



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Program Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This week, we hosted the kick off meeting and workshop for the new National Training & Education System (NTES) branch. NTES is a branch within the FEMA Headquarters National Training and Education Division (NTED). The FEMA Higher Education Program is realigning to join NTES shortly. This move is a positive evolution for our program, as this will provide more visibility, and we will have closer coordination with training and analytic efforts. We also anticipate that our program will have greater exposure to FEMA/DHS-wide endeavors that may provide additional opportunities for the Higher Education community to engage.

The move will not impact the Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium or the Higher Education program staff. Barbara and I will remain working at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, MD. We will continue to convene focus groups and support the development of research and materials that build and continually improve emergency management academic programs. The NTES team is very welcoming and eager to collaborate.

Over the past couple of days, our team has shared the great contributions you have made in your own colleges and universities to the emergency management profession, the artifacts that have been generated by focus groups, and the knowledge sharing that has occurred in our hosted webinar sessions. We are excited to see how we can leverage the whole NTES team to force multiply our efforts to conduct research to advance the discipline and deliver quality educational programs for the next generation of emergency managers. We will have an opportunity to introduce the full NTES team at the 19th Annual Higher Education Symposium in June, and, as always, we welcome any questions and comments.

The Higher Education Program hosts a webinar each month. If you have a topic or idea, contact Wendy Walsh. We will not have a May webinar due to Higher Education Symposium planning crunch time.

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





Mark Your Calendar for the 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, MD. Go to the [website](#) to download an invitation package, moderator and student volunteer information. As of May 4, 228 symposium applications have been accepted, and 16 student volunteers have accepted our invitation to assist at the symposium.

A few items to note in preparing for the symposium:

- The deadline for application submission was May 1, 2017. If you did not make the deadline and are interested in attending, send an [email](#) and we will try to accommodate you. We cannot guarantee on-campus housing after the application deadline.
- When you registered you should have received a confirmation email providing campus information. This email has a section that refers to a stipend for travel. The Higher Education Symposium does **NOT** qualify for a stipend. You received a standard email message to which we are unable to make changes. Note: You are responsible for your own travel expenses.
- Please send an [email](#) with your workshop choices. A workshop schedule is on the [website](#).
- We need breakout session moderators to provide guidance during each session and student volunteers. Information for moderator/facilitator expectations is on the [website](#).
- Please be very vigilant where the REAL ID Act is concerned. Many states have been granted limited extensions. [Check your state](#) to confirm compliance status before coming to the symposium. Follow recommendations regarding attending an event on a federal facility.
- You must now purchase your meal ticket within two weeks prior to your arrival on the National Emergency Training Center campus. Go to www.netcmealtickets.com to order your meal ticket. The selection should be based on the length of the course (June 5-8, 2017). If you have questions regarding your meal ticket, please call 301-447-1551.

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Thursday, May 11, 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 (Mitigation)**, GS-0089-11/12, CLOSE 5/18/2017, [FEMA-17-SG-159771-DE](#), Boston, MA
- **Supervisory Program Specialist**, GS-0301-15/15, CLOSE 5/16/2017, [FEMA-17-RJ-160599-DE](#), Washington, DC





- **Management and Program Analyst**, GS-0343-14/14, CLOSE 5/18/2017, [FEMA-17-BG-160407-DH](#) , Washington, DC
- **Management and Program Analyst**, IC-0343-11/12, CLOSE 5/15/2017, [FEMA-17-KNH-162777-CORE](#), Oakland, CA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Eastern Kentucky University](#) – Lecturer, College of Justice & Safety FPPS
- [Montgomery County Community College](#) – Part Time Public Health Faculty
- [Virginia Commonwealth University](#)– Director of Graduate Studies

Resources

[Protecting Houses of Worship from Arson](#)

The resource below was compiled through a variety of sources and is included here as perhaps interesting and relevant resources for research or classroom use. The link is provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; it does not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.

[Federal Disaster Assistance: The National Flood Insurance Program and Other Federal Disaster Assistance Programs Available to Individuals and Households After a Flood.](#)

Calendar

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released five documents designed to strengthen the Resource Management component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and is now beginning a 30-day National Engagement period. The National Engagement period will conclude at 5 p.m. EDT on June 9, 2017. FEMA is hosting a series of 60-minute engagement webinars to describe the draft documents and answer participants' questions about providing feedback. All open webinars are geared toward the whole community. To review the drafts of the NIMS Resource Management supplemental guidance and tools, and to obtain additional webinar information, [visit](#). To provide comments on the drafts, complete the feedback form and [submit](#).

Continuing Education at Penn State Harrisburg: Homeland Security – Contemporary Crisis Management in Homeland Security, July 31-August 4, 2017. [Registration/Information](#)

The [International Emergency Management Society](#) (TIEMS) 2017 Annual Conference, in cooperation with the [3rd World Congress on Disaster Management](#) in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India, will be held November 7– 10, 2017.

A [memorial/celebration](#) of life service will be held for Dr. Henry Quarantelli, one of the major founders and developers of the field of disaster research and a co-founder of the University of Delaware's Disaster



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Research Center. The service will be held on the University of Delaware campus in Newark, DE Friday, June 9, at 2:00 p.m.

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