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## Program News for the week ending February 16, 2018

### Higher Education Program Updates

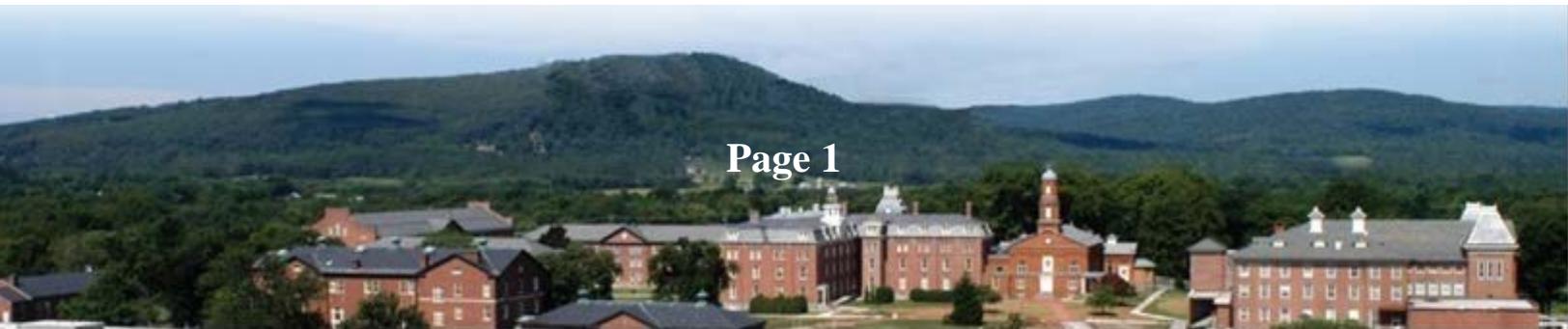
#### Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This week in the FEMA Higher Education Program, we have been taking a couple days to engage in a strategic off-site meeting with the full National Training & Education System (NTES) team. If you have not heard, about a year ago the Higher Education Program moved within the FEMA agency to align with NTES. While we remain in Emmitsburg and closely connected with the Emergency Management Institute, we have a new and expanded team we work with. There are three NTES portfolios that include training, analytics and education, all of which are supported by a doctrine lead. The Higher Education Program manages the education portfolio, and this week we have been sharing efforts to promote and enhance coordination and collaboration. NTES is designed to be innovated, inclusive and agile. This takes a lot of communication, trust building and awareness within our team to extend effectively across the full community of practice. Taking time like this goes a long way toward system optimization.

As we move into the new organization, we begin to develop work relationships with new people and systems for our daily operations. This past week, we met with our new budget support team and worked out a system to our program resources. This transition has helped us to be more forward-thinking in how we will maximize our resources to meeting our mission of serving the emergency management profession through education and actively contribute to the agency planning priorities and missions. A main tenant of our program is to maintain close connection to listen and respond to the needs of the emergency management higher education community and we look to balance that more strategic forward thinking. This will take continual focus and building stronger relationships with programs across the nation as well as supporting the organization and sustainment of Special Interest Groups (SIG) to facilitate the voice, needs and value of the emergency management higher education community. As we move forward, I encourage you to get more involved with the community. Look over the [SIG webpage](#) and see where you can contribute, make plans to attend our [annual Symposium](#) in June, participate in our webinars, community calls & regional engagements, propose ideas and needs to the higher education program. Your voice help to move our program forward-together we are more!

#### **Opportunity to participate in the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference**

In an effort to advance the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) within the Emergency Management and Homeland Security disciplines, FEMA's Higher Education Program is sponsoring a group of faculty to prepare for, attend, and report on selected elements of the AERA Conference. Six selected faculty will participate in at least two conference calls prior to the conference, attend the conference in New York City April 13-17, prepare a report for the Higher Education website, and present at the FEMA Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium in June.



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We strongly encourage faculty who are developing, delivering and evaluating emergency management/homeland security academic programs to apply. To obtain an application, send an email to Dr. Claire Connolly Knox ([Claire.Knox@ucf.edu](mailto:Claire.Knox@ucf.edu)). **All applications must be received by February 16<sup>th</sup>.** Drs. Jim Ramsey, Mark Landahl, and Claire Connolly Knox are leading this initiative and will review applications. Notifications will be sent to all applicants by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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](#).

A new section titled NEW Information & Resources has been added to the [HI Ed website](#), second item down in the left hand column. The new section will highlight information before it is distributed out to other sections thus making it somewhat a “one stop shopping experience” for the website user.

