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Program News for the week ending December 14, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

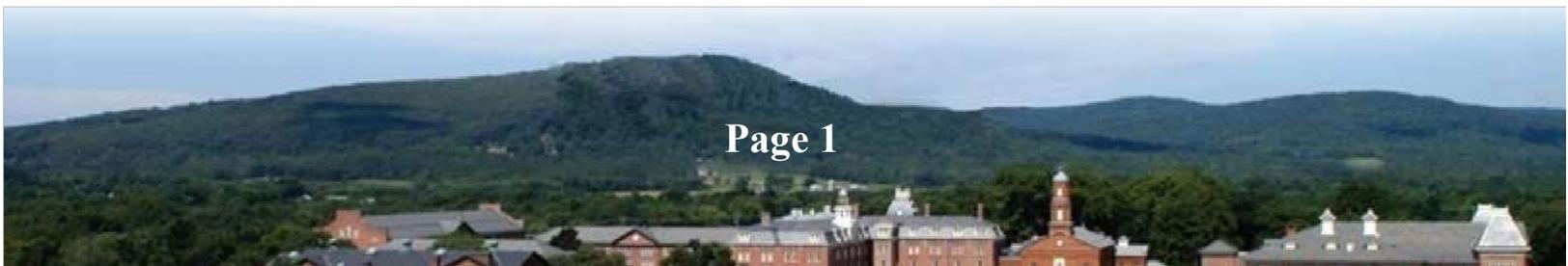
This week, I am writing to you from home. I am all bundled up concentrating on rest and staying warm so I can fight off the germs that have decided to slow me down this week. I thought this might be a good week to talk about self-care as I seemed to have found myself in the role of a bad example. This semester was the first semester I not only worked my regular job managing the higher education program but also taught an undergraduate night course in entrepreneurship and continued in my own doctoral studies as well. Even supported with the best program assistant and team at FEMA along with an incredible family, I could not avoid facing the tough reality that I can't do it all without making time for recharging.

So as I sit sipping on throat tea with tissues stuffed in my long sleeves to have them at the ready, I am writing a message to you in hopes you won't follow in my footsteps. As I recover, I would like to encourage you to first be mindful when your passions pull you to do everything. There are a lot of amazing, capable people on the planet. It's important to support, refer and enable others to provide opportunity for them and space for you. Second, sleep is vital- there is a ton of research out there on the importance of sleep. I have been trying to convince myself that five and half hours is enough for years and now I am facing that fact that I really need to work toward eight. Third, take breaks- I am notorious for working through lunch, staying late and trying to respond immediately to emails and requests. We need to take breaks to have good meals, get exercise, have great conversations, read amazing books and go to the movies- all these things feed our body, mind and soul.

I hope that my bad example may inspire some reflection and I will stop as my husband once more reminds me that I am doing too much. Wishing you all a great week and if you would like to share your strategies for good life work balance- send them our way and maybe we can create a wellness corner in our upcoming newsletter. Thank you for all your good work! Be well!

Higher Education Program Updates

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](#).



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The next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, December 21, 2018, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET, 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us. Learn from the emergency management academic community about 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, Wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov, with your discussion topics.

The 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, 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 or updated program to include, send an email to FEMA-emi_collelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

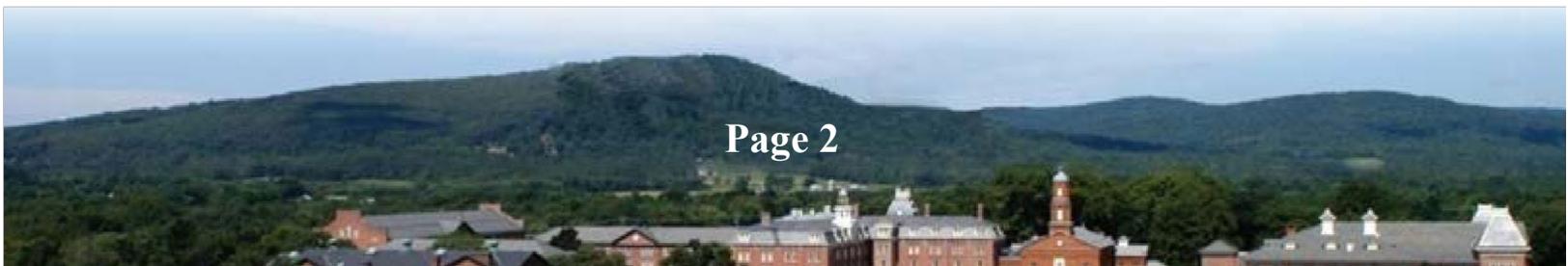
FEMA's Higher Education Program encourages the organization of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to support the increased exchange of knowledge in specific areas and applications of emergency management education. A SIG will provide a forum within the Higher Education community of interest to bring together people who have a common curiosity. The SIG will serve as a focal point for community development in their special area. SIGs can potentially become involved in co-authoring/researching, and serving as mentors to students and subject matter experts to practitioners. [Follow this link for more information and a list of SIGs.](#)

