



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Program Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

Last week the Higher Education Program received the peer-reviewed abstract submissions, and we are working to populate the agenda for our June Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium. Submitters will be notified early next week if their abstract was selected, and we will post the agenda soon afterward. We are grateful to all those who submitted their work to share with the broader community!

This week I have been supporting the delivery of our newly-redesigned National Emergency Management Executive Academy. We have 38 emergency management executives from across the nation representing academia, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and state, local and federal environments. The classroom experience has been very inspiring. We have heard from systems thinking, net-centric visioning and design-thinking experts from Cornell University, the University of Pittsburg, Stanford University, and Silicon Valley. Many interesting perspectives and models have been shared.

The Executive Academy is not just about gaining knowledge; it is also about harvesting the collective thinking, and this is done in team capstone projects. Here is a link to last year's projects, and I will keep you posted about this year's topics as they emerge. Please check out these projects. I would love to learn how you might use these capstone projects in your programs and if you have capstone topic ideas that you would like the Executive Academy cohorts to consider. This program is a great opportunity for the academy community to cultivate synergy with the practitioner community.

Webinar: The Higher Education Program will host “Academic Perspective On Increasing Engagement With Faith-based Organizations in Disaster Preparedness,” April 12, 2017, 2:00– 3:30 p.m. EDT. The webinar is a collaborative effort between the DHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the FEMA Higher Education Program to help to ensure emergency managers, faith-based and community organizations are aware of academic partner resources and engagement opportunities.

Registration link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/e4eg8e383ze/event/registration.html>

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

The Higher Education Program hosts a webinar each month. If you have 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 to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! [The 19th 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. Go to the [website](#) to download an invitation package, call for posters submission form, and student volunteer information. Currently we need breakout session moderators to provide guidance during each session and student volunteers. Student volunteers assist the Hi Ed program manager by carrying out various tasks each day of the symposium as well as serving as session reporters. Session reporters are a valuable assets to the symposium. They provide a short report with highlights of their particular session. If interested, send an [email](#) for more information.

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Thursday, April 20th, 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 [me](#) 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 (Infrastructure Branch Director), IC-0089-03/03, CLOSE 4/3/2017, [FEMA-17-HDJ-159812-IMAT](#), Oakland, CA
- Deputy Regional Administrator, ES-0089-00/00, CLOSE 4/13/2017, [FEMA-17-KH-DRA2-SES](#), New York, NY
- Emergency Management Specialist (Response), GS-0089-11/12, CLOSE 3/30/2017, [FEMA-17-TJ-125481-MP](#), Philadelphia, PA
- Disability Integration Advisor Lead, IC-0089-12/12, CLOSE 3/31/2017, [FEMA-17-LGN-148361-CORE](#), Negotiable Location, USA
- Director, National Integration Center, ES-0089-00/00, CLOSE 4/7/2017, [FEMA-17-LGN-158050-CORE](#), Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-11/11, CLOSE 4/24/2017, [NH16-T0121-1891434](#), Newington, NH

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Excelsior College](#) - Remote Faculty, Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- [Kentucky State University](#) – Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
- [North Dakota State University](#) – Assistant Professor of Public Health/American Indian and Tribal





- [Tri-County Technical College](#) – Criminal Justice Faculty

Resources

Hazus 4.0 (Tsunami) Now Available: The Hazus Team has deployed Hazus 4.0 - Tsunami Module. The software can be [downloaded for free](#) on the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC).

[The Promises and Perils of Emerging Technologies for Cybersecurity](#)

[Perspectives from the DHS Frontline: Evaluating Staffing Resources and Requirements](#)

[The Current State of DHS Private Sector Engagement for Cybersecurity](#)

[A Borderless Battle: Defending Against Cyber Threats](#)

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

In [this issue](#) of the ASPR TRACIE Exchange, emergency healthcare professionals share firsthand experiences, information, and resources related to disaster behavioral health (DBH) and resilience.

[How a new tool can predict coastal flooding in Nova Scotia down to the metre: Project aims to give emergency officials precise information so they can plan up to 10 days ahead of time](#)

[Halifax could take 15 hours to evacuate in a disaster, Dal researchers find: University researchers designing video game to simulate emergency response during disasters](#)

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Kentucky announce a [new competition](#) to promote innovative use of the [National Health Security Preparedness Index](#) and to identify ways in which it stimulates intra- and multi-sectorial communication, collaboration, and action to improve health security.

New FEMA IS courses now available for [college credit conversion](#) at Frederick Community College (FCC). Meeting college rigor, [FEM 224](#) and [FEM 225](#) are eligible for conversion into college credit and often satisfy academic and professional development requirements to give you an edge in the workplace.

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, CIA Deputy Director, and Google VP to talk about the Future of Innovation in National Security at Georgetown University’s, Gaston Hall, Monday, April 3 from 6:30-8 PM EDT. [For more information.](#)



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Calendar

[IAEM launches Certification Webinar Series](#). The first offering is scheduled for Apr. 13, 2017.

The 2017 HBCU All- Star application is now available. The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) works to promote HBCU excellence, innovation, and sustainability. The Initiative will recognize undergraduate, graduate, and professional students for their accomplishments in scholarship, leadership, and civic engagement. 2017 Application deadline is May 12, 2017

[Application and Information](#).

National Emergency Management Advanced Academy Application Period Begins in March. EMI is accepting applications for the [National Emergency Management Advanced Academy](#). The target audience is mid-level managers who have a minimum of three years of experience in an emergency management position to include government, non-profit, voluntary organization, and private sector leaders who are responsible for emergency management or homeland security.

The Advanced Academy Program consists of four resident courses and is five days in length. Classes begin in October, November, or December 2017 and are ideally taken sequentially through September 2018.

[Applications](#) will be accepted from March 1 – May 31, 2017, with selections in June and announcements in July.

For more information, contact fema-empp-advanced-academy@fema.dhs.gov.

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