

Higher Education Program

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Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager – *This week I will defer my message to Dr. Lori Peek, Director of the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder.*

The Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder is committed to sharing and advancing knowledge to reduce disaster losses. To that end, the Center has launched a new pilot initiative called **Research Counts**. This series will serve as a platform for hazards and disaster scholars to provide insights regarding major research findings and enduring lessons. It will also provide a forum for raising new questions worthy of exploration. The pieces in the series are brief and intended for broad consumption in emergency management classrooms and far beyond.

This series, which was launched in early September, offers original briefs from experts in a variety of academic disciplines. These scholars are lending their voices to help students, decision makers, and members of the public understand the catastrophes that are disrupting lives and livelihoods the world over, and to place them in broader context.

Hazards and disaster researchers have long shown a deep and abiding commitment to working with practitioners, policy makers, and the private sector to help reduce hazards risk and to ameliorate the terrible suffering caused when disaster strikes. If you want to learn more about the series, please read the introduction at <https://hazards.colorado.edu/news/research/research-counts>. All publications are available at <https://hazards.colorado.edu/news/research>.

If you are interested in contributing to this new series, or to supporting the broader vision, please contact Lori Peek, Director of the Natural Hazards Center, at Lori.PEEK@colorado.edu.

Higher Education Program Webinars

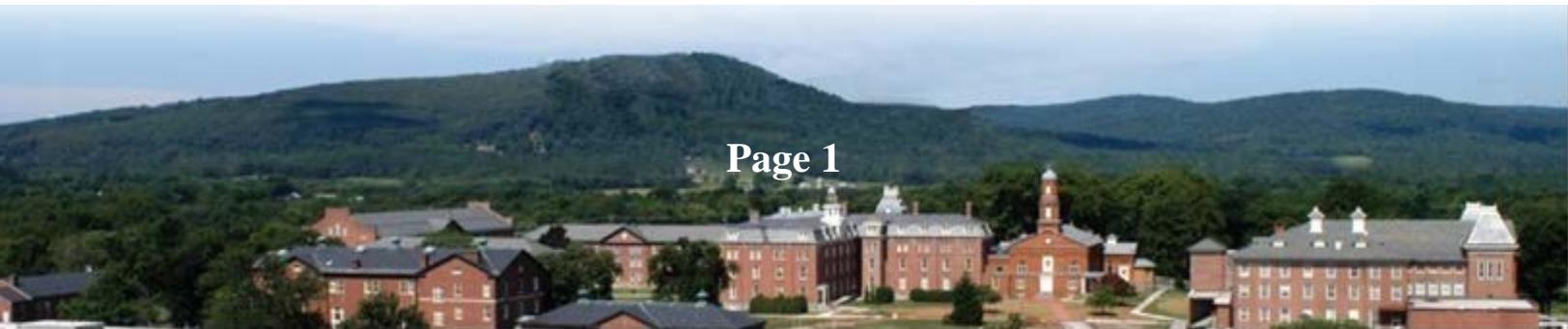
We were planning to host a webinar to cover the recent work of the Research Collective Focus Group entitled “Recommendations for a FEMA Research Agenda 2018-2023.” Due to Hurricane season impact, this engagement has been delayed and will be rescheduled.

The Higher Education Program regularly hosts a webinars on topics of interest for the emergency management higher education academic community. If you have topic or idea, contact [Wendy Walsh](#).

Natural Hazard Mitigation Association (NHMA) Request for Proposals

NHMA promotes:

- Natural hazard risk reduction & climate adaptation through planning, adaptation and mitigation



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- Steps to reduce the risk and consequences of natural events with a special emphasis on protecting the most vulnerable populations in our communities.

NHMA is developing a Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) curriculum for a certificate program. The curriculum includes considerable legal as well as architectural, engineering, planning, policy, and other materials designed to inform, inspire and motivate grassroots action to promote the Community Rating System (CRS) and other actions to build a safer, more just and resilient nation. It is anticipated that the curriculum may be part of several other academic programs or sequences involving various fields or disciplines. [Click here](#) for complete proposal guidelines and requirements.

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Hurricane Harvey FEMA [Disaster Support Opportunities](#)
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13-14, CLOSE 9/29/2017, [LAG-ERO-2004971-BTR-280](#), Washington, DC
- Emergency Management Specialist (Response), GS 12-13, CLOSE 9/26/2017, [FEMA-17-TT-172496-MP](#), Honolulu, HI
- Emergency Management Specialist (Senior Watch and Warning Manager), GS 13, CLOSE 9/28/2017, [OS-6050-17-KY-149\(MP\)](#), Washington, DC
- Emergency Training and Exercise Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 9/27/2017, [WTEU172533802007950](#), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Craven Community College](#) – Faculty, Information Technology/Cyber Security
- [Georgia State University](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- [Sacred Heart University](#) – Faculty, Master of Public Health
- [University of Kentucky](#) – Chair and Professor of Epidemiology

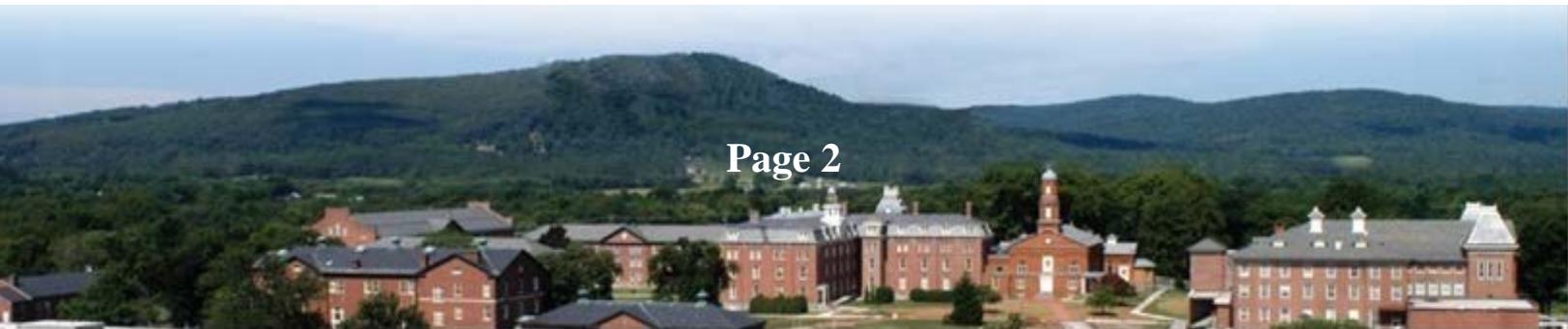
New College List Programs

- [ECPI \(East Coast Polytechnic Institute\) University](#) – [Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Science with Major in Cyber and Network Security](#)
- [Palm Beach State College](#) [Associate of Science in Emergency Management](#)

Resources

Hurricane Response-How You Can Help

The compassion of the American people is evident in their response to the hurricanes. People can help the disaster survivors who have been affected by visiting www.nvoad.org to donate or volunteer. For more



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information, go to <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-harvey>, <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-irma>, or <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-maria>.

There are opportunities to apply for rapid response research grants to conduct research exploring the impact and consequences of 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.

There are opportunities to apply for quick response grants to conduct research exploring the impact and consequences of Hurricane Harvey.

[Animals in Distress: A Community Preparedness Checklist](#)

[Natural Disasters before Big Government](#)

[How Coastal Cities Are Evolving to Deal With Extreme Rain](#)

[RecoveryDiva.com](#)

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