



Program News for the week ending February 23, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This week began with an observance of President's Day and ends with a trip to FEMA Region VI in Denton Texas. I am very excited about this trip! As I have mentioned this will be the third Emergency Management/Homeland Security Higher Education Regional Academic Collaborative event we are holding. The purpose of these event are to: build awareness; capture successful regional practices of collaboration with faculty, students and researchers working with emergency management practitioners; as well as to identify untapped opportunities. Each time we hold these events we learn so much about the emergency management profession and academic discipline. You can review the reports from Region I & Region IX [here](#). We will be posting the Region VI report in the next couple months, but of course, I will provide you with the highlights next week.

These events, where we have an opportunity to be with our community, are inspiring because they are not only connecting our program to the broader community, but they are also connecting the community to each other. This connection, building and strengthening of relationships in the emergency management profession, will provide us with the perspective and knowledge to grow resilience and lead us to a greater possibility of living in a culture of preparedness. Another important effort to support this community building is the Emergency Management Institute E0390 Course Integrating Emergency Management Education into Your Institution, which focuses on supporting the efforts of minority-serving institutions (MSI). Next Monday, February 26th I will be presenting the Higher Education Program highlights and opportunities to this group. If you work at or have a MSI partner in your network that is interested in exploring building an emergency management program, there are two more offerings available this year on March 19-20 and April 23-24. Contact [Ms. Lillian Virgil](#) to learn more!

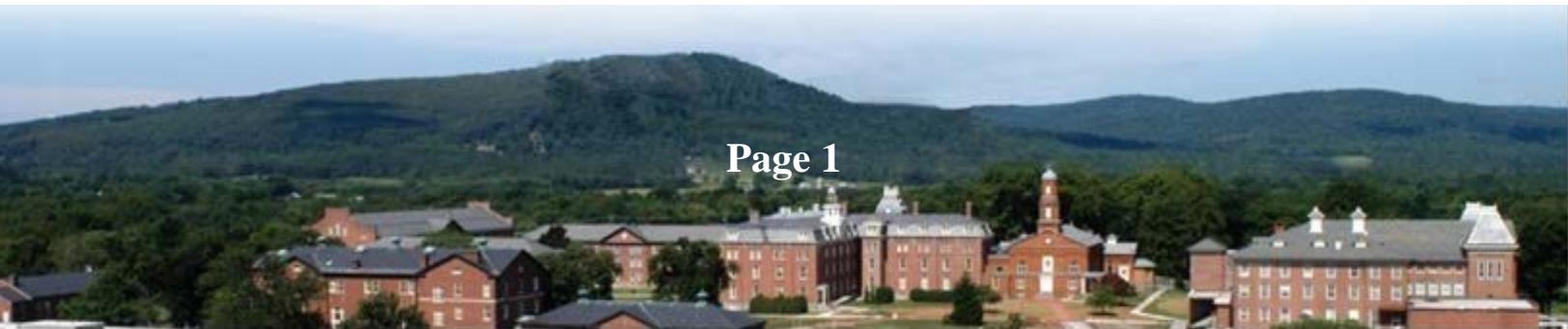
Higher Education Program Webinars

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](#).

Webinar: FEMA Careers - March 13, 2018 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET. The webinar will present an overview of FEMA's mission, career opportunities, the various employment types and developmental roles available within the agency. In addition, information and advice on the application process, resume writing and interviewing techniques will be provided. All questions will be addressed following the presentation.

Presenters:

- Jessica Taylor, Program Analyst in FEMA's Office of Human Capital and member of Recruitment Branch
- Lee Crouse, FEMA's Pathways Internship Coordinator



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Registration: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/femacareers/event/registration.html>

Conference Call-In: 1-800-320-4330, PIN: 376368

For additional information: Contact Wendy Walsh, EMI Higher Education PM- wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov

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.

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.

- 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. Application deadline is April 27, 2018
- Call for [Papers, Presentations and Posters](#), [poster guidelines](#) and the [cover page](#) is posted.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

