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## Program News for the week ending January 19, 2018

### Higher Education Program Updates

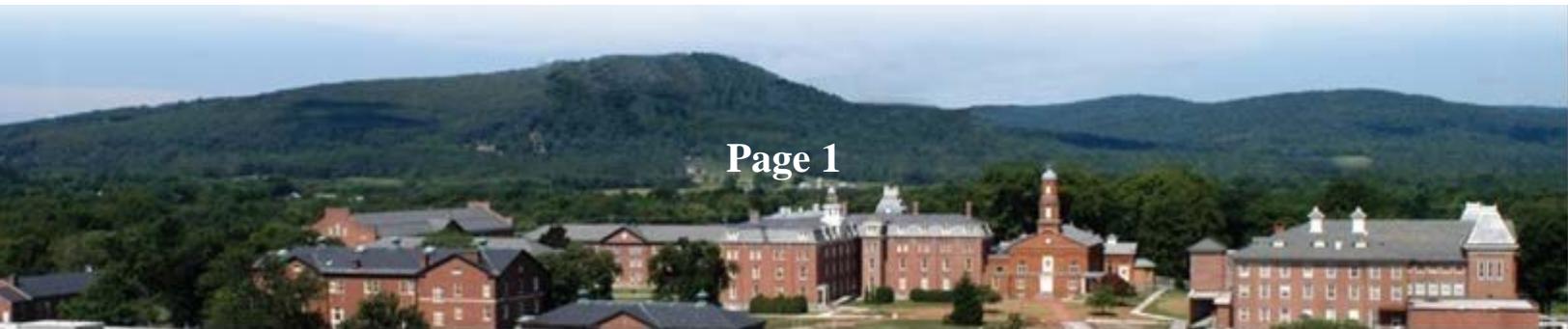
#### Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

I am writing at the close of the first day of the Army War College's Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) Conference. It is a two-day event, and it has been outstanding to hear the successes and challenges expressed by this community comprised of federal, state and local emergency managers. The main context for the conversations has been reflecting on the recent 2017 hurricane season. I have learned a lot, and there is great interest in collaborating on the development of a higher education DSCA course module for emergency management. I will keep you posted on how this effort develops and for those of you able to join us for the community call this Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00PM (EST), I will provide you with the highlights.

Submissions to our Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium opened this Monday and will remain open through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year we are complementing the call for submissions with a webinar. We are doing this for a couple reasons. First, there has been wide variance in the clarity of submission in past years, and second, we have redesigned the submission form and want to make sure that everyone is clear on what we are looking for. This webinar will be held January 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM ET, and you can find more information on how to register below. We will record the session and you will have access to the recording after the webinar *if* you register, so please make time to register if you are interested in the information and are uncertain if you can make the 30<sup>th</sup>.

I began this week, listening to a pod cast interview with a former FBI hostage negotiator. I really wasn't sure what to expect from the interview but I was curious, and ultimately I came away with a few thoughts, and I want to share a couple with you. The first thing that struck me was a quote he shared and attributed to his former boss who said, "We can't guarantee success but we can guarantee the best chance of success." When I heard this, I stopped the recording and had to write it down as I was thinking there is something in this short quote that conveys what is missing in our preparedness messages. It's so concise and I heard- we can't guarantee, essentially don't depend on us, but if you follow these tips (make a plan, pull together some of the necessities, practice and connect with your community) you will have the best chance of success. That just feels like a more accurate message than anything I have heard in the past two decades. What do you think?

Secondly, he talked about our human reactions to crisis situations- fight or flight or friends. Yeah, I hadn't heard of the "friends" option before either but it makes perfect sense and I have even employed it before without knowing. When crisis or tense or stressful situations occur we might instinctively fight it, run away from it, or we might smile, which is a different way to disarm the threat. He also shared that we can hear smiles in voices if we are connecting over the phone. I tested it with a colleague who affirmed she could



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hear me smiling. I like this and plan to continue to practice the friend reaction to difficult situations. Lastly, one of the most important rules of hostage negotiation conveyed was, “Don’t take yourself hostage,” meaning that you don’t back yourself into corners but rather keep your options open and your eyes peeled for possibilities. I could go on about the relevance I see to emergency management but I expect you may be ready to move through the newsletter. Wishing you all a great week and hope to hear you on the call Friday afternoon.

## 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.

**“Tips to Prepare a Successful Symposium Submission for the 2018 EM Higher Education Symposium.”** The webinar is designed to enable submitters to successfully navigate the form, learn more about the three tracks and develop a submission that will be clear and attractive to the reviewers. Three members of the Information Sharing & Symposium Planning Special Interest Group (SIG) will lead the webinar. They will provide an overview of the cover letter, step-by-step guidance to complete the form, discuss the presentation options and share examples of good and not so good submissions. There will also be time to engage in dialogue to provide your feedback as well as to ask specific questions about your potential proposal.

