



Higher Education Program News September 1, 2017

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This week has seen the federal family fully respond to the impacts of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. The top priority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and our federal partners as we work together to support authorities in Texas and Louisiana is protecting the life and safety of those in impacted areas. This is a long duration storm, the recovery will be challenging, and the help of the whole community is required.

I received notice this morning that the entire National Training and Education System branch has been deployed, and I will also be working toward deployment when I return today from Boston.

During the past two weeks, the Higher Education Program has been hosting regional academic collaborative sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to build awareness, capture successful regional practices of collaboration with faculty, students and researchers working with emergency management practitioners, and to identify untapped opportunities.

Last week, the Higher Education Program worked with stakeholders in FEMA Region IX to host an academic collaborative session in Palo Alto, California. The event included participants representing academia, private sector, faith-based and emergency management practitioners from California, Arizona, Nevada and American Samoa. This week, we hosted another academic collaborative session event in Region I at Dean College in Franklin, MA and had participation from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire. Both engagements yielded interesting briefs, connected stakeholders, and produced fruitful dialog. Reports of these collaboration sessions will be completed soon and available upon request.

The Higher Education Program hosts a webinar each month. Mark your calendars for our next webinar “Recommendations for a FEMA Research Agenda 2018-2023”- September 8th from 2:00PM-3:30PM Eastern time. Information to register will be shared soon!

The Higher Education Program hosts a webinar each month. For a topic or idea, contact [Wendy Walsh](#).

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](#).



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[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.

New EM/HS Programs added to the college list:

- ECPI (East Coast Polytechnic Institute) University BS in Computer and Information Science w major in Cyber and Network Security
- Palm Beach State College Associate of Science in EM

We have 11 folders still available from the 19th Annual Emergency Management Hi Ed Symposium held in June. If you would like one or more folders, please send an email with your name and mailing address and the number of folders you would like to receive. Conference folders contain information about the presentations and much more.

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.

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Thursday, September 22, 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.**

Employment

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

- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 12, CLOSE 9/5/2017, [FEMA-17-TM-175578-DE](#), Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 09, CLOSE 9/5/2017, [WTHF172212752002362](#), Seattle, WA
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 14, CLOSE 9/29/2017, [NCFL171857321923679S](#), Kennewick, WA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Dallas County Community College](#) – Cyber Security Faculty
- [Miami University](#) – Public Health, Assistant or Associate Professor

Resources

Hurricane Harvey-How You Can Help

The compassion of the American people is already evident in their response to the destruction the storm has caused. People can help by visiting www.nvoad.org to donate or volunteer with the voluntary or charitable





organization of their choice, many of which are already in the field supporting survivors, even as the rain and wind continue.

For more information about Hurricane Harvey, go to <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey>.

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.

[When Pandemic Management Meets Cybersecurity](#)

[Economic Impact of Harvey Could Be Felt Nationwide Before It's Over](#)

[Mortuary Logistic Challenges of Mass Fatality Incidents](#)

[Stay Safe After Hurricanes, Flooding](#)

[Harvey's cost could reach \\$100 billion: Insurance experts](#)

[Federal funding boosts West Coast's ShakeAlert system](#)

Calendar

September is National Preparedness Month. National Preparedness Month (NPM) will focus on planning, with an overarching theme “Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can.” The goal of NPM is to increase the overall number of individuals, families, and communities that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, business, school, and place of worship. Information can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/september>.

Earn an Emergency Management certificate by completing a minimum of five (5) courses from Auburn University Office of Professional and Continuing Education. The Defense Support of Civil Authorities course begins September 11, 2017 –October 8, 2017. [For additional information.](#)

The [Forage Center for Peacebuilding and Humanitarian Education](#) is pleased to announce its [November 2017 "Coastal Hope"](#) full immersion field simulation to be held [November 2-5, 2017](#) in Fellsmere, Florida, USA. Registration is now open and closes [September 29](#). The Forage Center provides lower-cost, [experiential training](#) and [education](#) for emergency management, humanitarian, and peacebuilding practitioners and students. "Coastal Hope" prepares participants to work in environments affected by conflict as well as natural disaster. The Forage Center is willing to work with organizations in setting group pricing for multiple individuals. For more information, visit the Forage Center [website](#).

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