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Program News for the week ending November 9, 2017

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This week, we are working to get the newsletter out early as we will be observing Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day, formerly known as Armistice Day has been observed on November 11th since 1919. This was three years after my grandfather, Albert VanCleemput, was born on November 11th 1916. My grandfather had a very powerful impact on my life, instilling in me that anything is possible with hard work and never compromise your values. My grandfather served in the US Army during World War II. He served in several battles including the Battle of Normandy. He survived serious injury, being capture and held as a prisoner of war and finally valiant rescue from Special Forces. He is the recipient of 3 Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. I am incredibly proud of his story and the inspirational stories of so many of our veterans.

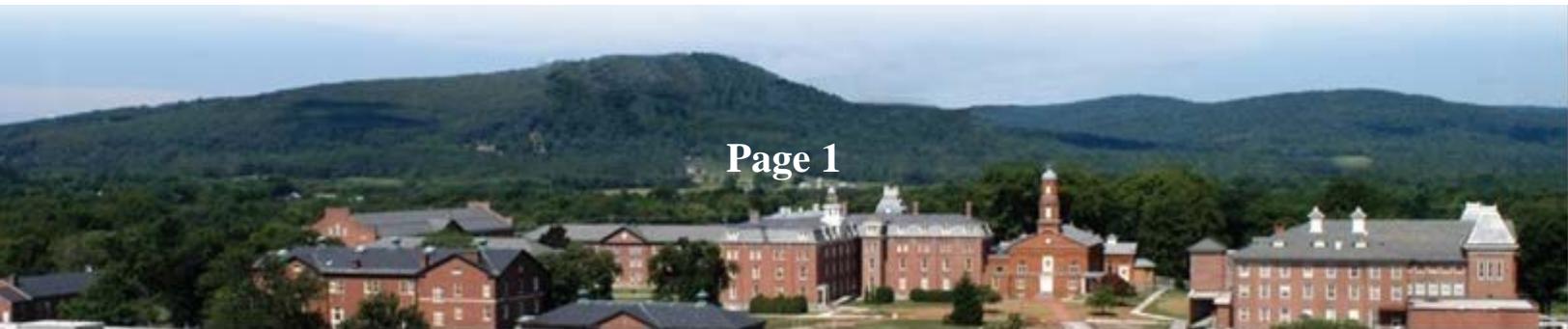
These experience of service can have a profound impact on those women and men who serve and it is critical that we support them. It can be very challenging to return home to the lifestyle left prior to deployment. As we have a good number of veterans in our emergency management and homeland security academic programs, it is important that we are aware of supports. According the US Department of Veterans Affairs, suicide is 22% higher for military veterans when compared US non-veterans. The VA has a crisis line available 365 days a year, 7 days a week. Call 800-273-8255 and press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255.

This week, the former FEMA Higher Education Director, Dr. Wayne Blanchard, announced the release of a seminal research project to compile a catalog of "Large-Loss-of-Life Events in American History". Dr. Blanchard has included more than 5,400 events that have taken ten or moves lives and 400 other significant historical events that have taken fewer than ten. The chronological capture of these events begins in 1492 and takes us to the present day. This is an incredibly valuable body of work and look forward to learning how you will leverage this work in your courses and research. You can explore the work and supporting documents on his website USdeadlyevents.com.

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 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 Wendy Walsh know if you have topics to discuss. **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368.**



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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.

New Program:

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, GS 15, CLOSE 11/30/2017, [HHS-OS-MP-17-2016834YES](#), Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 9, CLOSE 11/17/2017, [VA-10072676-AF-17-196](#), Langley AFB, VA
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 11-12, CLOSE 11/21/2017, [VR-17-2003125 MP-MLa-BU](#), Long Beach, CA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Watch Officer), GS 11-12, CLOSE 11/16/2017, [18-025-JSB-DE](#), Washington, D.C.

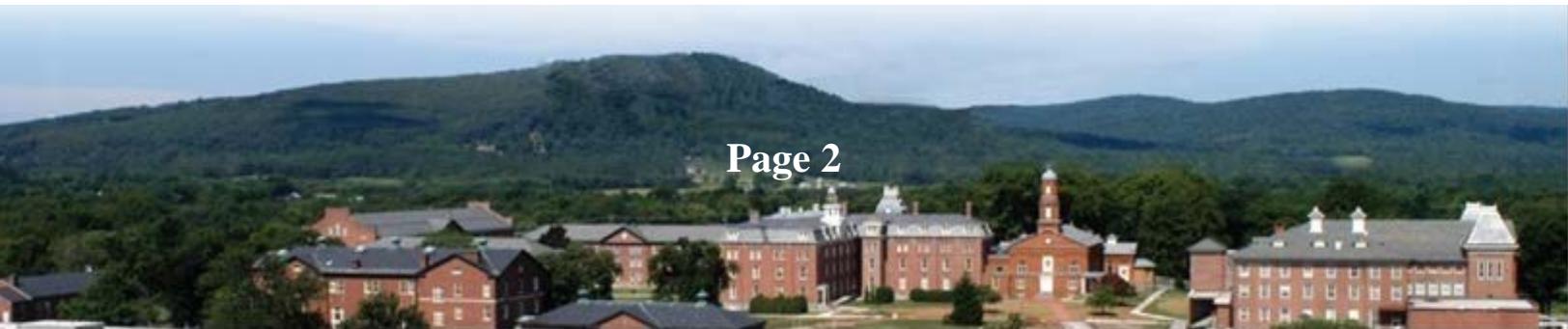
Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Augusta University](#) – Faculty, Cybersecurity
- [Coastal Carolina University](#) – Lecturer, Intelligence and National Security Studies
- [Georgia College & State University](#) – Faculty, Public and Environmental Health
- [Jacksonville State University](#) – Assistant Professor, Emergency Management
- [Slippery Rock University](#) – Assistant Professor, Homeland Security
- [Stanford University](#) – Associate Director, Global Risk & Facilities Services
- [University of Washington](#) – Global Travel Security Specialist (Part-time)

