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Program News for the week ending December 21, 2018

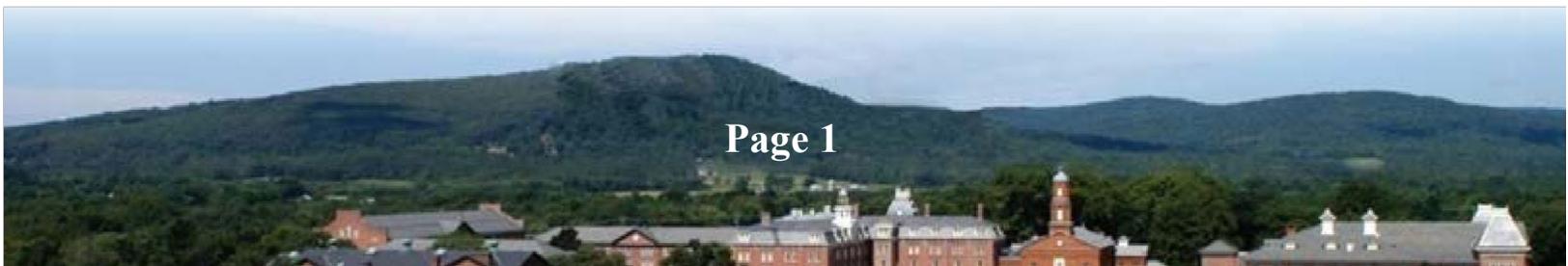
Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This week, I am happy to report my health is improving, and we have been getting a lot done including cultivating a bit of holiday cheer! Several good and productive meetings occurred this week. We met with our National Training & Education System (NTES) leadership to discuss ideas to better understand if we are making progress toward building a more diverse emergency management workforce. If you recall, Dr. DeeDee Bennett began to include this data in her state of the community data [report](#) she provides at our annual symposium. We are looking to see if there are additional ways we can cultivate understanding and make intentional strides to continue to encourage and support diverse perspective in emergency management academic programs. If you have ideas or are passionate about this topic, please send us an [email](#) so we can learn from you and begin a community broader dialogue.

The 21st Annual Emergency Management [Higher Education Symposium](#) theme is diversity, inclusion and unity of effort. We are looking to highlight the myriad of perspectives that bring an abundance of possibilities to this field. We are looking to cultivate a better understanding of our differences to collectively broaden the possibilities to address some of the big challenge areas in emergency management and homeland security. We have just begun to discuss keynote speakers that embody the strength and potential of inclusion and in the next few months we will share the program as it evolves. The call for submissions will be coming out in January and we will be hosting a webinar providing guidelines on submitting your work. If you have ideas and/or connections to keynote speakers that you would like to recommend, or are interested in serving as a peer reviewer for community submission, you can drop me an [email](#) that I will bring to the Information Sharing and Symposium Planning Special Interests Group (SIG).

Mid-way through this week, I made my way into Washington D.C. to participate in the Natural Hazards Center (NHC) Advisory Board Meeting. I am always inspired by the leadership of Dr. Lori Peek and the discussions of the advisory board. We discussed the upcoming [Natural Hazards Workshop](#) scheduled for July 14-17, 2019 and the very exciting evolution of the [Converge Center](#). The workshop theme is convergence, which complements the new center and is very synergistic with our theme of diversity, inclusion and unity of effort. The relationships growing between the research and teaching faculty in the emergency management and related academic discipline is of great service to the growth and continuous improvement of the emergency management profession to serve our communities. I look forward to the proceedings and collaboration that will come from both of these gatherings!



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After the NHC advisory board meeting, I made my way to FEMA headquarters to attend and share the Higher Education Program at the FEMA Regional Federal Preparedness Coordinators (FPC) meeting. I am very grateful to Randy Meshell, the FPC from Region VI and Mike Chesney FPC from Region V for recommending we participate in this call. As I hope you know, we have been hosting Regional Academic & Practice Engagements in the Regions for the past couple years, and this year we will be hosting engagements in Region III, II, IV and VII. We have learned so much of the great academic and practice work happening in across our Nation and we have only seen the tip of the iceberg. I had 15 minutes to share the Higher Education program activities and discuss the regional engagement. I confess, I felt I was speaking almost at an auctioneers pace☺. The outcome is that I have already been contacted by several FPCs offering to meet and help! I LOVE working for FEMA, we have so many people at all levels of the organization willing to help- you never have to feel alone in implementing. If you are interested in learning more about the regional engagements, you can find many of the [reports](#) at this link, and if you are in the regions we will be hosting this year and want to participate, please send me an [email](#). I would love to have you join us!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to working much more with you in 2019! Be Ready- Be Well!