International Emergency Management Special Interest Group (IEM SIG)

The purpose of this special interest group is three-fold:

1. To proactively promote the annual FEMA Higher Education Symposium to an international audience.
2. To increase understanding of the situated nature and diversity of approaches to emergency management practice through inclusion of presentations by international participants.
3. To provide networking opportunities at the annual FEMA Higher Education Symposium for those interested in international dimensions of emergency management teaching, research, and practice.

For more information about the IEM SIG, visit: <https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/iespsig.aspx>. To join the SIG contact: Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov.



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Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

[Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Core Research \(FW-HTF\)](#)

[Dear Colleague Letter: Seeking Community Input for International Research Experiences for Graduate Students](#)

[Mid-scale Research Infrastructure-2 \(Mid-scale RI-2\)](#)

OneUSDA Internship Program offers federal opportunities to students currently enrolled in qualifying educational programs or institutions. It is a comprehensive developmental program to provide students with experience in a dynamic work environment that will enhance their educational goals and shape their career choices. An internship with the U.S. Department of Agriculture will involve various components of on-the-job experience, mentorship, and training tailored to the student's education, experience, and interests. [Visit the website for more information and to apply.](#)

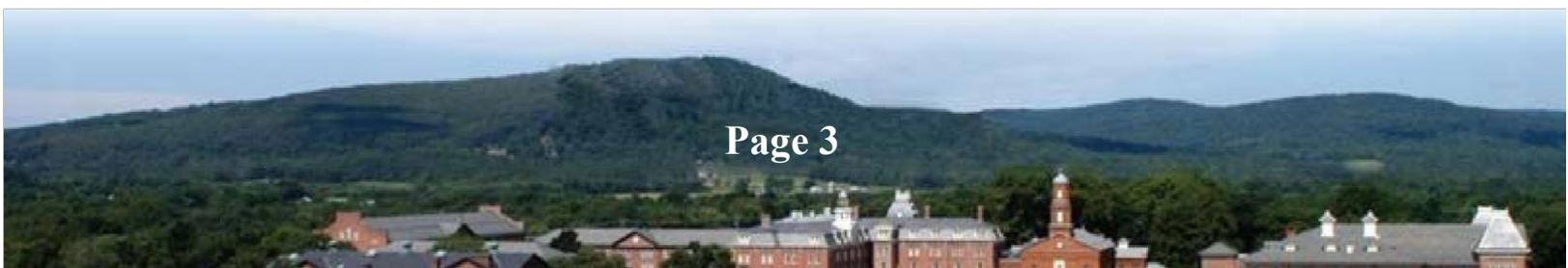
The National Center for Special Education Research (NCSEER) announces the 2019 Research Training Workshop: Getting SMART about Adaptive Interventions in Education, March 11-14, 2019, Ann Arbor, MI. The research training workshop is on developing and evaluating adaptive interventions with a focus on sequential multiple assignment randomized trials (SMARTs). The intent of the training is to increase the national capacity of education researchers to design, conduct, and analyze experimental design methods for optimizing adaptive interventions. Applications must be received no later than **December 16, 2018 at 11:59 PM ET.** [For information and to register, visit the website.](#)

Diversity Joint Venture for Conservation Careers is a new website that launched last month at <https://diversityinconservationjobs.org/>. The purpose of the site is to help individuals from underrepresented groups learn about conservation careers and find associated jobs and internship opportunities. Diversity Joint Venture for Conservation Careers is a partnership of federal and state agencies, universities, non-governmental organizations, foundations, and professional societies.