Resources

FEMA is hosting a series of webinars to provide information on the recently released [National Incident Management System \(NIMS\) refresh](#). Released on October 17, 2017, this updated doctrine reflects the collective expertise and experience of stakeholders who provided almost 3,000 comments over a 30-day National Engagement effort in April and May of 2016.

[Packing Your Digital Go-Bag: Essential Disaster Health Information on Your Mobile Device](#)



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This one-hour, self-paced, online course discusses key resources that responders and disaster/emergency preparedness professionals should consider installing on their mobile devices as part of their preparedness activities. This course fulfills one of the requirements of the Medical Library Association Disaster Information Specialization, Advanced Level. (1 MLA CE credit)

Written testimony of FEMA Administrator Brock Long for a Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs hearing titled “2017 Hurricane Season: Oversight of the Federal Response”

National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) newsletter, October 2017

USGS Water Maps and GIS: <https://water.usgs.gov/maps.html>

USGS Water Software: <https://water.usgs.gov/software/>

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.

Drones – Both a Force Multiplier & Headache

Rethinking the role of the private sector in disaster relief

N. California Wildfire Recovery May Take Years, Officials Say

Claire Rubin in her Recovery Diva blog posted a question “To what extent does FEMA assess the capabilities of all the states and territories prior to a disaster? And how adequate are their assessments?”_Joel Palmer, Acting Branch Chief, Preparedness and Analysis Branch, National Preparedness Division, FEMA Region IX responded to Ms. Rubin’s query.

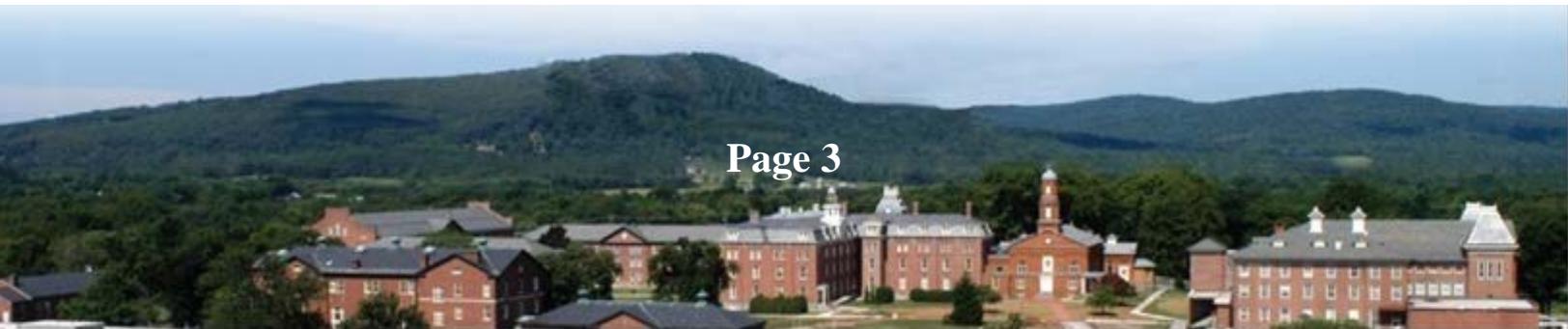
Calendar

Humanitarian Disaster Institute’s 5th Annual Disaster Ministry Conference, June 21-23, 2018, Community Christian Church, Naperville, IL. For more information and registration.

2018 Opportunity Funding Corporation (OFC) Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program, Durham, NC, May 2018. The OFC Innovation and Entrepreneurship (I&E) Program is looking for 100 of the greatest young minds, who think critically, creatively, and are passionate about solving problems.

Apply if you are:

- Enrolled in a full-time program of study at a four-year, degree-granting HBCU or PBI
- Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior during the fall of 2017.
- Willing to grow and learn in a collaborative environment



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- Interested in learning how to develop or expand an entrepreneurial mindset
- All majors are encouraged to apply for the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Boot Camp.

The Application deadline for OFC is Friday, March 2, 2018 at 11:59 pm EDT.

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