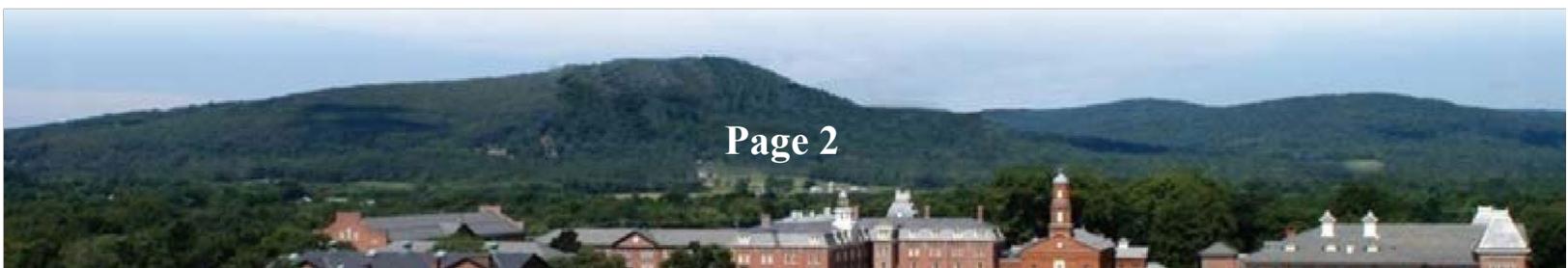
We will not have a newsletter next Friday, December 28, but you can expect an issue in your email the following week on Friday, January 4, 2019.

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](#).

The next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, January 18, 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.



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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_collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs). FEMA's Higher Education Program encourages the organization of

Jobs and Internships Special Interest Group (SIG)

The Jobs and Internships SIG is the Higher Education community hub for inquiry, information and sharing good practices to create and sustain meaningful internships and successful job placement in the field of Emergency Management. The group is specifically interested in supporting FEMA and DHS, as well as other state, local and private sector emergency managers to recognize and leverage the extraordinary value of emergency management and homeland security students.

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

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.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

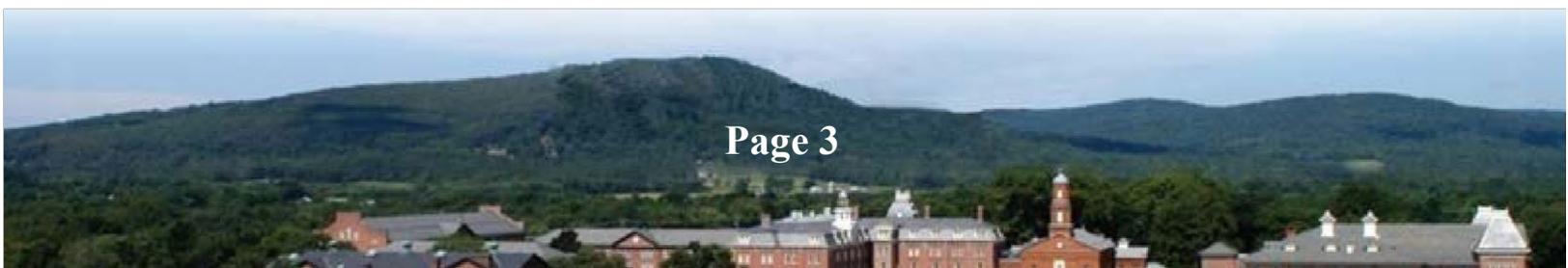
[Harnessing the Data Revolution \(HDR\): Institutes for Data-Intensive Research in Science and Engineering - Ideas Labs \(I-DIRSE-IL\)](#)

[Dear Colleague Letter: Research to Improve STEM Teaching and Learning, and Workforce Development for Persons with Disabilities](#)

Employment

Federal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- **Emergency Management Specialist (Manufactured Housing Support Specialist), IM 01, CLOSE 12/26/2018, [FEMA-19-STJ-259845-RSV](#), Location Negotiable**
- **Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 15, CLOSE 1/2/2019, [FEMA-19-TT-262835-DE](#), Philadelphia, PA**



