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Program News for the week ending February 9, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

This week was spent with outstanding people from the emergency management higher education, research and practice communities. We came together with a goal to develop a coordinated process to develop case studies for learning, research and improvement from disaster events. There were many extraordinary aspects to the two-day focus group. First, we were able to virtually connect with the academic practitioners in Puerto Rico. FEMA has made a great connection with the University of Puerto Rico, and they are collaborating to capture the story of what is happening, including the success and challenges, to ensure we learn and grow our capabilities and effectiveness.

Second, this was the first FEMA Higher Education Program Focus Group held at the Center of Domestic Preparedness, and this was due to a strong and healthy collaboration that is developing between our program and the FEMA Incident Workforce Academy (FIWA). FIWA is charged with training and educating FEMA's workforce, and I believe this collaboration is a great opportunity for us to learn from each other and share resources to advance the emergency management profession through education.

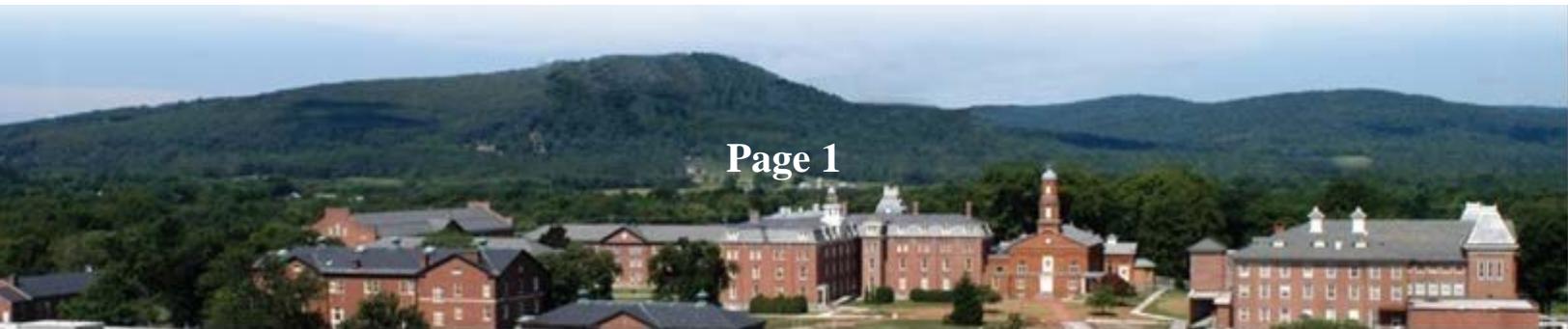
Third, the Higher Education Case Study Special Interest Group (SIG) co-chairs, Dr. Jane Kushma & Dr. Jean Slick, supported and attended this event, and there were many possible opportunities to grow, coordinate, evolve and support the development and use of case studies for emergency management. They are currently planning for their next Case Study SIG meeting. If you are interested, this is a very exciting time to join this SIG!

The focus group made considerable progress on exploring the stakeholders and beginning to map out a process from the local disaster environment perspective and the broader FEMA agency-wide perspective. We are now working on writing up the report and we are planning to host a webinar April 10th to convey our findings. If you have inputs or considerations that you would like to contribute as we move forward in defining and refining this process, please drop me an [email](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and week ahead!

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). **All applications must be received by February 16th.** 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 2nd.

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 **Cancelled:** "Tools, Techniques & Topics toward Adjunct Faculty Success" was planned for February 13, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM ET.