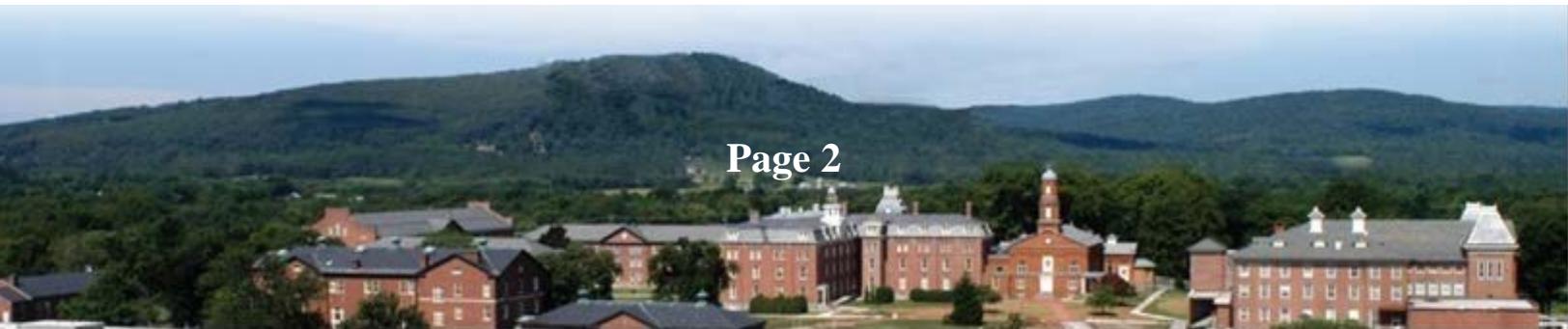
**The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, March 16, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET. 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us.** Learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that 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. 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 on the list or have program updates, please email [FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@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.

- Deadline for all international applications (119-25-1) is February 19, 2018. Security clearance for international applications typically requires 8-12 weeks to complete so the sooner your application is submitted the sooner the clearance can begin. Application and a copy of your passport should be submitted via email to the NETC Admissions office at [netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov).
- 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 is now on the website.
- Call for Papers, Presentations and Posters, poster guidelines and the cover page is posted.

## Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities



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Natural Hazards Center accepting applications until March 17 for Mary Fran Myers Scholarships. The scholarships recognize outstanding individuals who share Myers' commitment to disaster research and practice and have the potential to make a lasting contribution to reducing disaster vulnerability. Scholarships can cover part or all of transportation, meals, and workshop registration costs. Complete details are posted [online](#).

FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Application period is open until March 18, 2018. The Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) brings together young leaders who are interested in supporting disaster preparedness and making a difference in their communities, by completing disaster preparedness projects nationally and locally.

The Program in Interdisciplinary Education Research (PIER) at Carnegie Mellon University, Summer Research Experience for Undergraduate Students at Carnegie Mellon University. Applications are available. Applications are due via email by February 23, 2018.

## Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

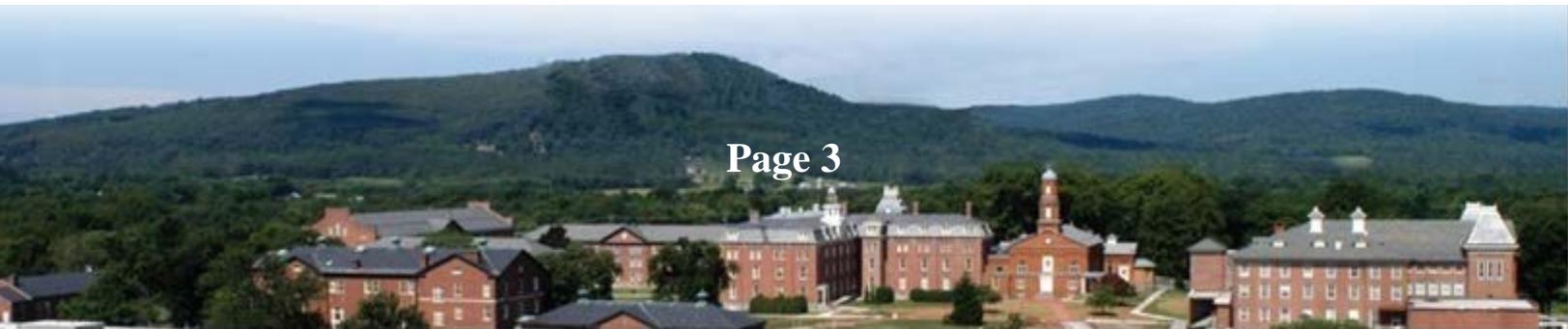
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Recover) (Power Sector Director), IC 15, CLOSE 2/19/2018, [FEMA-18-PR020-CORE](#), San Juan, PR
- Program Manager, GS 13, CLOSE 2/21/2018, [FEMA-18-AH-191789-DE](#), Anniston, AL
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 2/23/2018, [CBCI-10129295-18-MV](#), El Paso County, TX
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 9, CLOSE 2/26/2018, [NH-10128484-AF-18-013](#), Newington, NH
- Training Specialist – GS 13, CLOSE 02/22/2018, [FEMA-18-AW-209274-DE](#), Emmitsburg, MD
- Program Analyst – GS 09, CLOSE 02/21/2018, [FEMA-18-AH-194199-DE](#), Anniston, AL

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Cornell University](#) – Fellow, Global and Public Health
- [Portland State University](#) - Fire Prevention and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- [University of Wisconsin](#) – Professor, Population Health Sciences
- [West Chester University](#)- Tenure-Track Assistant or Associate Professor, Epidemiology/Biostatistics in Health

## Resources

FEMA's National Advisory Council (NAC) application period is open now thru March 18<sup>th</sup>. The National Advisory Council (NAC) advises the Administrator on all aspects of emergency management including preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other



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manmade disasters. Please see [Membership Applications](#) for more information and instructions on applying to be part of the NAC.

