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Program News for the week ending January 26, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

Can you believe this is the last full week of January! They just seem to whiz by! This week has been really inspiring as we are rapidly planning a focus group meeting to discern a process for FEMA to build capacity and develop academically-rigorous case studies for education and training as well as to potentially inform policy, doctrine and decision making. There are so many good efforts underway that could be leveraged to make this concept a robust reality. Leading this focus group is Dr. Jane Kushma from Jacksonville State University. She brings a rich background in cases and serves as the lead of the Emergency Management Higher Education Case Studies Special Interest Group (SIG). If you are involved or interested in case studies, I encourage you to join this SIG and get involved in this effort.

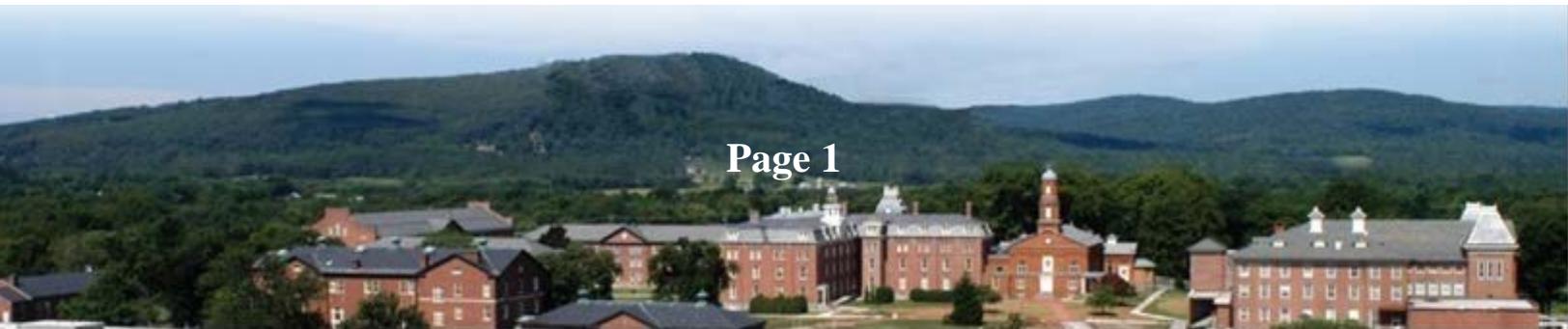
I am very excited to share with you that I will be attending the Natural Hazards Center advisory meeting this week as an advisory board member! I am honored and humbled to be invited by Director Lori Peek to serve on the board, representing FEMA Higher Education. It is an outstanding way for me to learn firsthand about opportunities to promote and realize collaboration between teaching and research communities. I am looking forward to serving and will do all I can to leverage this opportunity to serve our mission of advancing the emergency management profession through education.

Today, we will begin the initial planning for our Region VI academic collaboration planning event schedule for late February. This is our third event of this kind. Last year, we hosted events in Region IX and Region I. The Region VI event is planned for February 23, 2018. We will be sending invitations to programs on our college list from this region. If you are not on the college list and are working, teaching or studying emergency management or homeland security in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, and 68 federally recognized tribal nations and are interesting in participating, please send me an email to learn more. Wishing you all an outstanding 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 Higher Education 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 FEMA Higher Education website, and present at the FEMA Higher Education Conference in June.

We strongly encourage faculty who are developing, delivering and evaluating emergency management/homeland security academic programs to apply. To obtain an application please email Dr.



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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: “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