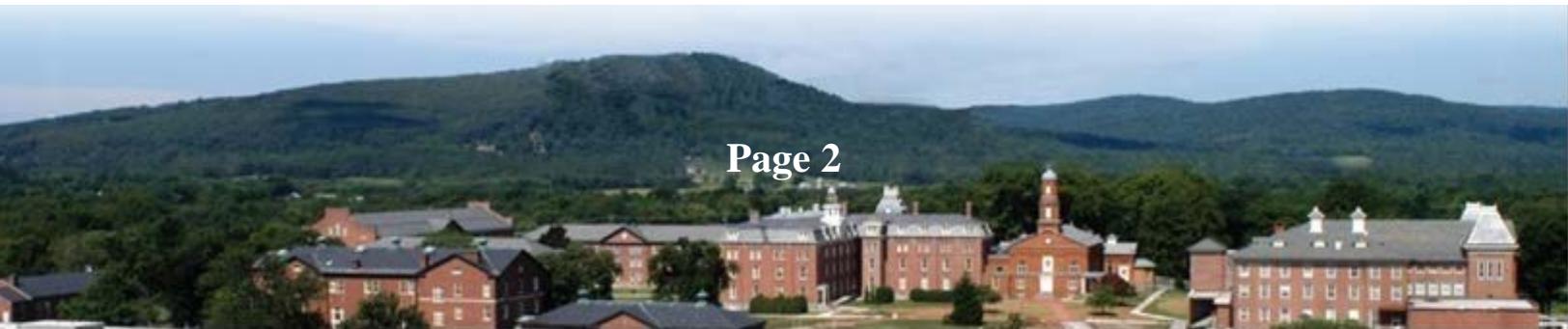
The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, February 16, from 2:00-3:00 PM ET. 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us. Learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education 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.
NEW:

- St. John's University – Minor in Homeland Security
- St. John's University – Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security
- St. John's University- Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Leadership
- St. John's University – Doctoral of Professional Studies in Homeland Security
- Umpqua Community College – Computer Information Systems: Cybersecurity

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



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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.

- 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

Program in Interdisciplinary Education Research (PIER) at Carnegie Mellon University offers an exciting summer research opportunity available to undergraduate students. This program is designed to provide research opportunities to undergraduates who may be considering pursuing graduate training in the learning sciences. [For information and application](#). Deadline February 23, 2018

Virtual Federal HBCU Student Symposium, February 27, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET. The purpose of this event is to offer training for students attending HBCU colleges and universities that are interested in learning about the federal application process and opportunities available for students and recent graduates. [For agenda and to register](#).

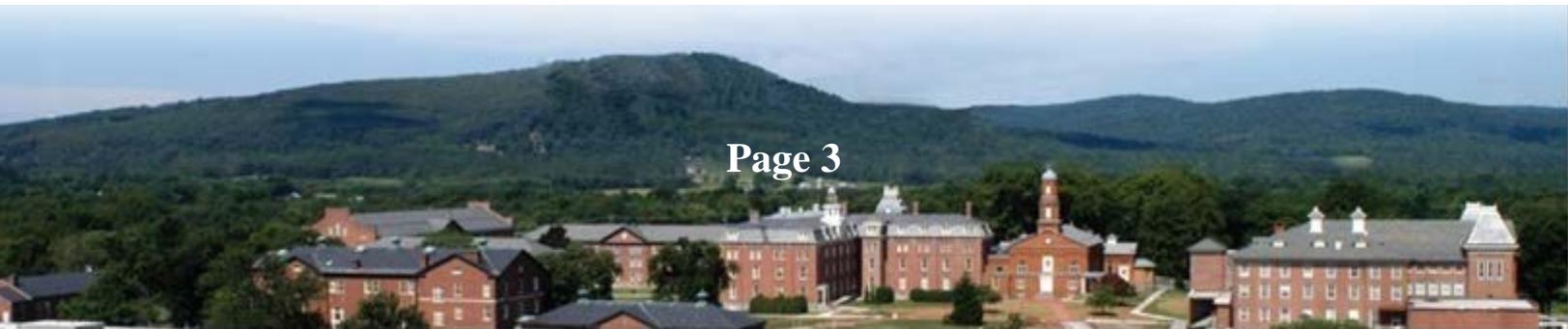
Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Mitigation), GS 12, CLOSE 2/20/2018, [FEMA-18-JLS-196021-DE](#), Bothell, WA
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, GS 14, CLOSE 2/21/2018, [FEMA-18-BG-197669-MP](#), Washington, DC
- Student Trainee (Emergency Management), GS 05, CLOSE 2/23/2018, [FEMA-18-LC-SUMINT5-0099](#), Anniston, AL
- [Environmental Protection Specialist](#), GS 09, CLOSE 2/12/2018, FEMA-18-AH-189659-DE, Anniston, AL
- [Physical Security Specialist](#), GS 09, CLOSE 2/12/2018, FEMA-18-AH-189646-DE, Anniston, AL
- [Lead Emergency Management Specialist \(Bilingual\)](#), IC 11, CLOSE 2/13/2018, FEMA-17-KDS-176909-CORE, Hyattsville, MD, Denton, TX, Caguas, PR
- [Lead Meteorologist](#), GS 13, CLOSE 2/26/2018, NWS-2018-0001, Anchorage, AK, Juneau, AK, Fairbanks, AK, Birmingham, AL