Recording Now Available! Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, & Information Exchange (TRACIE) Webinar: Pediatric Issues in Disasters. February 13, 2018, ASPR TRACIE held its first webinar of 2018 focusing on pediatric issues in disasters. Presenters discussed how local, regional, state, and federal level entities are incorporating pediatric issues into their planning efforts. The PowerPoint, recording, and speaker bios are now available [HERE](#).

*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.*

USA Today's Homeland Security [publication on emergency management](#) degrees recently became available online. The article is on page 82.

[Hurricane Recovery – The Price of Paradise](#)  
[Tribal Ham Radio Operators Cut Through the Storm](#)  
[Specialized Training for Rail Incidents](#)

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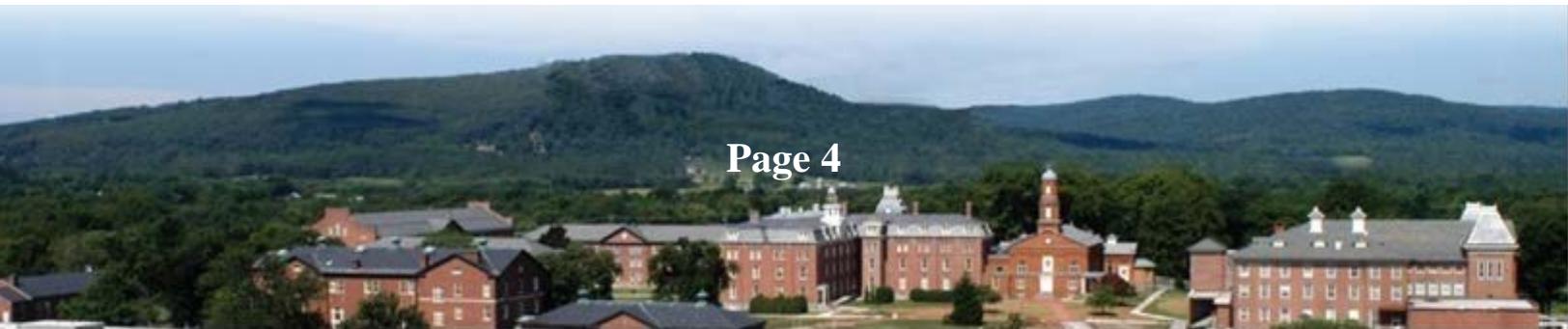
- [2018 Nuclear Posture Review](#)  
United States. Department of Defense. Office of the Secretary of Defense
- [Murder and Extremism in the United States in 2017](#)  
Anti-Defamation League
- [Non-State Terrorism and Inadvertent Nuclear War](#)  
Nautilus Institute
- [Statement for the Record: Worldwide Threat Assessment of the US Intelligence Community](#)  
United States. Office of the Director of National Intelligence
- [Travelers: American Jihadists in Syria and Iraq](#)  
George Washington University Program on Extremism

## Calendar

Public lecture about the long-term impact of natural disasters on economies and human well-being. Led by University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, Assistant Professor Amir Jina, the lecture will draw on his experiences in working with the United States Government in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria and discuss strategies for reducing the negative effects of disasters long after the cameras are gone. [To register.](#)

Date: Wednesday, February 28, Time: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Location: Gleacher Center, 450 N Cityfront Plaza Drive



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Informative Webinar Presentation on *100 Resilient Cities*. 100 Resilient Cities - Pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation (100RC) is dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social, and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century. 100RC supports the adoption and incorporation of a view of resilience that includes not just the shocks – such as earthquakes, floods, disease outbreaks, etc. – but also the stresses that weaken the fabric of a city on a day to day or cyclical basis.

When: 02/26/2018 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Time Zone: (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Conference Number(s): North America: 1-800-320-4330, participant code: 905506

To join the meeting: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/lunchandlearn/>

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Editorial Work Group is seeking articles by Feb. 23, 2018, on the topic of “Developing Situational Awareness and a Common Operating Picture” for the first 2018 special focus issue of the IAEM Bulletin. [For guidelines and submission information.](#)

The 2nd APRU-IRIDes Workshop on Building Disaster Resistant Universities will be held at Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan, April 3-5, 2018. Is your university ready for the next natural disaster? Interested delegates should send their contact information (including names, titles, research interests and experience) by email at [application\\_apruss@irides.tohoku.ac.jp](mailto:application_apruss@irides.tohoku.ac.jp) no later than **February 23, 2018**.

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