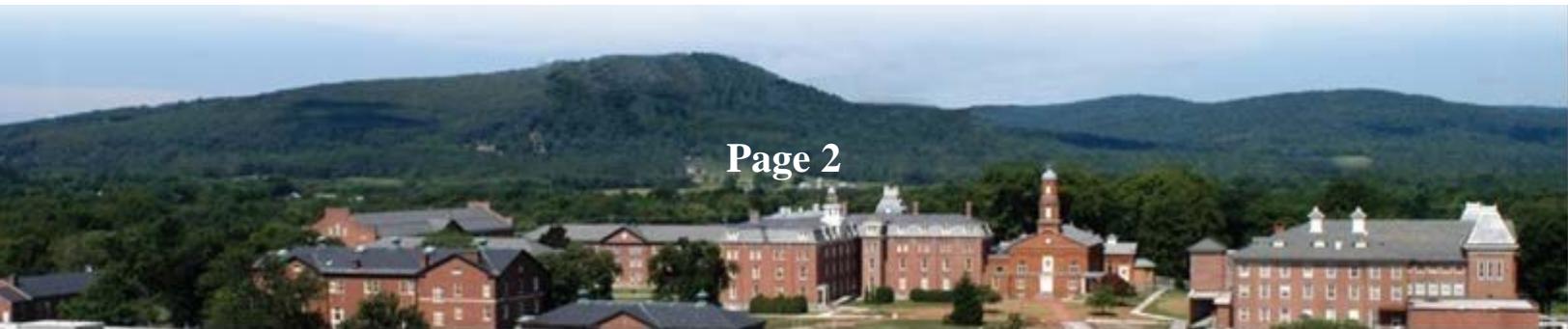
Webinar: Calling All Adjunct Faculty – “Tools, Techniques & Topics toward Adjunct Faculty Success” is planned for February 13, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM ET. We are looking for adjunct faculty interested in sharing their specific skills, lessons learned, techniques or tools to support successful learning in 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, 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:

- [Indiana Tech](#) – Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security



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- Indiana Tech – Bachelor of Science in Emergency Response Management
- Wheaton College – Master of Arts in Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership

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.
- 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 and the cover page is posted.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

National Endowment for the Humanities

Below is the link to the internship opportunity available in the Office of Federal/State Partnership at NEH. <https://www.neh.gov/about/human-resources/neh-internship-program/internship-office-federal-state-partnership>

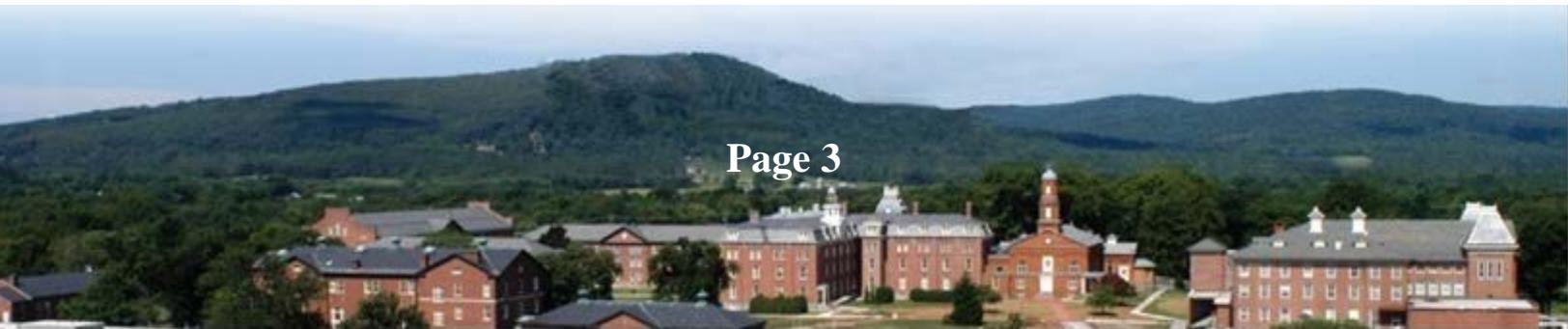
U.S. Department of Energy

The Nuclear Forensics Undergraduate Summer School (NFUSS) is a six-week course, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), designed to provide undergraduate students with comprehensive, experimental, hands-on training in topics essential to nuclear forensics. This program will be held June 11 to July 20, 2018, at the University of Utah campus in Salt Lake City. The program will also include a field trip to Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). For more information and to apply.

The Office of Personnel Management, Reaching Across America

Free virtual training session for students and recent graduates. Join the staff of the recruitment Policy and Outreach (RPO) division of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), for a series of in-depth briefings designed to assist those seeking jobs with the Federal Government.