**January 30, 2018** – 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET

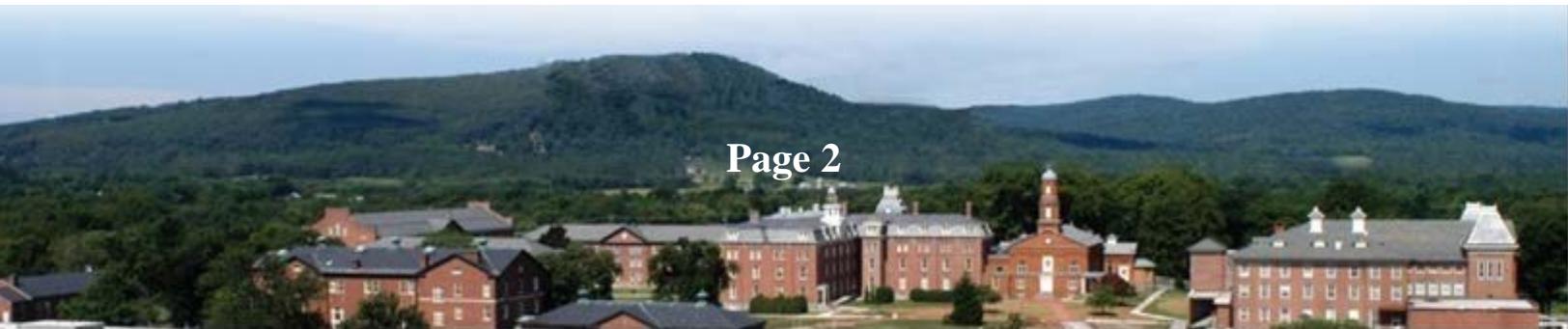
Registration: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/tips-submission/event/registration.html>

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

**Calling All Adjunct Faculty** – “Tools, Techniques & Topics toward Adjunct Faculty Success” webinar is being planned for February 13, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM ET. We are looking for adjunct faculty interested in sharing their specific skills, lessons learned, techniques or tools to support successful learning in the classroom as well as full-time faculty and program administrators who have leveraged the rich experiences of adjunct faculty to their academic programs. If you would like to share your experiences in this webinar please contact Barbara for more information.

**The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, January 19th, 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



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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).  
New: Elizabeth City State University – Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management

**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.

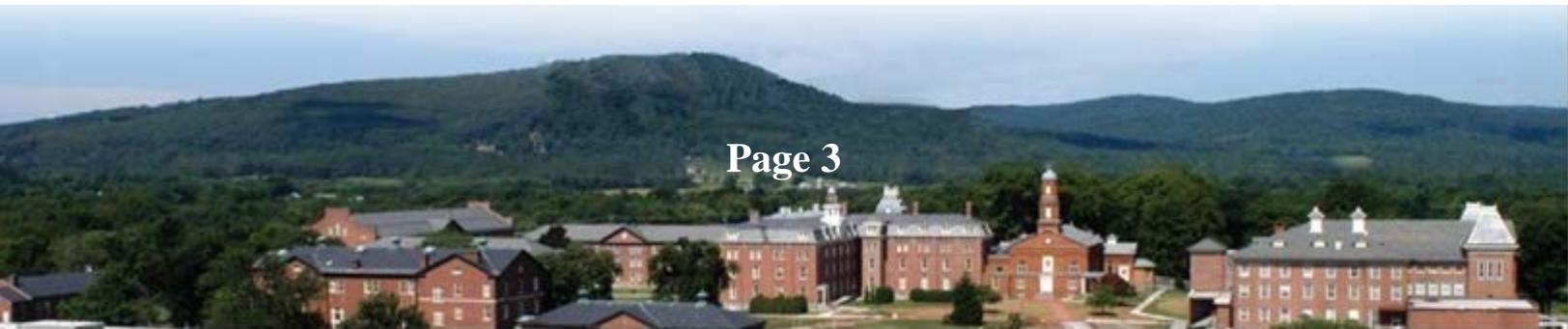
## Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Michigan State Police - Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 13, CLOSE 1/29/2018, FEMA-18-LAL-123454E-CORE, Washington, DC
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), GS 14, CLOSE 1/29/2018, FEMA-18-VLJ-191598-MP-R, Kansas City, MO
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 12, CLOSE 1/29/2018, FEMA-18-MAC-193212-CORE, Austin, TX
- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 9-11, CLOSE 1/29/2018, FEMA-18-TM-196671-MP, Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist (Federal Coordinating Officer), IC 13-14, CLOSE 1/30/2018, FEMA-18-FIK-210980-CORE, Oakland, CA; Lakewood, CO; Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; Baton Rouge, LA; Boston, MA; Kansas City, MO; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Denton, TX; Winchester, VA; Seattle, WA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- Cal Poly Pomona - Emergency Management Specialist
- Columbia Southern University – Academic Program Director, Criminal Justice & Homeland Security
- College of DuPage – Adjunct Faculty, Continuing Education Homeland Security
- Northcentral University – Professor, Homeland Security



