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Program News for the week ending April 20, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This week, for me, began in New York City at the American Education Research Association (AERA) annual meeting. This is a huge meeting that was convened over nine hotels in Manhattan. I joined nine faculty representing the emergency management and homeland security academic disciplines from across the nation to learn and reflect on the scholarship of teaching and learning. We all attended sessions over the course of four days and then convened a focus group on Monday to share and reflect. The report of this experience will be posted on our website, and if you are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact me.

While we were in New York, we also had the opportunity to visit the Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management. This is a high school program that graduated the first class of seniors last year and has established a pathway agreement with several colleges and universities. We met with a few current students and found the visit to be very inspiring! A great big thanks to Mr. Sal Puglisi and the full team at the Urban Assembly for hosting us!

The Higher Education Symposium planning is full force, and all of the submissions for sessions have been reviewed. If you submitted, you should have received a status response this week. If you did not, please contact Ms. Barbara Johnson immediately to follow up. We should have the draft agenda posted by early next week. If you are planning to attend this year, please register soon. The deadline is April 27th and we are filling up fast! In the past some attendees have planned to leave prior to the end of the symposium, I would strongly urge you to make plans to stay the full duration. We have some very special speakers signed up for the final day, and you will not want to miss them!

Lastly, please make every effort to make the webinar on May 1st to learn about and discuss the Next Generation Core Competencies for the Emergency Management Professional Handbook. This handbook is the culmination of several years of dialogue and research regarding emergency management academic standards and competencies. I expect this product to be very useful to the education, training, and practice of emergency management!

Wishing you all a great weekend and week ahead.

Higher Education Program Webinars

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

Webinar: “The Next Generation Core Competencies (NGCC) Handbook for Emergency Management-What it is & How you can use it,” May 1, 2018, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EDT. Registration.

Conference Call-In: 1-800-320-4330, PIN: 376368

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, May 18, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT., 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us. Learn from the emergency management academic

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community what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that we can address. Contact [Wendy Walsh](#) with your discussion topics.

College List - The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Higher Education (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 or have program updates, send an email to FEMA-emi-collelist@fema.dhs.gov.

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. Information will be posted to the Hi Ed website symposium page as it becomes available.

- SID numbers are required for all applications, including international. SID numbers can be requested at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>.
- The symposium [application](#) and [invitation](#) are on the website. **The application deadline is April 27.** Everyone, including presenters, entering the NETC campus for the Hi Ed Symposium must have an accepted application on file in the Admissions office. Security will not allow you on campus otherwise.
- [Student volunteer information](#) is available. Volunteering at the symposium is a great opportunity to learn and network.
- Everyone staying on-campus must purchase meal tickets in advance. Please go to the [website](#) for meal ticket prices for your upcoming course. The Hi Ed Symposium course code is E0392.
- Now is the time to volunteer to be a session moderator. Send an email to [Barbara](#).

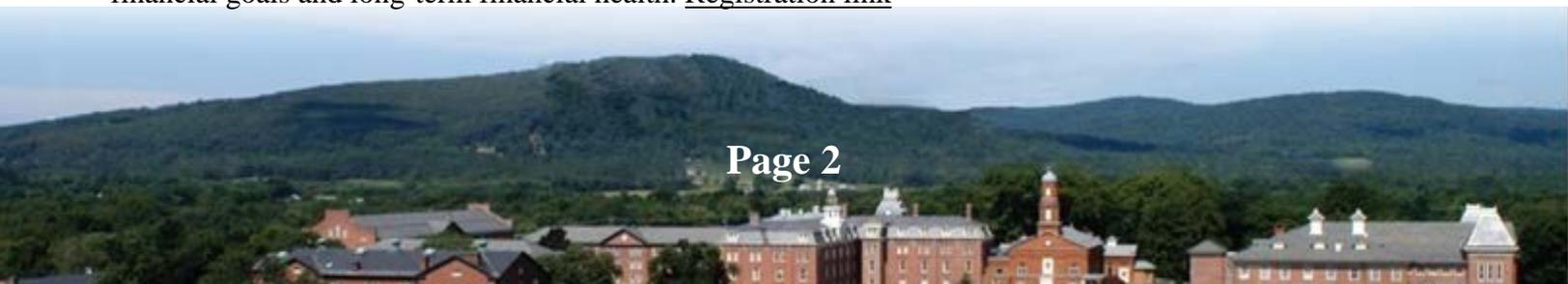
The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Award recognizes outstanding SoTL efforts within the emergency management and homeland security disciplines. Sponsored by the University of Central Florida's School of Public Administration, this annual award is based on specific criteria and presented at the FEMA Higher Education Symposium. More information can be found on the [Hi Ed website](#).

