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## Program News for the week ending January 5, 2018

### Higher Education Program Updates

#### Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

Happy New Year from the Higher Education Program! We are starting the New Year with zest and a strong direction! January 12<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting with all of the Higher Education Special Interest Group (SIG) leaders to ensure we are providing the needed support and that they are prepared to make great strides in their topic areas. By the end of this month, we will be refreshing the SIG webpage on our Higher Education site with more information and additional ways to get involved.

The Information Sharing & Symposium Planning SIG has been busy planning our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium coming up June 4-7, 2018. Our theme is “*Honoring our History & Future*”, and we will emphasize faculty development skills, tools and approaches. We are very excited about this event and will be opening the call for abstracts on January 12, 2018. This year we will be accepting abstracts for sessions and posters in three track areas: The Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (SoTL); Research Integration & Practices in Emergency Management Academia; and Academic Program Development, Growth & Sustainment. Look for more information on our website.

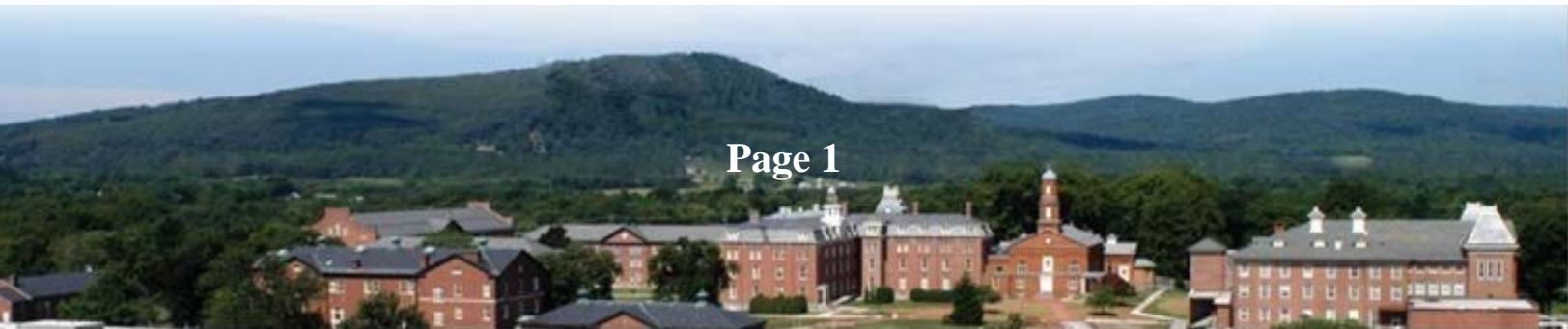
We have a couple great webinars in the planning stage covering the topics of “Tools, Techniques & Topics toward Adjunct Faculty Success” and “Long-term Recovery: Observations from the Field and Opportunities for Academic Inquiry.” We are planning these webinars for February and March. You will find more information on how you can be involved below in the webinar section of this newsletter.

I am looking forward to 2018 with great optimism! I can already see many opportunities for the Emergency Management academic community to influence and guide positive change to build a stronger culture of preparedness, ready the nation for catastrophic disasters, and bring greater understanding to the complexity of the emergency management discipline and practice. I am grateful beyond words to work with this passionate, knowledgeable, and service-minded community!

### 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.

**Calling All Adjunct Faculty** – “Tools, Techniques & Topics toward Adjunct Faculty Success” webinar is being planned for February 13, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM. 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.



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**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 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. Reminder: 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>.

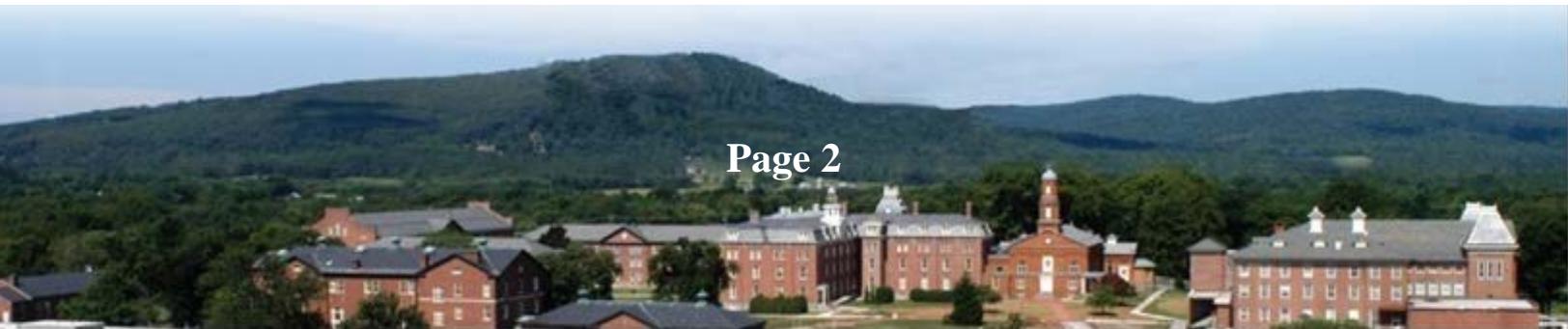
## Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Response), IC 09-12, CLOSE 1/10/2018, [FEMA-18-JRS-197055-CORE](#), Denton, TX
- Emergency Management Specialist (Mitigation), IC 11, CLOSE 1/11/2018, [FEMA-18-DK-192404-CORE](#), Austin, TX and Houston, TX
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 1/12/2018, [NCHT184850819081](#), Falls Church, VA
- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 09-11, CLOSE 1/12/2018, [FEMA-18-TM-184382-DE](#), Washington, DC
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 12, CLOSE 1/23/2018, [637-10107150-18-SB](#), Asheville, NC