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Amherst College](#) - Director of Emergency Preparedness
- [City Colleges of Chicago](#) - Part-time Instructor, Cyber Security
- [Slippery Rock University](#) - Assistant Instructor, Criminology and Security Studies



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- St. John's University – Director of Master of Public Health Program
- University at Buffalo – Assistant or Associate Professor, Epidemiology and Environmental Health

Resources

CORE CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT SHEETS UPDATED

FEMA updated the 48 Core Capability Development Sheets, first released in June 2017. The sheets provide state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions with tools to improve their core capabilities and close capability gaps identified through the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) or other capability analysis. You can view, download, and bookmark the new version of the sheets at <https://www.fema.gov/core-capability-development-sheets>. Spread the word using #corecapability. Send questions and feedback to FEMA-TArequest@fema.dhs.gov.

FEMA's National Integration Center is seeking public feedback on 109 NIMS Job Titles/Position Qualifications and Resource Typing Definitions. The National Engagement Period will conclude at 5:00 p.m. EST on Feb. 27, 2018.

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE): Evacuating Healthcare Facilities. In 2017, the United States experienced unprecedented damage from historic wildfires and hurricanes. Many healthcare facilities had to make the very challenging decision to evacuate, including an unprecedented number of dialysis patients. In ASPR TRACIE's The Exchange, authors from the private sector and federal, regional coalition, and local levels share lessons learned from their recent evacuation experiences.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) describes CMS actions on recent disasters and emergencies, including wildfires and the opioid crisis, and provides documents for download.

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.

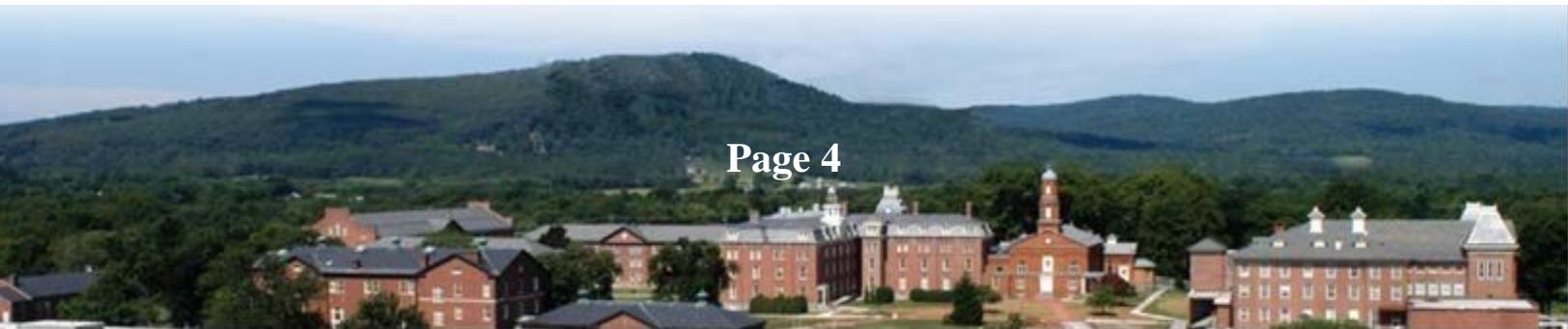
Preparedness Can Be Easy

How Coast Guard Response Is Benefitting From S&T's University Partnerships

Trump Set to Release 'Principles' for his Infrastructure Plan on Monday

Algorithm helps first responders identify vulnerable people during natural disasters

Hazard mitigation, recovery plans for coastal cities



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Be prepared: Society saves \$6 for every \$1 spent preparing for natural disasters

Calendar

National Hurricane Conference, "Improving Hurricane Preparedness," March 26-29, 2018, Hilton Orlando, FL. [More information and to register.](#)

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