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## Resources

[Investing in Mitigation to Build a More Resilient Nation: Draft National Mitigation Investment Strategy for Public Comment](#)

[Understanding Individual Assistance and Public Assistance](#)

*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.*

[Responding to the Nuclear Threat – Then & Now](#)

[Post-disaster reconstruction divides society](#)

[Experts criticize lack of flu pandemic readiness, commitment](#)

[Two things matter when bouncing back from natural disasters](#)

[Government and Design Team Up to Bolster Resilience at 10 Bay Area Sites](#)

The [National Homeland Security Association](#) will host the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Homeland Security Conference in New York City, July 9-12, 2018. Of note:

**New Track in 2018: Homeland Security Research**, which allows undergraduate, graduate, and recently graduated students in homeland security programs to present their original research. **February 1, 2018** is the deadline to [submit a presentation proposal](#).

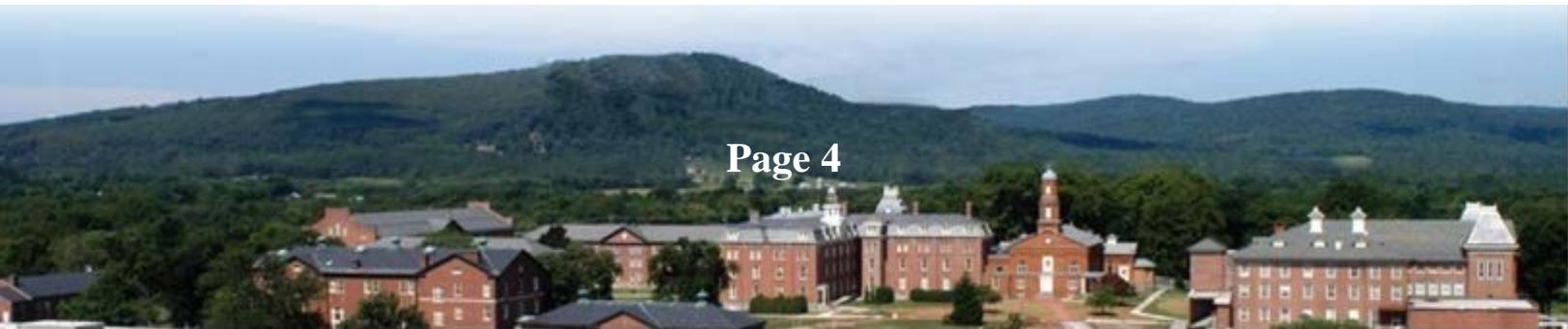
**Limited amount of Scholarships to Attend the Conference.** To qualify, students must [submit](#) a cover letter, resume, and letter of recommendation from a faculty member by **March 1, 2018**. Designate “Scholarship” in the subject line. Scholarship applications will only be considered by current undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate student or recent graduates.

**Homeland Security Student of the Year Award**, which recognizes one student in a homeland security program. To be eligible, a student must: be nominated by a faculty member at their higher education institution; be a current undergraduate, graduate, or postgraduate student or recent graduate; and, attend the conference. Nominations will be [accepted](#) until May 30, 2018.

## Calendar

Grants available from the [Department of Justice](#), [Office of Justice Programs](#), [National Institute of Justice](#) are:

- [Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics](#)



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- National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Graduate Research fellowship program in the Social and Behavioral Sciences

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute - Weekly EMI e-Forums - Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET  
EMI e-Forums are 1-hour, moderated, webinar discussion forums that provide an opportunity for EMI and the emergency management community to discuss matters of interest on national preparedness training and exercise. EMI e-Forums facilitate a discussion of whole community-presented best practices. The panel members are whole community, with topics relevant to whole community. These exchanges of ideas are free of charge and available to anyone who wishes to participate. For questions, contact: Contact Emergency Management Institute

- 1/24 Incident Management Teams: Innovation and Evolution to Build Community Capability
- 1/31 Nothing Scheduled
- 2/7 An Emergency Management Reference Guide for Elected Officials
- 2/14 Training and Exercise Planning Workshop: Best Practices for Preparation
- 2/21 Healthcare Facility Emergency Management. Is it really a different animal? Best Practices in the Healthcare Community
- 2/28 X, Y, Z Learning: Bridging the Gap in Multigenerational Classrooms

**Login link:** <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/emieforums>

**Conference call-in:** 800-320-4330, PIN 107622

## NETC Library

Visit the new EMI student papers page on the NETC Library website where you can browse or search for top student papers from the Master Exercise Practitioner Program, Public Information Officer, or Emergency Management Professional Program.

Here are some new and notable books available now:

Disaster resilience: an integrated approach

An introduction to emergency exercise design and evaluation

Megafire: the race to extinguish a deadly epidemic of flame

Quakeland: on the road to America's next devastating earthquake

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