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

Federal Student Aid (FSA), the Department of Labor, and the FTC will be hosting a financial literacy webinar geared towards college seniors and new entrants to the workforce. The event is open to the public; please encourage interested stakeholders to register and attend. The webinar includes:

- Setting financial goals,
- Budgeting,
- Saving (whether for a short-term goal or using a workplace retirement plan to achieve future financial goals);
- Managing debt including student loans as well as information on credit scores and how to improve them; and
- Avoiding scams, such as job scams.

April is Financial Capability Month. Take steps to develop the knowledge and habits to achieve short-term financial goals and long-term financial health. [Registration link](#)



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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Frontline will host a webinar on job and internship opportunities for students and recent graduates. Wednesday, April 25, 2018 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. EDT. The virtual event will feature an overview of Frontline positions, including: Border Patrol Agent, CBP Officer, Air Interdiction Agent, Marine Interdiction Agent, Aviation Enforcement Agent, and Agriculture Specialist. Presenters will provide an overview of the application and hiring process, and a panel of CBP Frontline experts will answer live questions from webinar participants. [Register.](#)

The DHS [Campus Resilience \(CR\) Program](#) is seeking a partner college or university to host the October 2018 [Regional Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education \(RTTX\)](#). DHS is seeking a host institution from one of the following U.S. regions: **Gulf Coast, Southwest, or Pacific Northwest**. The 2018 RTTX will be a one-day event, with up to 120 attendees, and it will include a tabletop exercise, a learning session, and an after-action session. The event topic and scenario have not yet been determined. Working with the DHS Office of Academic Engagement, the host institution provides the venue for the event, supporting space, technology, and other logistical requirements. If you are interested in serving as a host institution or would like to learn more about host institution specifications, contact the [DHS Office of Academic Engagement](#).

The DHS Office of Academic Engagement (OAE) released the [2018 Philadelphia Regional Tabletop Exercise \(RTTX\)](#) and the [2018 North Dakota Leadership Tabletop Exercise \(LTTX\)](#) Summary Reports. The reports highlight major findings and takeaways from each event related to the chosen area of focus. The reports also link the findings to specific federal and non-federal resources to bolster institutions' efforts to build resilience. For additional information regarding the 2018 RTTX and LTTX materials, contact the [DHS Office of Academic Engagement](#).

[Campus Resilience Program Resource Library](#) The free, online repository offers a variety of resources to empower practitioners and campus leaders to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from various threats and hazards relevant to the academic community. The resources represent a variety of federal, state, local, private-sector, emergency management, and academic association entities. OAE will continue coordination with its federal, private sector and academic partners to add new resources to the Campus Resilience Program Resource Library in the near future.

Sign up for the new Office of Academic Engagement [Recruitment Listserv](#). The Recruitment Listserv will share email updates highlighting department offerings, including:

- Job and internship opportunities
- Application and interview tips
- Webinars on DHS's core mission areas
- Student tours of DHS facilities
- Academic program opportunities

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

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- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 14, CLOSE 4/24/2018, [AG-OHS-2018-0041](#), Washington, D.C.
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 4/24/2018, [SWG17239327976](#), St. Louis, MO
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, GS 14, CLOSE 4/27/2018, [WTHE186959752039](#), Portland, OR
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Operations Section Chief), IT 04, CLOSE 4/30/2018, [FEMA-18-NPM-229259-IMAT](#), Denton, TX
- Emergency Management Specialist, IA 04, CLOSE 5/5/2018, [20180716](#), Springfield, VA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Indefinite), GS 9, CLOSE 5/11/2018, [VA-10186987-AR-18-063](#), Langley AFB, VA
- Security and Emergency Manager, CLOSE 5/7/2018, [2018-00352](#), City of Portland, OR
- Fire Program Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 4/26/2018, [FEMA-18-BT-229072-DE](#), Emmitsburg, MD