New Scholarship to be Available for the Fall 2018 School Year, Sponsored and Funded by the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). The new ASFPM Foundation "Future Leaders Scholarship" will fund up to \$25,000 per year for up to two years and will be awarded to a rising junior in college who plans to



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work after graduation in the field of flood risk management. For more information on eligibility requirements, process, selection criteria and the application. **The application deadline is February 25.**

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 12-13, CLOSE 2/6/2018, [FEMA-17-AA-194156-DE](#), Washington, DC
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 12, CLOSE 2/7/2018, [CAYY-10117906-18-CLA](#), West Palm Beach, FL
- Deputy Regional Administrator, ES 00, CLOSE 2/12/2018, [FEMA-18-KH-DRA2-SES](#), New York, NY
- Emergency Management Specialist (Public Assistance), IC 11-12, CLOSE 2/22/2018, [FEMA-18-SLA-197227-CORE](#), Denton, TX
- Emergency Management Specialist (Public Assistance), IC 11-12, CLOSE 2/22/2018, [FEMA-18-SLA-209835-CORE](#), Winchester, VA

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [California State University, Fresno](#) – Assistant/Associate Professor, Community Health
- [Georgia State University \(Perimeter College\)](#) – Part-Time Instructor, Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- [University of Maryland, University College](#) – Graduate School Adjunct Faculty, Cybersecurity
- [University of Nevada, Las Vegas](#) – Assistant Professor, Epidemiology
- [Upper Iowa University](#) – Director, Masters in Public Administration Program

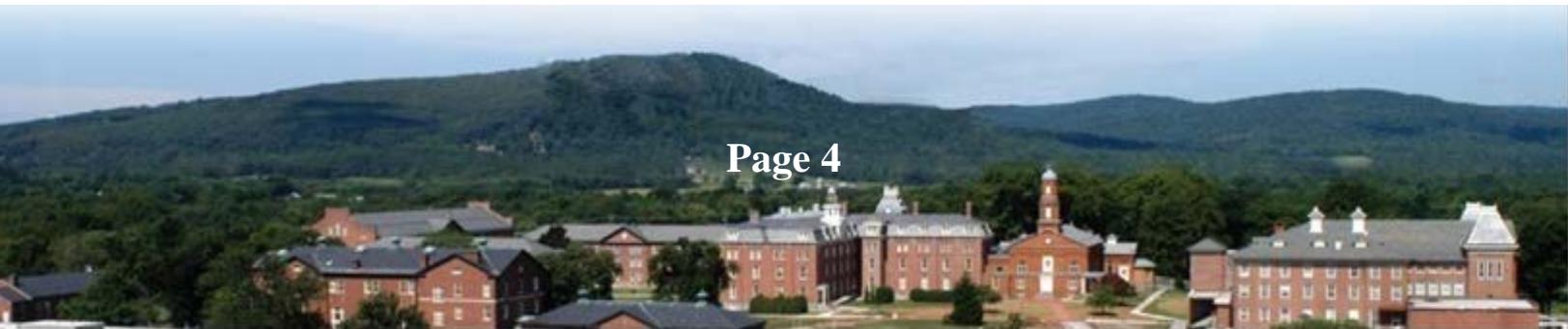
Resources

New Draft National Mitigation Investment Strategy for Public Comment - The public comment period on the draft [National Mitigation Investment Strategy](#) closes March 11, 2018. Review the draft document and submit your comments to fema-nmis@fema.dhs.gov. You can also submit comments to the FEMA IdeaScale forum titled [Mitigation Investment for the Nation](#).

Caring for Children in a Disaster - Children are more vulnerable than adults in emergency situations. Take steps to protect children.

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.

Corps pitches unprecedented watershed study after Harvey



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[Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves: 2017 Interim Report](#)

[Nursing homes need improved emergency plans, but who will verify them?](#)

[Security at the Speed of Life](#)

[What Can We Learn from Hawaii's False Alarm?](#)

[What We Can Learn From Tuesday's Orderly Tsunami Evacuations](#)

Calendar

Save the Date - Please mark your calendars for the [43rd Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop](#), which will be held July 8-11, 2018 in Broomfield, Colorado.

IAEM Editorial Work Group announces 2018 special focus issue topics for *IAEM Bulletin*

Four times a year, the monthly *IAEM Bulletin* publishes a special focus issue on a select topic of interest to emergency managers. The 2018 topics for the first 2018 special focus issue, "Developing Situational Awareness and a Common Operating Picture," are posted [online](#). The special issue will be published in March, with an article submission deadline of **Feb. 23, 2018**. Article length is 750-1,500 words. Please refer to [author guidelines](#) for complete details, and email any questions to Editor [Karen Thompson](#).

National Information Sharing Consortium G&H International Services (NISC-G&H) Webinar on Practical Tools for Better Decision-Making, Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 1-2 pm ET. [To register](#).

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