



Program News for the week ending August 24, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Good day emergency management and homeland security academic stakeholder community! First, I would like to thank Dan Paulette-Chapman for his message last week on the National Qualification System (NQS). We have received good feedback and interest on this shared information. If you missed the write-up, remember you can find archives of our newsletters on the Higher Education Program website.

Last week, I had the great pleasure of taking my Mom on a road trip from Iowa down through Missouri to Arkansas. It was a beautiful journey across the gorgeous and lush green middle of our nation. At various times, we hit some significant rain, which led people to talk about the history of flooding in that area. This reminded me of the FEMA podcast series we highlighted a couple of weeks ago commemorating the 1993 and 2008 Midwest floods. If you haven't made time to listen to these podcasts, I strongly encourage you to. The 2008 flood took my Dad's home off its foundation and floated it into a neighbor's cornfield. The loss that occurs and the resilience demonstrated in the face of disaster is reflective of the beauty of humanity. While the work of emergency management is demanding and challenging, the outcomes of communities supporting each other through response and recovery, and the growth of mitigation activities and preparedness actions supported through emergency management is incredible. As we work to build and sustain the emergency management profession through education it is critical that we connect to these historical events and practice to expand efforts that worked and redesign what did not.

This week, we hosted a wonderful webinar highlighting the 43rd Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop. You can find the slides on our website webinar page. The common theme we heard was the importance of maintaining connection between the between the academic community and emergency managers as we are both better together. This week marks my third year anniversary in this position, and I have been so impressed with the dedication from both the academics and practitioners to collaborate, share information and work toward continuous improvement. It is not always easy to navigate the connections but when we persist, the outcomes are better.

September is right around the corner and it's National Preparedness Month! We are hosting a webinar to convey the findings our Culture of Preparedness Focus Group engagement on September 20th. You will find more information on how to register in upcoming newsletters. What are you doing to celebrate National Preparedness Month? Drop us a line and let us know and we will include your efforts and ideas in our September newsletters! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and week ahead! Be well!

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.

The EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is today, Friday, August 24 (change of date from the 17th), from 2:00-3:00 PM ET, 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us. Learn from the

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emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that the Higher Education Program can address. Contact [Wendy Walsh](#) with your discussion topics. **The next EM Higher Education Community conference call is Friday, September 21, 2018.**

The 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium is scheduled for June 3-6, 2019, at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. In the coming months, we will post additional information to the [Hi Ed website](#) as it becomes available.

College List

The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Higher Education 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_collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

New:

- [Pikes Peak Community College](#) – BAS Emergency Service Administration
- [Tulane University](#) – Master of Professional Studies in Emergency Management
- [Tulane University](#) – Master of Professional Studies in Security Management
- [Howard University](#) – Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), [Intelligence and Analysis Internships Webinar](#), Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 4 – 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The Education, Income Maintenance, and Labor (EIML) Division at the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\)](#) is seeking graduate student applicants for an internship through the [Pathways Internship Program](#). To provide students with the opportunity to learn more about the position and ask questions, the EIML Division join a conference [Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 3:00PM to 4:00PM](#) or [Thursday, September 6, 2018 from 12:00PM to 1:00PM](#).

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Operations Section Chief Type II), IT 04, CLOSE 8/26/2018, [FEMA-18-SLB-247712-IMAT](#), Chicago, IL
- District/Zone Fire Management Office, GS 11, CLOSE 8/31/2018, [18-FIRE-R5-493584FS-HJ](#), Willows, CA
- Plans and Operations Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 8/31/2018, [WTEV180360709078](#), Fort Wainwright, AK
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 14, CLOSE 8/31/2018, [1800500SOMP](#), Washington, D.C.

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- Transportation Security Manager, SV H, CLOSE 9/2/2018, [SFO-18-493226](#), San Francisco, CA
- Emergency Management Specialist, ZA-0301-III/IV, CLOSE 9/4/2018, [ESD-2018-0006](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- Emergency Management Specialist (Watch and Warning Specialist), GS 11-12, CLOSE 6/3/2019, [OS-6050-18-KB-0101 \(MP\)](#), Washington, D.C.
- [Texas State Office of Risk Management \(SORM\)](#) - Statewide Continuity Coordinator

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Chippewa Valley Technical College](#) – Continuing Education Coordinator, Emergency Services
- [Illinois State University](#) – Assistant Professor, Cybersecurity
- [Johns Hopkins University](#) – Faculty, Center for Advanced Governmental Studies
- [Miami University](#) – Assistant Professor, International Relations/Security/Cybersecurity

Resources

National Library of Medicine resources include information about wildfires and smoke inhalation.

- [Smoke inhalation searches on Disaster Lit® and PubMed provide access to the latest information](#)
- The MedlinePlus Wildfires topic provides information for the general public in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- [The HealthReach Wildfires page provides links to a one-page handout with accompanying audio and video in Spanish, Arabic, Bosnian, and Somali.](#)

FEMA is seeking feedback on the draft document [Planning Considerations: Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place](#).

[Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves: 2017 Interim Report](#)

[Hurricane Preparedness Tips](#)

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

[The Principles of Infrastructure Resilience](#)

[Wildfire Statistics](#)

[Durable Medical Equipment in Disasters](#)

[Combating the Single Point of Failure](#)

[Is Dredging a Solution to Flooding Problems?](#)

[Disaster Recoveries Typically Hampered by a Lack of Data](#)

[Big Data or Big Hype?](#)

[Principles of Data Sharing in Public Health Emergencies](#)

Calendar

[11th Annual Homeland Defense/Security Education Summit](#), Albany, NY, October 11-13, 2018.

Summit 2018 Theme: *Wicked Problems in Homeland Security: Keeping Education and Research Relevant*

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The 2019 FEMA EMI L0363 *Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education* host institution application is now posted. If you are interested in applying to host the course in 2019, please go to the [website](#) at and complete an application. The application deadline is September 28, 2018.

Ontario Disaster & Emergency Management Conference (DEMCON), October 3-4, 2018, Toronto, Ontario, CA.

13th Annual Homeland Security Week, October 22-24, 2018, College Park Marriott, Hyattsville, MD

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