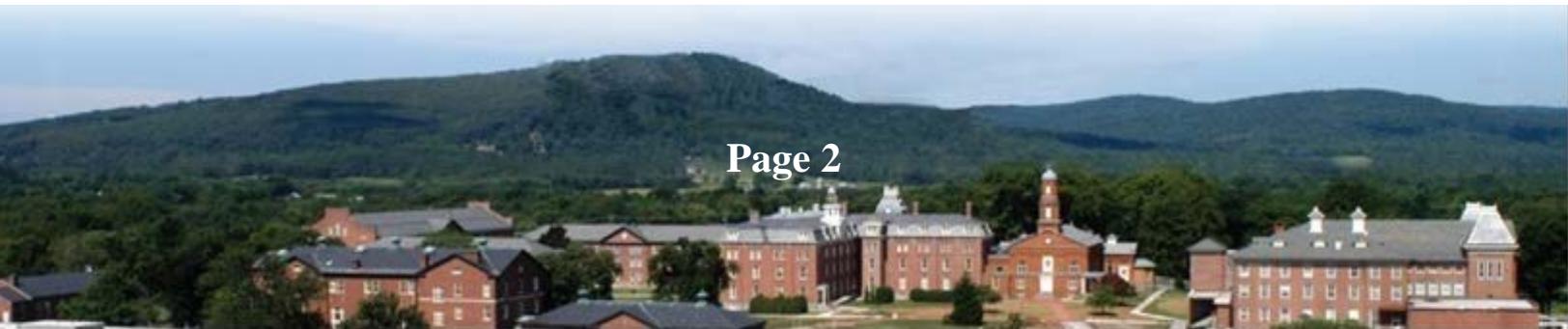
Federal HBCU Student Symposium. February 27, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30p.m. EST. [For more information and to register.](#)

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is offering free virtual presentations for students and alumni. To register for a class, click the link below:

- [Monday, March 12, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM \(EDT\)](#)

Interviewing Techniques

- [Monday, February 5, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM \(EST\)](#)
- [Wednesday, March 7, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM \(EST\)](#)



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Pathways Programs - Recruiting and Hiring Students and Recent Graduates into Federal Careers

- Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM (EST)
- Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM (EDT)

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Response), GS 13, CLOSE 2/27/2018, FEMA-18-JLS-209782-DE-V, Boston, MA
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 9, CLOSE 2/28/2018, SWGJ186022926145, Buffalo, NY
- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 14, CLOSE 3/1/2018, FEMA-18-AA-211547-MP, Washington, DC
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 9, CLOSE 3/15/2018, NV-10130085-AF-17-097, Reno, NV
- Emergency Management Specialist – Direct Hire Authority, NH 1-4, CLOSE 11/9/2018, AFMC-10075536-DHA-NH0089-JL, Edwards AFB, CA and Arnold AFB, TN

Higher Education Vacancies:

- Angelo State University – Assistant Professor, Border and Homeland Security
- Rowan University – Lecturers, Geography/Planning/Sustainability
- University of California, Irvine – Instructors, Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery
- University of Maryland Baltimore Campus – Professors, Department of Emergency Health Services
- University of Michigan – Emergency Management Specialist
- West Virginia University- Assistant/Associate Professor, Public Health/Epidemiology

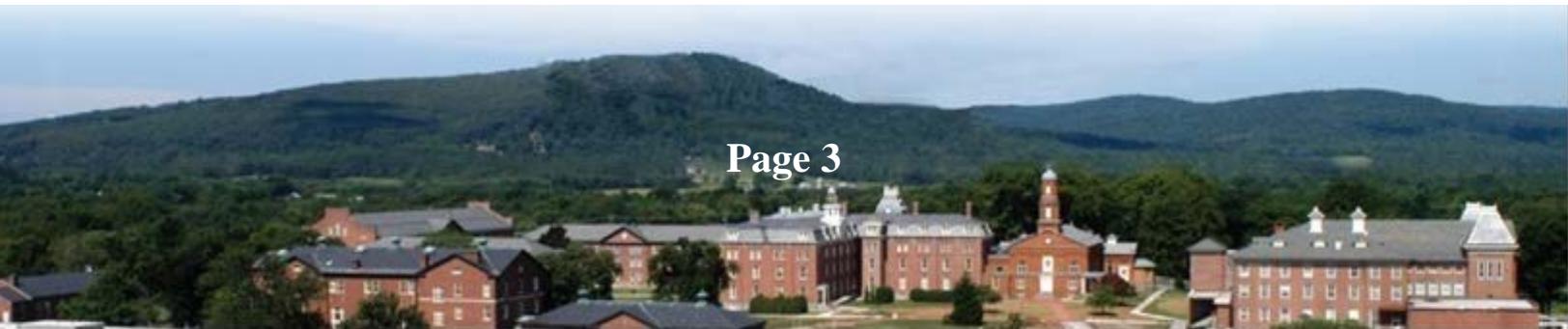
Resources

Reminder: National Mitigation Investment Strategy Public Comment Period Open through March 11

The public comment period on a National Mitigation Investment Strategy (Investment Strategy) is now open. The draft Mitigation Investment Strategy makes a series of recommendations, organized by six desired outcomes which – if met – could result in a nation better equipped for, and less vulnerable to, natural hazards. The draft Investment Strategy is available on the [National Mitigation Framework website](#). Comments will be accepted through March 11, 2018. Comments can be submitted via email to fema-nmis@fema.dhs.gov or through the IdeaScale [Mitigation Investment for the Nation campaign page](#).