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Austin Peay State University](#) - Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice
- [Camden County College](#) – Faculty, Fire Science
- [Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#) – Faculty, Epidemiology
- [Stonehill College](#) – Teaching Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Global Security
- [Syracuse University](#) – Part-time Instructor, National Security and Counterterrorism
- [University of California, Berkley](#) – Post-Doctoral Scholar, Information and Cybersecurity

Resources

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released an [Affordability Framework for the National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\)](#), which provides data-driven analysis of the cost burden borne by flood insurance policyholders and potential policyholders, identifies the populations most burdened by the cost of flood insurance, and provides options for policymakers to consider to help close the flood insurance gap across the nation by reducing the cost burden of flood insurance. As part of FEMA's [2018-2022 Strategic Plan](#), FEMA is working to close the insurance gap with the assistance of both public and private insurers. As the largest provider of flood insurance in the United States, the NFIP is working to double the number of properties covered by flood insurance from the current 4 million to 8 million by 2023.

The resources below were compiled through a variety of sources and included here as 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

Service-Learning & Leadership Special Interest Group (SIG) is requesting your feedback in a survey regarding the use of service learning in courses related to emergency management and homeland security. This survey is designed to collect feedback about your experience incorporating practical experience in course design (either as a faculty member or community partner), and/or about your interest in learning more about this pedagogy to help design a faculty toolkit to help prepare those interested in using this high impact practice in their future courses. [To complete the survey.](#) Contact [Elizabeth Dunn](#) or [Jess Bonnan-White, PhD](#) with questions or comments.

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[This app maker says his work saved thousands during Hurricane Harvey — and he's not done yet](#)

[Planning for hurricanes as weather patterns change](#)

Calendar

Join in person or online for a conversation with **Lake Barrett**, Independent Consultant and Former Site Director at TMI, who will present on "**Nuclear Emergency Response at Three Mile Island**," Tuesday, **April 24, 2018**, at 12:00 p.m. EDT at the Virginia Tech Research Center in Arlington, VA, and **online** at <http://www.ncr.vt.edu/live/>. RSVP requested at <http://siren24.eventbrite.com>.

Webinar - Be Ready Financially: Resources to Help Individuals and Families with Financial Preparedness
The webinar will provide financial tools and resources to use when working with families and individuals. The topics include steps to better prepare for and bounce back from unexpected events. This webinar will include various presenters from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other FLEC agencies.

Title: [Be Ready Financially: Resources to Help Individuals and Families with Financial Preparedness](#)

Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EDT

How to join the webinar:

- Please register for the event using the [Adobe Connect registration](#) web link.
- Be sure to [test your Adobe Connect connection](#) prior to the meeting.
- This webinar will offer captioning.

The [International Association of Fire Chief's \(IAFC\) Hazmat Conference](#), June 7-10, 2018, in Baltimore, Maryland offers hands-on training on biothreat response and sample collection, incident management, chemical and physical properties of hazardous materials, and management of commercial explosive incidents. Training provides valuable information to successfully meet the demands of a hazardous material response.

Webinar: [Adapting Wildfire Management to 21st Century Conditions](#), Wednesday, May 16, 2018 1:00 p.m. EDT. This Critical Issues webinar explores recent trends in wildfires and changes in contributing factors and drivers of these hazards and features case studies of wildfire policy and management strategies in the western and southern United States. [To register](#).

Webinar: DHS will host a webinar providing information on DHS career opportunities; the law enforcement hiring process and timelines; special hiring authorities; effective resume writing; and how to create a profile on USAJOBS. This two-hour webinar will be offered many times over the next two months and is open to the public. [For more information and webinar schedule](#).

Download the [FEMA App](#) to receive weather alerts from the NWS for up to five different locations anywhere in the U.S.

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