Employment

Federal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Supervisory Security Specialist, GS 15, CLOSE 12/18/2018, [JCS-19-10346011-DE](#), Pentagon, Arlington, VA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Manufactured Housing Specialist), IM 01, CLOSE 12/18/2018, [FEMA-19-STJ-259843-RSV](#), Location Negotiable
- Emergency Management Specialist (Response), GS 11-12, CLOSE 12/20/2018, [FEMA-19-TT-253918-DE](#), Philadelphia, PA
- Fire Management Specialist (Prescribed Fire/Fuels), GS 7-9, Close 12/19/2018, [R5-19-10345084-JP-DE](#), Suffolk, VA



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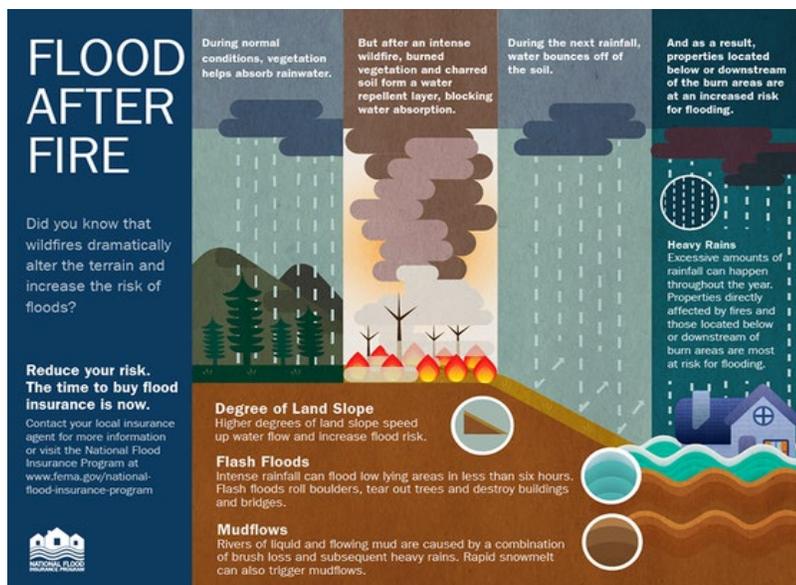
Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Linfield College](#) – Online Adjunct Instructor, Epidemiology
- [Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#) – Professor, Epidemiology
- [University of Cincinnati](#) – Post Doc Fellow, Environmental Health - Risk Science Center
- [Westfield State University](#) – Assist Professor, Law Enforcement
- University of Colorado Boulder – [Continuity of Planning Coordinator](#) & [Exercise and Training Coordinator](#)
- [University of Washington](#) – Plans, Training & Exercise Manager
- [Baylor University](#) – Director of Emergency Management
- [University of Richmond](#) – Director of Emergency Management

Resources

[Bioengineering Stabilization Methods](#).

Bioengineering stabilization methods use living and nonliving plant materials together with natural and synthetic construction materials to reduce erosion, establish vegetation, and stabilize landscapes including streambanks, coastal shorelines, and steep wildland slopes vulnerable to fire. [View resources](#) that can help you develop mitigation projects using bioengineering stabilization methods for coastal, streambank and wildfire projects.



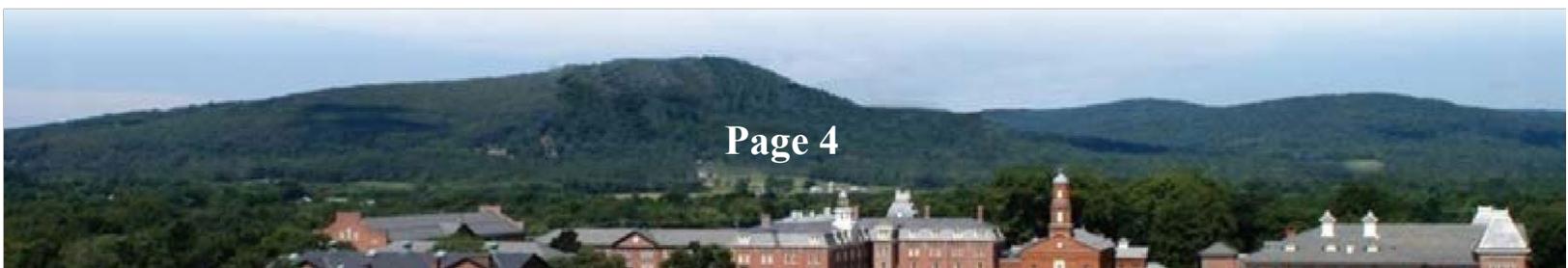
Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL): Critical Releases in Homeland Security for December 2018