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

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), National Homeland Security Consortium (NHSC) and Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), on



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February 20 released the second video presentation from the inaugural PrepTalks Symposium, John Barry's "The Next Pandemic: Lessons from History." Barry's PrepTalk offers lessons learned from the 1918 and 2009 influenza pandemics. PrepTalks are 15-to-20-minute presentations by subject-matter experts and national and international thought leaders designed to spread new ideas, spark conversation, and promote innovative leadership for the issues confronting emergency managers now, and over the next 20 years. Please send an email to FEMA-TARequest @fema.dhs.gov with questions or comments on PrepTalks.

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.

Researchers see shift in tornado activity, So-called Dixie Alley has seen spike in incidents in past 30 years

Prevention Is Key to Crisis Response

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), hosted the Final Plan Brief and Signing Ceremony for the 2018 Guam Catastrophic Typhoon Plan. The brief and signing ceremony was held February 13, 2018 when the Honorable Eddie Calvo, Governor of Guam and Mr. Robert Fenton, FEMA Region IX Administrator jointly signed the plan, committing to train, exercise and execute this plan.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and FEMA conducted a Final Plan Brief and Signing Ceremony for the 2018 CNMI Catastrophic Typhoon Plan on February 15, 2018. The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Mr. Robert Fenton, FEMA Region IX Administrator jointly signed the plan, committing to train, exercise and execute this plan. This is the first official catastrophic plan for CNMI.

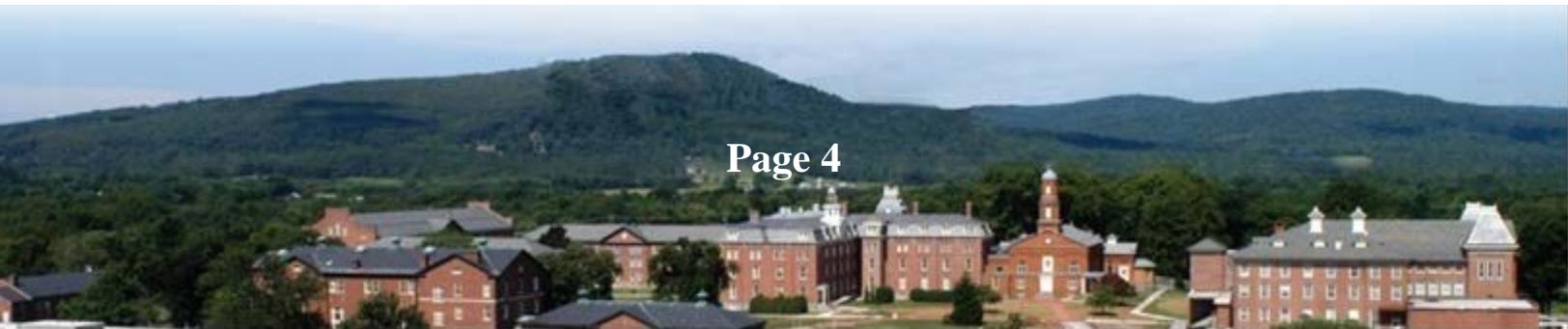
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New Course for Disaster Information Specialists: Social Media Analysis During Disasters

For emergency managers, information specialists, and others responding to large-scale disasters, it is challenging to filter through the volume of noise on social media to identify valid, actionable information. This course will help participants develop and implement a plan to effectively monitor and analyze disaster information on social media.

This self-paced course fulfills one of the requirements of the Medical Library Association (MLA) Disaster Information Specialization, and provides three MLA continuing education (CE) credits.

- Course: https://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/dis_courses/social-media/index.html



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- Review the NLM DIMRC Training Course page to see a list of free online courses, and to learn how you can earn the MLA Disaster Information Specialist certificate: <https://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/trainingresources.html>
- TRAIN record: <https://www.train.org/main/course/1075874/>

From the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), University and Agency Partnership Initiative (UAPI) Workshops, Seminars and Conferences

Please join, in person or online, for a conversation with Dr. John E. Kelly, Vice President/President Elect of the American Nuclear Society, on "Effective and Rapid Response to a Nuclear Power Plant Emergency," on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. ET, at the Virginia Tech Research Center in Arlington, VA, and online. RSVP requested.

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