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Program News for the week ending November 17, 2017

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

I am only a few days shy of my deployment demobilization from the California wildfires disaster. While on deployment during the past 30 days, I have learned quite a bit in serving both the Disaster Field Training Office (DFTO) and the Volunteer Agency Liaison (VAL) efforts. I have met some outstanding people and look forward toward supporting policy and practice to ensure continuous improvement of our disaster response.

This week, I took two days off from disaster duty to attend the International Association Emergency Managers (IAEM) Conference in Long Beach. It was an incredible event, and I was able to catch up with many of our Higher Education Community stakeholders and Executive Academy students and alumni. I presented FEMA's Higher Education program and relevant collaboration theories to an audience of about 50 people and received a considerable amount of interest to work more together. There was a prevalent theme in several sessions I attended, highlighting the importance of connecting practitioners and academics in both research application and growing the emergency management workforce.

As I have mentioned in the past, there is currently a lot of research projects underway to better understand the dynamics of disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. Please take time to explore these projects as they may serve as relevant material for emergency management curricula and workforce development. Here is the list of currently funded projects from the Natural Hazard's Center Quick Response funding and from the National Science Foundation Rapids Grant program.

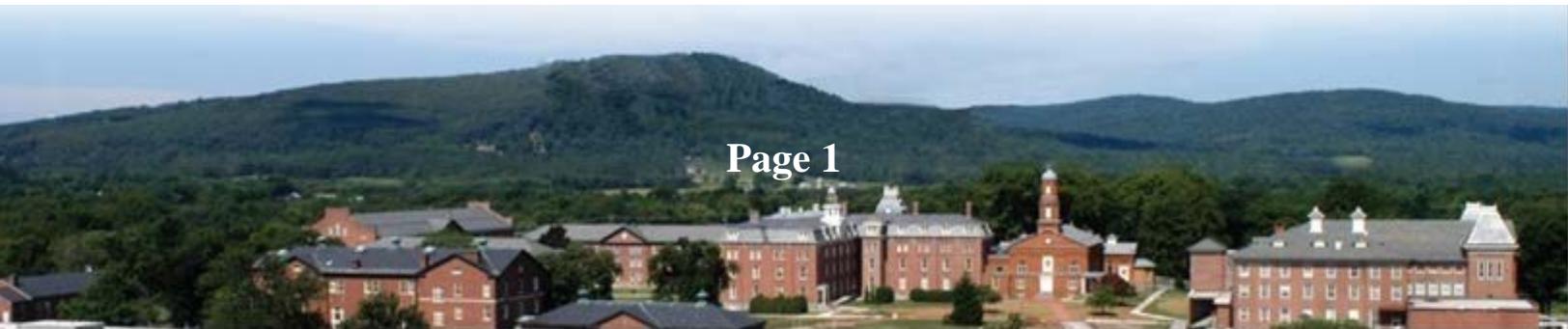
Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! I am incredibly grateful to be a part of this outstanding community supporting the profession of emergency management through education!

Higher Education Program Webinars

The Higher Education Program regularly host webinars on topics of interest for the emergency management higher education academic community. If you have a pertinent topic or idea, contact Wendy Walsh.

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, November 17, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET. 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. 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 to discuss.

College List - The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Hi Ed staff do not provide college recommendations



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or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. If you have a new program to include on the list or have program updates, please email FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Make a note on your 2018 calendar. 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.

Employment

Vacancy announcements posted for other Emergency Management/Homeland Security Positions:

- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 15, CLOSE 11/20/2017, [FEMA-18-AA-183657-DE](#), Washington, D.C.
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Temp), GS 13, CLOSE 11/22/2017, [CAZW-10079651-18-JRB](#), Brockton, MA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Mitigation), IC 12, CLOSE 11/20/2017, [FEMA-17-JOB-173512R-CORE](#), Atlanta, GA
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 11/22/2017, [NCHT172578715985](#), Falls Church, VA
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 11/22/2017, [SWHB174166233093](#), Dallas, TX
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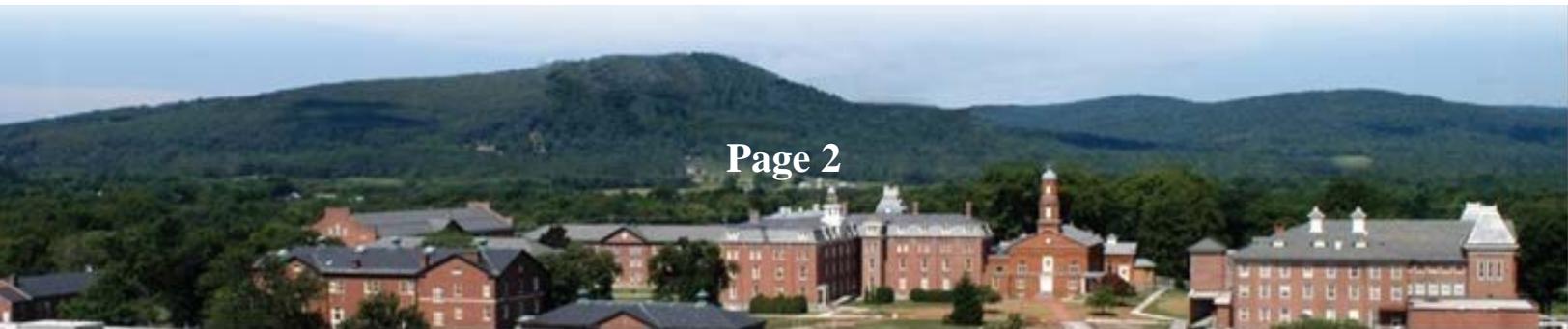
Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Baylor University](#) – Assistant/Associate Professor, Public Health
- [Columbus State University](#) – Assistant/Associate Professor, Public Health
- [National University](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- [New York University](#) - Analyst, Emergency Management and Open Source

