

# HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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## Program News for the week ending November 22, 2017

### Higher Education Program Updates

#### Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

Returning from California, I can really feel the briskness in the Maryland air as I take the dogs for a walk this morning. The change of seasons has occurred. The leaves have fallen from the trees and our neighbors have already adorned their home with evergreen and holly. This is a good time to check and refresh your family's emergency preparedness. You may find you want to add an extra blanket, ice scraper and salt to the emergency kit in your car. It's also a good time to check your carbon monoxide detector, turn off outside water valves to prevent pipe bursts and to check the ventilation for your woodstoves and fireplaces. It's important that we not only educate but we also practice behaviors to promote safety and resilience. For more tips on winter weather preparedness, check out the [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) site.

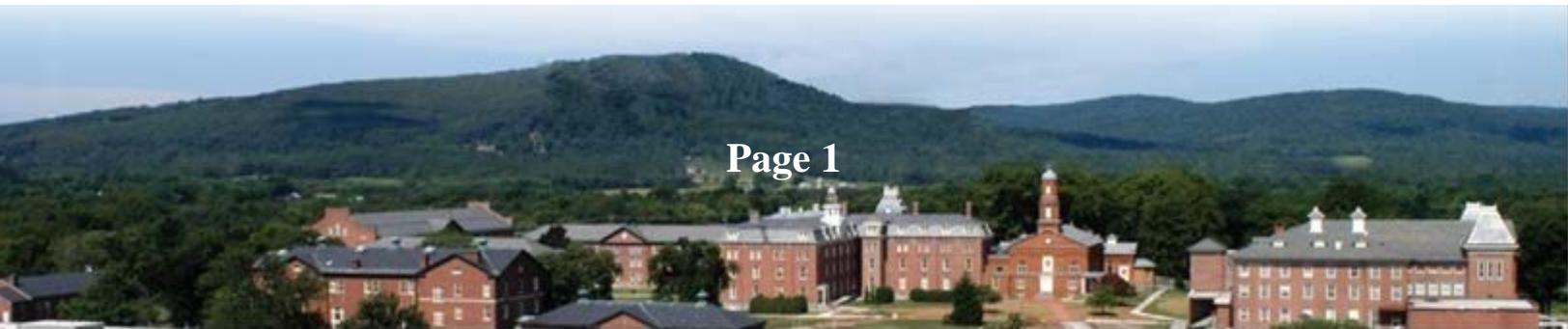
Remember to mark your calendars on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM (EST) for our next webinar to learn and discuss the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) as applied to emergency management and homeland security academic programs. It is important that we seek continuous improvement of our programs and to that end, the reflection and research of how we educate is critical. This past September, a focus group was held to discuss this topic, and this webinar will provide time to share the fruits of their discussion as well as provide space for your inputs on the topic. Your participation is essential, and we would be very grateful if you could make time for this engagement. If you need more information on how to register, please contact [Ms. Barbara Johnson](#).

Lastly, as we wrap up 2017, I would like to personally invite you to consider joining an Emergency Management Higher Education Special Interest Group (SIG). I will write a little more about these opportunities throughout December with hopes that you might consider a New Year's resolution to participate more fully in the on-going evolution of the Emergency Management Higher Education academic discipline. Check out the current SIG groups [here](#). I expect we may have some groups retire and other groups emerge as we enter into 2018. This is a great opportunity to share your passion and gifts with the broader community!

### Higher Education Program Webinars

**EM/HS Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Focus Group Update Webinar, December 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET. [To register](#).**

**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](#).**



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**The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, December 15th, 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 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](mailto: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.

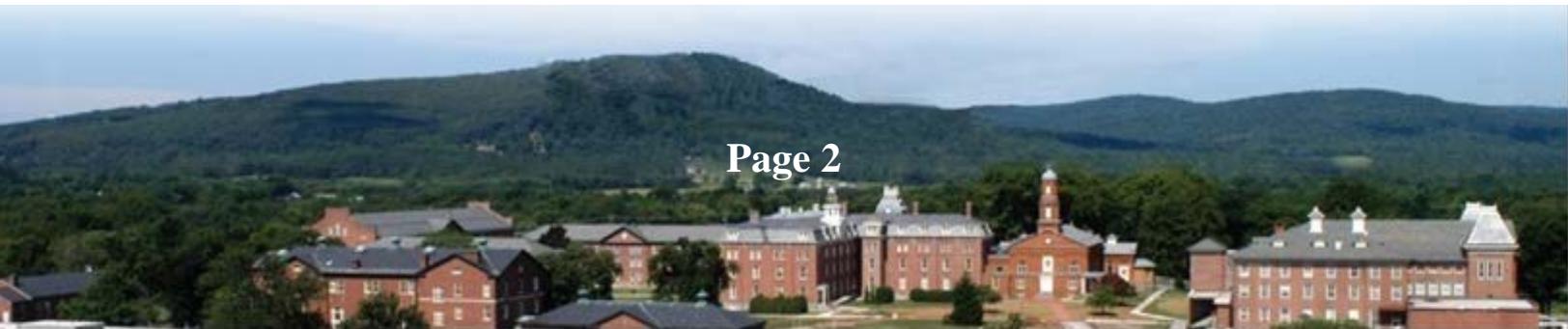
## Employment

Vacancy announcements posted Emergency Management/Homeland Security Positions:

- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 14, CLOSE 11/27/2017, [FEMA-18-TM-188576-MP](#), Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist (Watch and Warning Specialist), GS 11 - 12, CLOSE 12/1/2017, [OS-6050-18-KY-008\(MP\)](#), Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 12/1/2017, [FEMA-17-TC-189866-MP](#), Washington, D.C.
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Response), GS 15, CLOSE 12/4/2017, [FEMA-18-PH-193371-MP](#), Lakewood, CO
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- Instructional Systems Specialist (Protection and National Preparedness), GS 11, CLOSE 12/06/2017, [FEMA-18-TM-176879-DE](#), Anniston, AL

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Fayetteville State University](#) – Adjunct Professor, Intelligence Studies
- [George Mason University](#) – Full or Associate Professor, Master of Public Administration Director
- [Mercyhurst University](#) – Assistant Professor, Public Health
- [University of Nevada, Las Vegas](#) – Professor, Public Policy and Leadership



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## Resources

The National Framework for Personal Protective Equipment Conformity Assessment Infrastructure (PPE CA) document has been published. Following recommendations from the National Academies, a Framework has been defined to assist in developing, structuring, and managing PPE CA for American workplaces. The Framework is the product of collaboration among the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) representatives and a broad cross-section of members of the PPE community. The recommendations in the document is intended to serve as foundational principles for various types of conformity assessment programs for occupational PPE. They are not requirements for how these programs must, or will, function. Conformity assessment activities should be tailored to the needs of product users, suppliers, and regulatory authorities. They should result in products that protect workers who rely on PPE; facilitate trade, fair competition, and market access; be cost-effective; and provide assurance of conformance.

*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.*

[Watchdog Warns Uncorrected Mistakes Risk Billions During Disaster Recovery](#)

[Trump to Congress: Offset Disaster Relief With Cuts to Agency Spending](#)

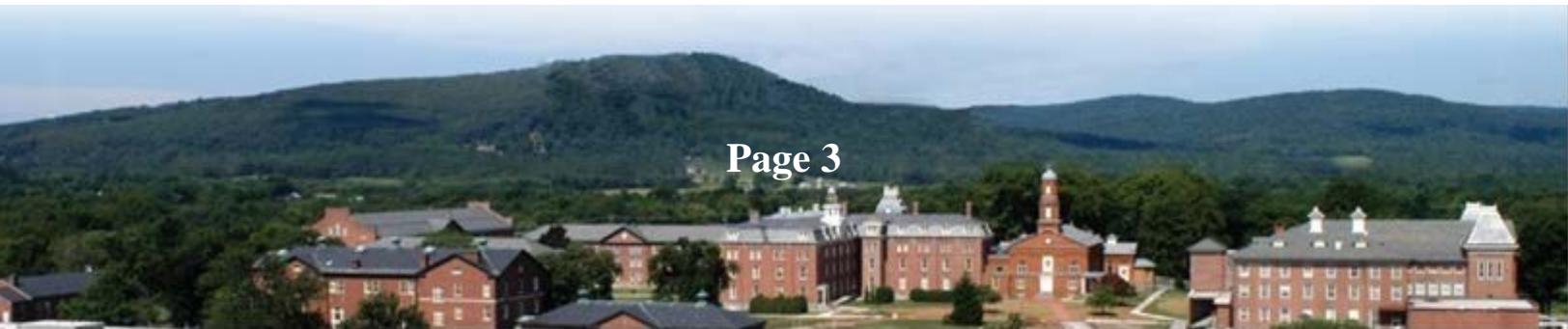
[Fires, floods, hurricanes: Teachers turn natural disasters into science and history lessons](#)

## Calendar

[2nd Annual New England Higher Education Emergency Managers Symposium](#), December 14 - 15, 2017 Wellesley, Massachusetts. The two-day event will bring together higher education emergency management professionals to discuss the issues they currently face. It will feature panel discussions of topics essential to and relevant to higher education professionals tasked with emergency management.

SAVE THE DATE: The 2018 [National Disaster Resilient Universities \(DRU\) Summit](#) will be held April 4 - 5, 2018, University of Oregon. The goal of the [DRU Network](#) is simple: provide a means to increase communication, coordination, and collaboration between campuses and increase the capacity of our campuses to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, continue operations during, and recover from natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other human-caused crises or disasters.

FEMA will host a webinar, [Commemorating Native American Heritage Month Through Tribal Emergency Management](#), on Nov. 29 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET. This webinar focuses on disaster preparedness and resilience efforts serving tribal communities.



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Webinars scheduled for NIMS National Qualification System supporting tools

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