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- **Emergency Management Specialist (Mitigation)**, GS 11-12, CLOSE 12/26/2018, [FEMA-19-JLS-256849-DE](#), Oakland, CA
- **Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery)**, IC 11-12, CLOSE 12/27/2018, [FEMA-19-ZMM-240076-CORE](#), Anchorage, AK; Lakewood, WA
- **Instructional Systems Specialist**, GS 7-9, CLOSE 12/31/2018, FEMA-19-TM-263813-DE, Emmitsburg, MD.
- **Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery)**, IC 12, CLOSE 12/27/2018, [FEMA-19-LMW-255767-CORE](#), Washington, D.C.
- **Supervisory Facility Operations Specialist**, GS 13, CLOSE 12/28/2018, [FEMA-19-TM-261184-DE](#), Anniston, AL

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Angelo State University](#) – Assistant Professor, Border and Homeland Security
- [Colorado State University](#) – Wildland Firefighter, Avon Park Air Force Range, FL
- [Community College of Philadelphia](#) – Faculty, Cybersecurity
- [Massachusetts Maritime Academy](#) – Tenure Track Faculty, Emergency Management
- [University of California Merced](#) – Emergency Manager
- [Westfield State University](#) – Assistant Professor, Community/Public Health

Resources

Surviving During A Power Outage

If you lose power during a winter storm or other emergency, do you know what steps to take to stay safe? Prepare for a power outage by learning the proper steps:

- Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Generators, camp stoves, or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows. Never use a gas stovetop or oven to heat your home.
- Check on your neighbors, especially older adults who are vulnerable to extreme temperatures.
- Go to a community location with power if heat or cold is extreme.
- Turn off or disconnect appliances, equipment, or electronics. Power may return with momentary “surges” or “spikes” that can cause damage.



For more information to prepare now, survive during, and be safe after a power outage, go to: <https://www.ready.gov/power-outages>

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Celebrate Safely With Your Family

If you are traveling to see family or hosting guests at your home over the holidays, make sure that everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency. Use these tips to have a safe holiday season with your family:

- Decide on a family emergency meeting spot and make sure your guests know how to get there.
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms in any rooms, including where guests are sleeping.
- Giving or getting a new tablet or smartphone for the holidays? Visit <https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app> to download emergency preparedness apps and set up the emergency contact feature on your phone.

For more information about preparing a family emergency plan, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>.



The Disaster Information Management Research Center [Disaster Lit®: Database for Disaster Medicine and Public Health](#) database has recently been updated, and is now available.

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.

[Polar vortex may be on the horizon, scientist warn](#)

[Commission To Rebuild Texas Offers Post-Harvey Recommendations To Legislature](#)

[Crowdsourcing King Tides to Better Understand Rising Sea Levels](#)

[Updated Floodplain Maps in St. Johns County Give Residents and Emergency Managers Improved Data](#)

The Polis Center at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) has developed a new report titled **Facilitating Collaboration between the Higher Education and Practitioner Communities to Promote Advancements in Scientific and Geographic Literacy** that builds on the success of FEMA's 2017 Next Generation of Core Competencies for Emergency Management Professionals: Handbook of Behavioral Anchors and Key Actions for Measurements report. The new report explores opportunities for those in academia to engage with current practitioners to communicate advances in scientific and geographic research and to ensure that the experience and needs of practitioners inform research, teaching, and service agendas. In addition, the report also explores how academics and practitioners can collaborate in the application of scientific and geographic advances toward current and future needs.

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Calendar

National Center for Campus Public Safety (NCCPS) Webinar: January 22, 2019, 2 PM ET. The monthly, free webinar series will kick-off the new year with Campus Public Safety Online with a 90-minute webinar, [The Importance of Learning from Averted and Completed School Attacks](#), with three guest presenters: The [National Police Foundation's](#) (NPF) Project, Director Dr. Frank Straub; [International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators'](#) (IACLEA) Director of Government and External Relations, Jeff Allison; and [Executive Director and Founder of the Koshka Foundation](#), Kristina Anderson. The webinar is appropriate for those working in senior campus administration, campus safety and security, emergency management, law enforcement, threat assessment, residential life, student conduct & affairs, international education, victim/advocacy services, and mental health and counseling services as well as Title IX coordinators and legal counsel. [For more information and to register.](#)

7th Annual NYS College & University Emergency Management Workshop, January 10-11, 2019 at Binghamton University. Registration for the workshop will be capped at 100 people at which time registration will close. [For information and to register.](#)

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