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Program News for the week ending April 6, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

Here we are in April! I hope most of you have been able to enjoy a little spring break even with some cold weather still hitting a lot of our nation! This week I was fortunate to spend the first three days in Region X at our fourth regional engagement. This one was unique as the FEMA Region offered to host the main gathering at their office in Bothell, WA with faculty in the states of Oregon, Idaho and Alaska gathered in hub sites to participate together. It was great to see and learn about all the efforts underway and discuss opportunities to collaborate toward meeting the Agency strategic priorities!

Some of the immediate outcomes of this gathering were:

- Plans to deliver a webinar on story-telling, world-cafes and appreciative inquiry as applied to emergency management (EM) teaching and research
- FEMA Regional collaboration to design and deliver a youth preparedness camp and regional youth advisory council
- Academic collaboration to promote, explore & incentivize technology for teaching emergency management
- Ideas for collaboration to support EM academic program development in tribal colleges
- Possible opportunities to collaborate with the Department of Education and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IV to coordinate work study to support disaster recovery and case study development
- Collaboration to collect data to better convey the educational pathways for emergency management in the Region

The full report of this gathering will be available soon and prior Regional reports can be found on our [website](#) or by contacting [Ms. Barbara Johnson](#).

I hope you will all join us next week for the [webinar](#) on “Developing Academically Rigorous Case Studies in Disaster Response & Recovery Environments” to be held April 10th. And if you haven’t signed up for the Symposium yet, please do so soon as the [registration](#) is filling up and April 27th is the deadline to register. We have a very exciting program developing for this year with a focus on faculty development!

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: Developing Academically Rigorous Case Studies in Disaster Response & Recovery Environments, **April 10, 2018, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET.** [Registration](#).

Description: Seventeen emergency management academic and practitioner stakeholders met concurrently on February 6-7, 2018 in two locations: The Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL and the Field Operations Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The focus group was convened to discuss and develop a case

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study development process that will be tested and implemented in disaster response and recovery environments to improve performance and inform work to be done in prevention, preparedness, and mitigation phases. These cases will be used for training, workforce development, senior-leader training, and education of the next generation emergency managers. They may also inform and influence the development and revision of policy and doctrine. The webinar will present the outcome of this focus group and provide an opportunity for the broader community to offer comments and feedback.

The objectives for this webinar include:

- Sharing the draft recommended FEMA Case Study Development Process
- Discussing additional considerations for feedback, refinement, collaboration and implementation
- Expanding awareness and opportunities to participate in the case study development process

The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, April 20th, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. 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. 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.

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. 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.
- 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, which must be purchased in advance. Please go to the website for meal ticket prices for your upcoming course. Hi Ed Symposium course code is E0392
- Now is the time to volunteer to be a session moderator. Send an email to Barbara.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

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The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), Community Conversations Research Competition applications are available and submission deadline is April 10, 2018. This competition focuses on engaging communities in conversations about their civic health using participatory research approaches to facilitate civic engagement and strengthen community capacity to address local issues, both of which are central to CNCS's mission. The [application instructions and other supporting information](#).

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), GS 15, CLOSE 4/10/2018, [FEMA-18-JLS-218713-DE](#), Oakland, CA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), GS 11-12, CLOSE 4/10/2018, [FEMA-18-WG-210821-DE](#), Bothell, WA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Mitigation), GS 9, CLOSE 4/10/2018, [FEMA-18-WG-210299-DE](#), Bothell WA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 11-12, CLOSE 4/13/2018, [FEMA-18-AA-215583-DE](#), Washington, D.C.
- Deputy Regional Administrator – Region 3, ES 00, CLOSE 4/30/2018, [FEMA-18-KH-DRA3-SES](#), Philadelphia, PA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Colorado Technical University, Denver](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Homeland Security
- [Metropolitan Community College](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Environmental Health and Safety
- [Penn State University](#) - Public Safety Specialist (Emergency Management Coordinator)
- [Saint Leo University](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Cyber Security
- [Syracuse University](#) – Part-Time Faculty, Geographic Information Systems
- [Rivier University](#) – Program Director and Assistant Professor, Security Programs
- [University of San Francisco](#) – Professor, Public Health

Resources

FEMA is conducting the [2018 National Level Exercise](#) for the whole community, inviting government agencies, private sector and non-profit organizations, and individuals to participate in the biennial exercise. The exercise, taking place April 30 – May 11, 2018, represents a key step towards implementing FEMA's recently released [2018-2022 Strategic Plan](#). The National Level Exercise will test lessons learned from the unprecedented 2017 hurricane season across all levels of government and the private sector. The exercise is based on a mid-Atlantic hurricane scenario, where a major hurricane makes landfall near Hampton Roads, Virginia, causing severe damage to homes and businesses. By congressional mandate, the National Level Exercise represents the culmination of the two-year [National Exercise Program](#) cycle, and is designed to educate and prepare participants for potential catastrophic events. [For more information](#).

[PrepTalks: The Unthinkable-Lessons from Survivors](#). In her PrepTalk, Amanda Ripley combines the inspiring stories of disaster survivors with research into how the brain works when confronted with unusual events. She explains why our instinctive response may be the worst possible reaction, unless we have had the

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experience and/or the training to help us act quickly during moments of great peril. Ripley provides advice on steps she says emergency managers can take now to help individuals be more decisive in emergencies.

PrepTalks are a partnership between FEMA, the International Association of Emergency Managers, the National Emergency Management Association, the National Homeland Security Consortium, and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Updated FEMA Continuity Guidance Circular (CGC)

Applications now being accepted for Staffing for Adequate and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants

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

Five Steps Toward Enhancing Climate Resilience

DHS and EPA Are Prepared to Restore Subways in the Event of a Bioterrorist Attack

An overview of “resilience” and climate change

Two Hundred of State’s K-12 Schools are Within a Mile of an Active Earthquake Fault

Flood Plan Could Eliminate Need for Sandbags

Calendar

You are invited to share your cybersecurity knowledge with colleagues by writing for the *IAEM Bulletin* special focus issue on 'Cybersecurity'. Deadline is May 10, 2018. Please refer to the [author guidelines](#) for details, and send questions to editor [Karen Thompson](#). See a list of all 2018 [special focus topics](#).

National VOAD 2018 Conference, May 7-10, 2018, Providence, RI. [For more information and to register.](#)

Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM), June 17-21, 2018, Phoenix, AZ. [For more information and to register.](#)

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