Resources

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published the final National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Nationwide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (NPEIS) for public comment. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FEMA developed a final NPEIS to examine the impacts of proposed improvements and modifications to the NFIP. Related documents include the [Federal Register notice](#) and the NFIP Final Nationwide Programmatic Impact Statement. [Learn more online](#), including how to submit comments by the deadline of Dec. 3, 2017.

FEMA's National Integration Center released a series of National Incident Management System (NIMS) Resource Management component documents that enhance interoperability and the effectiveness of mutual aid. Included is the NIMS Guideline for National Qualification System (NQS); a set of NQS job titles/position qualifications; a set of NQS position task books (PTBs); a set of NIMS job titles/position



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qualifications and resource typing definitions other than NQS; and the NIMS Guideline for Mutual Aid. FEMA is hosting a series of 60-minute webinars to discuss the National Qualification System and answer questions related to the foundational guide and supporting tools. All webinars are open to the whole community, including individuals and communities, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, and all state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. To [review documents and obtain webinar details](#) and to [review](#) the NIMS Job Titles/Position Qualifications and Resource Typing Definitions other than those in NQS.

The resources below were compiled through a variety of sources, and included here as, perhaps, what could be interesting and relevant resources 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 United Negro College Fund (UNCF) released a new, one-of-a-kind historically black college and university (HBCU) economic impact report titled, [HBCUs Make America Strong: The Positive Economic Impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#).

Additional resources:

- [UNCF Press Release](#)
- [HBCU Economic Impact: National, State and HBCU Fact Sheets](#)
- [Op Ed: Black Colleges Matter: Debunking the Myth of the Demise of HBCUs](#)
- [HBCU Economic Impact Briefing Slides](#)

[Unmanned Aerial Systems & Emergency Management](#)

[Staying “PRIMED” for a Radiation Event](#)

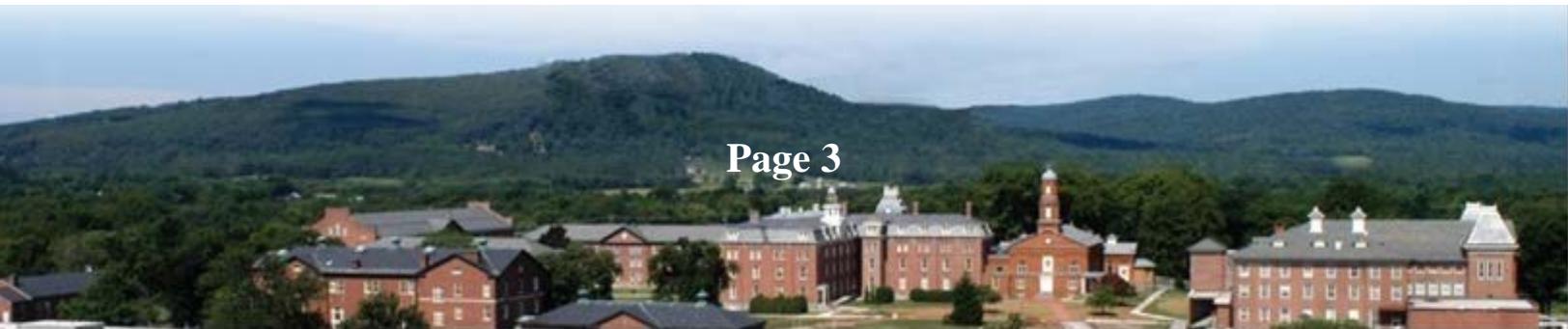
Calendar

2017 Federal Employment/Internship Career Fair, Thursday, November 16, 2017, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Location: Washington Adventist University (WAU) - Wilkinson Hall Lobby [7600 Flower Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912](#)

For students: the career fair offers you the chance to find out more about federal and D.C. government career opportunities. Federal Agencies will have career booths. Bring your resume, and introduce yourself to the agency representatives. In addition, there will be two student workshops:

- Resume Writing ([Handout Here](#)), *Fireside Room* 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM Repeated: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
- How to Find and Apply for Pathways ([Flyer Here](#)), *Columbia Room* 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM Repeated: 1:00 AM - 2:30 PM

For recruiters: The career fair offers you an excellent opportunity to reach out to colleges and universities in support of your targeted recruitment and outreach effort. Prospective students and job seekers will be provided with workshops on multiple topics related to attaining successful employment and internships in



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the federal government. Please register in advance to reserve your agency booth. Contact: Fitzroy Thomas, fthomas@wau.edu or call 301-891-4106; Nicole Currier, ncurrier@wau.edu or call 301-891-4092. More information and online registration: [2017 Federal Employment/Internship Career Fair at WAU](#)

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