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [College of Southern Nevada](#) – Part-Time Instructor, Public Safety & Human Services
- [Frederick Community College](#) - Vice President for Continuing Education & Workforce Development
- [Georgia Southern University](#) – Lecturer, Public Health
- [Massachusetts Maritime Academy](#) - Full-time, Tenure Track Emergency Management Faculty



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- [Mercyhurst University](#) – Assistant Professor, Intelligence Studies
- [University at Albany \(SUNY\)](#) – Assistant/Associate/Full Professor, Emergency Preparedness
- [University of Texas, Arlington](#) – Assistant/Associate/Full Professor, Public Health

## Resources

### [Snowstorms and Extreme Cold](#)

### [Winter Weather Safety Social Media Toolkit](#)

*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.*

### [Floodplain Management and Flood Resilience: Current Policy and Considerations for Congress](#)

### [Maryland's Approach for Raising the Resilience Index](#)

### [ARTful Leadership & Disaster Management](#)

### [Ready or Not? Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters and Bioterrorism](#)

['Waiting on an Opportunity to Work with the Administration' on Infrastructure. State and local groups start 2018 awaiting the White House's long-promised public works package.](#)

[With California's Largest Wildfire on Record Nearly Contained, Officials Warn of New Danger: The Thomas Fire has been winding down but the risk of mudslides has put state and local agencies on alert. "Every canyon within this burn zone is at risk."](#)

### [Dear DHS, Our Federal Cybersecurity Measures Are Not Enough](#)

[Data Breach Affected More Than 240,000 Homeland Security Workers, IG Confirms.](#) The breach also affected non-DHS employees who communicated with the department's inspector general.

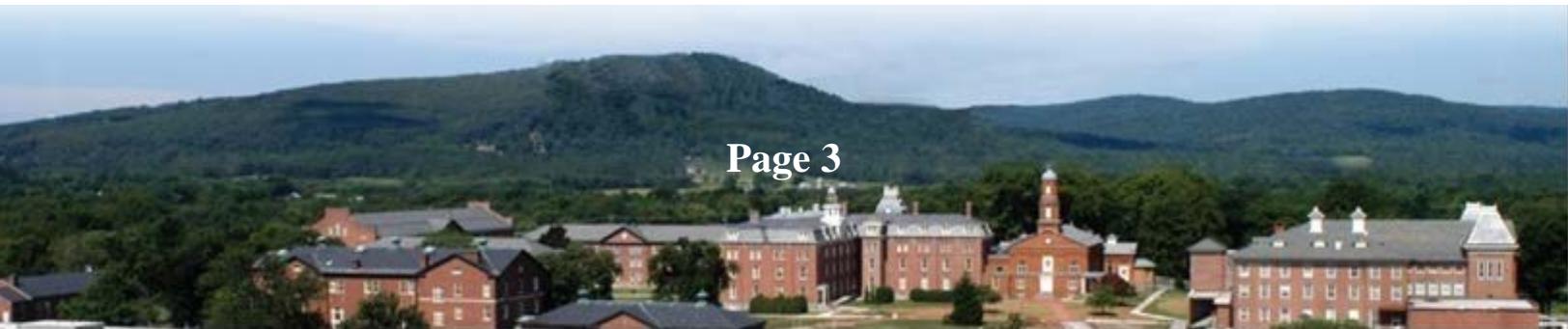
[All 50 States Have Joined FirstNet as Deadline Closes:](#) A flurry of states indicated they would join FirstNet as the 90-day opt-in deadline comes to a close.

## NETC Library

Geographical filter added to catalog search results page that lets you view results from different geographic areas in addition to breaking results down by item type, author, topic, and date.

### Featured collections of 2017

- **October: Fire Escape Plans.** [Explore this collection](#) on fire escape planning to help keep your community members fire-safe all year long.



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- **November: Nuclear War.** Browse this collection on nuclear war, nuclear terrorism, and survival after a nuclear event.
- **December: The Great Halifax Explosion.** We invite you to explore this collection of reference texts on the most devastating manmade explosion in the pre-atomic age. The ship-based explosion, in the harbor of Halifax in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia in 1917, killed more than 1,800 people and injured another 9,000.

## Featured new books

- “The great Halifax explosion: a World War I story of treachery, tragedy, and extraordinary heroism”
- “NFPA 1600 handbook: emergency management and continuity programs”
- “Ghosts of the tsunami: death and life in Japan's disaster zone”
- “Quakeland: on the road to America's next devastating earthquake”
- “Disaster resilience: an integrated approach”
- “GIS tutorial for homeland security”

## Calendar

Emergency Management Institute Weekly EMI e-Forums are one-hour, moderated, webinar discussion forums that provide an opportunity for EMI and the emergency management community to talk about matters of interest on national preparedness training. All e-forum webinars are scheduled 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT. For questions or additional information.

1/10 EMI-Developed/State-Delivered G Courses: Best Practices from the States that Deliver Them

1/17 The Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP): Aligning the Academies with the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) Certification

Login link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/emieforums> Conference call-in: 800-320-4330, PIN 107622

Disaster Resilience Conference, April 12-13, 2018, Caesars Palace Las Vegas. Information and to register.

2018 Emergency Preparedness Conference, April 18-19, 2018. Information and to register.

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