from the 19th 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



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webinar, contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov. The 2017 symposium agenda can be found at <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/17conf/final%20agenda-addendum%20changes.pdf>.

Presenters:

- DeeDee Bennett, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska Omaha.
Symposium Presentation: EM 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:

- **Emergency Management Specialist, IC 11 - 12, CLOSE 7/11/2017, [FEMA-17-JBG-170775-CORE](#), Lakewood, CO**
- **Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 7/10/2017, [MED-2017-0023](#), Washington, DC**





- **Emergency Management Specialist (Mitigation)**, GS 09 - 11, CLOSE 7/10/2017, [FEMA-17-FF-165069-MP](#), Washington, DC
- **Emergency Management Specialist**, GS 11, CLOSE 7/14/2017, [LW-17-PMu-1966729-BU](#), Roseburg OR

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Auburn University Montgomery](#), Assistant/Associate Professor, Justice and Public Safety
- [New Jersey City University](#), Assistant/Associate Professor, Security Studies
- [The University of Arizona](#), Part Time Adjunct, International Security Studies
- [Touro University Worldwide](#), Part Time Faculty, Homeland Security and Disaster Management
- [University of Maryland University College](#), Adjunct Faculty, Homeland Security

Resources

FEMA released 48 Core Capability Development Sheets to help state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions build and sustain their core capabilities as well as close capability gaps identified through the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, the State Preparedness Report, or other capability assessments. The National Preparedness Goal identifies the core capabilities sheets needed by all jurisdictions to be fully prepared to prevent, protect, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from all hazards and to be able to implement the National Preparedness System.

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.

[The Cold War on Terrorism: Reevaluating Critical Infrastructure Facilities as Targets for Terrorist Attacks](#)

[Unpacking and Exploring the Relationship between Crisis Management and Social Media in the Era of 'Smart Devices'](#)

[What federal emergency fund cuts could mean for states dealing with disasters](#)

[Faster, clearer data on disasters might help shield women and children](#)

Calendar

In 2017, the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity (ODMEO) will sponsor three “Taking the Pentagon to the People,” training sessions sustaining its goal of connecting minority institutions, their faculty, staff, administrators and students to business (research and development), career and workforce development opportunities within DoD. Participation includes DoD leaders, program managers, prime and small business contractors, Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority



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Institutions Program leadership, faculty, staff and students, and their K-12, university and business partners.” The FY 17 trainings will take place at:

Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL - August 30-31, 2017

University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C. - September 12-13, 2017

Florida International University, Miami, FL - September 26-27, 2017

To register, go to: <http://www.2014takingthepentagontothepeople.com/>.

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