



Program News for the week ending August 3, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Good day emergency management & homeland security academic community! We are getting nearer to the end of the fiscal year (the new federal fiscal year starts in October), and we are tracking all our activities to ensure we have completed what we have set out to accomplish. I want to make sure you are aware of a few more significant activities planned for the remainder of this fiscal year.

First, I have been incredibly grateful for the positive outcomes of our regional academic practitioner collaboration meetings. This fiscal year we have completed three engagements in FEMA Regions VI, VIII, & X and are now gearing up for our final meeting of this fiscal year in Region V to be held the first week of September. These meetings have resulted in an outstanding exchange of information and kick-started new collaborations. You can find copies of the regional engagement reports on our website under [New Information & Resources](#). We will be sending out an invitation to Region V stakeholders later this month. If you are in Region V and want more information and/or to ensure you receive an invitation, please send me an [email](#).

Next, we have one more focus group scheduled to explore and discuss opportunities to connect FEMA workforce needs with internship opportunities. As many of you may remember last year, we put out a call to the academic community to support the great workforce need to respond to the 2017 Hurricane Season. I am very grateful for all of those who navigated the systems to answer the call. This experience highlighted some disconnects and raised some opportunities. Dr. Stacy Willet from the University of Akron will be chairing an internship focus group to be held on September 12-13 at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. We will have a diverse representation of academic programs and FEMA representatives engaged in this effort. If you have an experience, story, recommendation or other inputs for this group to consider, please send me an [email](#) so we can include your information in the dialogue.

And last but not least, we have two more webinars scheduled. Our next webinar will be held on August 21, 2018 at 2:00-3:30 PM. The topic will be Highlights from the 43rd Annual [Natural Hazards Research & Applications Workshop](#) held at the beginning of July. The workshop took a deep dive into looking for answers to reduce disaster risk. The research presented and the dialogue that ensued was inspiring. If you were not able to attend, this webinar will give you a good overview, and if you attended, this will give you an opportunity to reconnect with the depth of knowledge that was shared. The bulletin to register for this webinar will be out next week.

The last webinar for the fiscal year will be very special! In May we hosted a focused workshop, which was a blend between a focus group and workshop, bringing together disaster scholars and practitioner experts in disaster management to share their views about the meaning and implications of [FEMA's new strategic priority](#): to build a "culture of preparedness." We discuss disaster preparedness in light of policy landscapes, organizational contexts, and sociocultural contexts. We considered the relevance of local community variations in the landscape of risk, the cultural practices and values that empower people to make sustainable preparedness choices, and the reasons that past efforts to build a culture of preparedness have not met with desired levels of success. This workshop was a beautiful collaboration and exchange of information. On

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September 18th in honor of National Preparedness Month, we are planning a webinar to share the findings and recommendation of the event with the broader community to continue the dialogue and bring action to the recommendations. Keep an eye out for the registration near the end of this month. Wishing you all a great 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 Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is 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 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 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 Programs:

- [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#)- Minor in Cybersecurity Application and Management
- [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#) – Minor in Terrorism Studies
- [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#) – Minor in Emergency Management located at
- [Embry Riddle Aeronautical University](#) – Minor in Homeland Security
- [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#) – Minor in Forensic Accounting
- [The Institute of World Politics](#) – Certificate in Homeland Security
- [The Institute of World Politics](#) – Certificate in National Security Affairs
- [The Institute of World Politics](#) – Certificate in Peace Building, Stabilization, and Humanitarian Affairs
- [The Institute of World Politics](#) – Certificate in Strategic Communication

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

The United States Border Patrol (USBP) within [Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#) is hiring 20 border patrol agent student interns/trainees. Students who are enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in qualifying

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educational institutions are encouraged to apply. Positions are available at various locations. [For more information](#) and [to apply](#).

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is offering the Certification Webinar Series that consists of four introductory webinars to assist candidates navigate the IAEM certification process. All webinars were recorded and are available on the [IAEM website](#) for on-demand viewing.

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Supervisor Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 15, CLOSE 8/8/2018, [FEMA-18-TM-246198-MP](#), Washington, DC
- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), GS 11-13, CLOSE 8/10/2018, [FEMA-18-CRC-16501B-CORE](#), Sacramento, CA
- Emergency Management Specialist Preparedness), GS 13, CLOSE 8/10/2018, [FEMA-18-KDS-238774-MP](#), Cranston, RI
- Emergency Management Specialist for Plans, HS 07-08, CLOSE 8/10/2018, [HSAA-18-008-03](#), Washington, D.C.
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, 8/13/2018, [CAZW-10270203-18-JB](#), Brockton, MA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [DePaul University](#) – Part-time Faculty, Public Health
- [Georgia College & State University](#) – Assistant/Associate Professor, Public Health
- [Grand Canyon University](#) – Online Faculty, Cybersecurity
- [Argonne National Laboratory](#) - Emergency Management Specialist, Requisition Number: 404739
- [Vanderbilt University](#) – Program Coordinator Emergency Preparedness(1801221)

Resources

[Disaster Preparedness for Community-Dwelling Older Adults with Dementia and Caregivers: Key Design Elements and Lessons Learned from a Health System Pilot](#)

DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis accepting applications for Fellows Program. [For more information and application](#). Questions contact SLTTPPartnerEngagement@hq.dhs.gov.

[FEMA Podcast: National Flood Insurance Program \(NFIP\) Turns 50.](#)

[National Flood Insurance Program's \(NFIP\) Reinsurance Program for Capital Markets](#). The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Reinsurance Program helps FEMA manage the future exposure of the NFIP through the transfer of risk to private reinsurance companies and capital markets investors. Effective on August 1, 2018, FEMA for the first time has secured reinsurance directly backed by capital markets investors, continuing efforts to better manage the program's financial risk. Combined with the January 2018 traditional reinsurance placement, the August 2018 placement enables FEMA to transfer \$1.96 billion of the NFIP's flood risk for the 2018 hurricane season to the private sector. By securing reinsurance at a fair and

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reasonable cost, FEMA now has an additional way to fund payment of flood claims after catastrophic flood events. Congress granted FEMA authority to secure reinsurance from the private reinsurance and capital markets through the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) and the Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA). FEMA is committed to growing the NFIP Reinsurance Program to protect against future flood losses.

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.

Death Toll Mounts as Wildfires Rage Across California

Editorial: With Flood Insurance Premiums Rising Like the Tide, It's Time for a National Disaster Fund

Director Defends North Carolina's Slow Hurricane Relief: 'We're Learning'

A Guide for Conducting Threat Assessments in Schools

Flood-prone US states have billions of dollars of property at stake in the next 15 years — here's where it will be worst

Calendar

CatIQ Connect (formerly C4) Canada's Catastrophe Conference, February 4-6, 2019. For registration and more information.

5th Annual National Tribal Emergency Management Conference, August 22-24, 2018, Northern Quest Casino and Hotel, Spokane, WA. For more information and registration.

Ontario Disaster & Emergency Management Conference, October 3-4, 2018 in Ontario, Canada. For more information.

National Seminar and Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education, September 24-25, 2018, University of Texas at San Antonio. This two-day event will include workshop sessions, a tabletop exercise and an after-action review session on preparing participants to respond to a campus emergency. This year's event will focus on threats of campus disorder during a large event. More detailed information on the specific topics for workshops and the tabletop exercise will be available closer to the event. For more information. Registration.

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