- [Beyond the Fence Line: Strengthening Military Capabilities](#)

[Through Energy Resilience Partnerships](#)

Association of Defense Communities

- [Fourth National Climate Assessment Volume II: Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States](#)
U.S. Global Change Research Program
- [Immigration Patchwork in the States: How Partisanship, Regionalism, and Shifting Priorities Impact State Immigration Laws](#)
Bipartisan Policy Center



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- [Strategies for Engagement Between Civil Society and Intelligence Oversight Bodies](#)
New America Foundation
- [Terrorism Prevention in the United States: A Policy Framework for Filling the CVE Void](#)
George Washington University. Program on Extremism

[FEMA Podcast: Episode 28: DRRRA \[Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018\] – Transformational Legislation for Emergency Management](#)

[Federal Disaster Assistance Exceeds \\$656 Million Two Months after Hurricane Michael’s Landfall](#)

[ASPR TRACIE December Express](#) includes timely information on domain updates, an upcoming webinar and recently released resources.

The resources below 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.

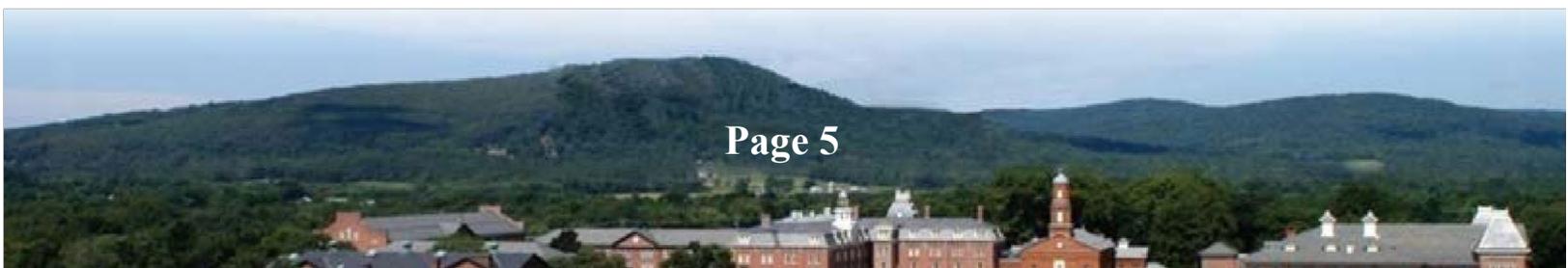
[Bridgeport Office of Emergency Management Pushes for Federal Funding After Severe Flooding testified on disaster response before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee \\$3,700 Generators and \\$666 Sinks: FEMA Contractors Charged Steep Markups on Puerto Rico Repairs](#)
[Long-Term Recovery Never Ends for Some After Natural Disasters](#)
[Tennessee Earthquake, Strongest in Decades, Jolts Homes in the Region and Atlanta](#)

Calendar

ASPR Healthcare and Public Health Risk Identification and Site Criticality (RISC) Toolkit webinar, January 29, 2019, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET. During this webinar, public and private partners will share how they have used ASPR's

[Healthcare and Public Health Risk Identification and Site Criticality \(RISC\) Toolkit](#), version 1.0. The toolkit contains an objective, data-driven, all-hazards risk assessment tool with the potential to inform emergency preparedness planning, risk management activities, and resource investments. [Visit this link for more information and to register.](#)

2019 AmeriCorps VISTA call for Concept Papers to Address Critical Community Needs. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) seeks concept papers for the AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program from outcome-driven organizations that share the AmeriCorps VISTA mission of providing long term solutions to poverty. [Follow this link for more information.](#)



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FEMA Mapping Changes Webinar: How to help your clients make the transition, December 18 – 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM CST. This webinar provides insurance agents a practical look at how FEMA flood map changes can affect property owners in their roles as flood insurance policyholders as well as borrowers.

Learn how to ease the transition to new flood maps for your clients and how to provide better service to them by understanding how mapping changes affect policy rates, premiums, and the mandatory purchase of flood insurance. [This webinar](#) is FREE to attend, but spaces are limited so please register early. No Continuing Education credits are offered for this course in any state.

Download the [FEMA App](#) to receive weather alerts from the NWS for up to five different locations anywhere in the U.S. Sign up via our free e-mail subscription service to receive notifications and information updates.

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