



## Higher Education Program News

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### Higher Education Program Updates

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

The theme for our upcoming 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium (Symposium), which will take place June 5-8, 2017, is “Meeting Community Needs.” In preparation for this, we have been engaging in discussions with our focus groups and conducting community calls to define how emergency management higher education fits into the National Preparedness System. We have also been examining several aspects of our system, including defining boundaries, identifying who the key nodes are, and exploring the system’s strengths and weaknesses. I am pleased to announce that the first day of the Symposium will include a plenary session to further explore elements of the Emergency Management Higher Education System, discuss its strengths, and identify opportunities to collaborate. As we did last year with the Generations panel, we will record, transcribe, analyze, and document our findings to share with the broader community, so we can work together in perfecting all aspects of emergency management.

A constant theme I have seen emerging from the conversations we exchanged with focus groups and those on community calls was the significance of consensus. The emergency management higher education community has worked very hard toward inclusion and consensus in building the discipline. This provides a sense of identity and wholeness, which is important for a new discipline. However, the counter-question that has been surfacing is to what degree might a drive toward consensus dilute individual passions and the sharing of unique personal strengths? In emergency management, we are serving a diverse whole community, so we risk missing opportunities to inspire through a quest for consensus. If we see the trees and the forest at the same time, are we stronger or are we unable to really focus on anything? Perhaps our focus will be assisted in adjusting our perspectives to see a system of systems. We are looking forward to a continued rich discussion on this topic and more at the Symposium. I hope to see you there!

**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 you are 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 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium](#) will be held June 5-8, 2017, at the FEMA Emergency Management Institute National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Visit the [Web site](#) to download an invitation package as well as moderator and student volunteer information. As of May 4, 2017, we have accepted 228 applications, 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 referring 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 [Web site](#).
- We need breakout session moderators to provide guidance during each session and student volunteers. Information for moderator/facilitator expectations is on the [Web site](#).
- 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. Visit [www.netcmealtickets.com](http://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, June 15, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Please join us.** You will 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. Please [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 (Preparedness), GS-0089-13/13, CLOSE 5/22/2017, [FEMA-17-TM-160794-DE](#), Washington, D.C.
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS-0089-14/14, OPEN 5/15/2017 and CLOSE 5/22/2017, [FEMA-17-SB-162687-DE](#), Washington, D.C.





- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-12/12, CLOSE 5/22/2017, [HHS-CDC-M5-17-1952589](#), Atlanta, GA
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-13/13, CLOSE 5/25/2017, [DOE-BPA-17-12325-BPA](#), Portland, OR
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS-0089-14/14, CLOSE 4/2/2018, [NCFL171857321923679S](#), Kennewick, WA

### Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Boise State University](#) – Assistant or Associate Professor, Community and Environmental Health
- [Colorado Technical University](#) – Adjunct Instructor, Homeland Security
- [Erie Community College](#) – Adjunct Professor, Emergency Management
- [Rabdan Academy](#) – Associate Professor, Homeland Security
- [Rabdan Academy](#) – Associate Professor, Business Continuity Management & Integration Emergency Management

### Resources

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is conducting its 2018 Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, a major strategic review of its programs and priorities. As part of the review, DHS is seeking comments from the public through its “My DHS Idea Campaign.”\_The agency wants to know what homeland security issues you care about, what areas you think DHS should prioritize; and what you see as the most pressing risks facing your community and our Nation. [For more information and to post thoughts/ideas.](#)

The Disaster Information Management Research Center [Disaster Lit®: the Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health](#) database has recently been updated, and it is now available.

*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.*

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues a three-part webinar series for emergency management agencies and drinking water and wastewater utilities to learn how to increase resilience and improve emergency response efforts. [More information and to register.](#)

[Citizen science to aid in disaster response.](#)

The Heritage Emergency National Task Force, a partnership of 42 national service organizations and Federal agencies, which is co-led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Smithsonian Institution, is reaching out to those affected by flooding in the Southern and Central Plains. Available resources include:





After the Flood: Advice for Salvaging Damaged Family Treasures; Salvaging Water-Damaged Family Valuables and Heirlooms and the ERS: Emergency Response and Salvage app, which can be accessed at no cost.

“Weathering the Storm,” New Jersey Hospital Association’s Hurricane Planning, Response and Recovery Toolkit.

## Calendar

The *Journal of Emergency Management* Editorial Review Board invites the submission of Papers and Case Studies supporting a special issue Higher Education in Emergency Management—Pathways to Professional Excellence in a Demanding Career. Our goal is to support the growth and professionalization of emergency management and provide a reference work that can be utilized by those in the field and those considering entering the field. Deadlines and more information.

The 2017 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) All- Star application is now available. The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities 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.

Information/application.

2017 Cybersecurity Trends in Higher Education, a short and interactive discussion on May 23 at 11 a.m. PT /2 p.m. ET. Access registration.

The Corporation for National and Community Service's (CNCS) Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE) is announcing the 2017 National Service and Civic Engagement Research Competition. CNCS is seeking applications that build on existing research in the field, address gaps in knowledge, and provide new ideas and methodological approaches to the study of civic infrastructure, civic engagement, volunteering, national service, and other related concepts such as social capital. The competition is only open to accredited institutions of higher education and is funding research for dissertators and scholars.

Applications are due July 11, 2017, no later than 5:00 pm EST. Notice of Funding Availability and Application Instructions

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