



## Program News for the week ending June 29, 2018

### Higher Education Program Updates

The Higher Education Program focus this week has been to work toward getting the Symposium slide decks posted to the website, working on the Symposium after action report (AAR), and preparing for the FEMA Region VIII Emergency Management Higher Education Collaboration Event in Colorado on July 6<sup>th</sup> and the Natural Hazards Workshop on July 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to post all of the Symposium slide decks and student notes by the middle of next month, prior to our July 17<sup>th</sup> Symposium Highlights webinar. If you are interested in sharing your experiences in this webinar, please send me an email, and if you are eager to receive any of the briefs presented prior to mid-July, drop Barbara an email and she will provide you copies. We expect to have our symposium AAR completed in July and will work with the Symposium Special Interest Group (SIG) to address challenges and expand successes.

The Region VIII collaboration event is coming together nicely. This event is designed 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. The planning of these events highlight the generous and dedicated nature of our emergency management academics and practitioners! I look forward to sharing the outcomes of this event in a couple weeks. I have the great fortune of hosting a panel at the Natural Hazards Workshop this year. Our topic is *“How can we better coordinate post-disaster research and integrate the findings from those efforts into education, training, practice, and policy.”* I have an outstanding panel of academics- teaching faculty and researchers, practitioners and policy influencers. I will be at the workshop for the full duration. I hope if you happen to be there, that you will make sure we connect.

Last, but not least, yesterday, June 28<sup>th</sup> was **National Insurance Awareness Day**. FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) supports over 5 million flood insurance policies in over 22,000 participating communities. Yet, across the nation, estimates show two out of every three homes in American may be underinsured. Why do they risk it? Reports show that more than 20 percent of flood claims come from properties outside high-risk flood zones and just one inch of water in a home can cost more than \$25,000 in damage. We have to share the message that, **“If it can rain in your community, it can flood in your community.”** Homeowners, renters and business owners with flood insurance can recover faster and more fully from a flood than uninsured survivors. More insured survivors means less disaster suffering. How are you teaching the next generation of emergency managers to create flood smart communities? Share your curricula and activities with me and we will post them in future newsletters!

Be Flood Smart

- Know your risks, do you have an insurance gap
- Check your insurance policy, does it cover enough
- Have a disaster plan; make sure your loved ones and your documents are safe

More information is available at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

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## 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](#).

**Higher Education Program webinar, “Highlights from the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium” July 17, 2018, 2:00 – 3:30 PM.** Presentations will be provided by the Higher Education Program manager, faculty presenters, and participants. Discussion will focus on highlights and reflection from our experiences at the annual higher education symposium. If you have a story or highlight, you would like to share during this webinar, contact Wendy Walsh at [wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov)  
[To register for the webinar.](#)

**The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, July 20, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT, 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us.** Learn from the emergency management academic community on what is new and exciting in their world. Find out about ongoing projects and discuss higher education community needs that the Higher Education Program can address. Contact [Wendy Walsh](#) with your discussion topics.

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium** scheduled for June 3-6, 2019, at FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. In the coming months, we will post additional information to the Hi Ed website as it becomes available.

## College List

The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Higher Education 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 or have program updates, send an email to [FEMA-emi\\_collegelist@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-emi_collegelist@fema.dhs.gov).

New Programs:

- [John Jay College of Criminal Justice \(CUNY\)](#) – Master of Science in EM
- [John Jay College of Criminal Justice \(CUNY\)](#) – Advanced Certificate in Emergency Management Studies
- [John Jay College of Criminal Justice \(CUNY\)](#) – Bachelor of Science in Emergency Services Administration

## Employment

### Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 09, CLOSE 7/2/2018, [FEMA-18-TDS-235295-CORE](#), Austin, TX
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 7/4/2018, [MS-10242446-AF-18-055](#), Gulfport, MS
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), GS 14, CLOSE 7/5/2018, [FEMA-18-JLS-231864-DE](#), Bothell, WA

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- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 13, CLOSE 7/11/2018, [CI-R10-MP-2018-0003](#), Seattle, WA
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 13, CLOSE 7/23/2018, [FEMA-18-CRC-16533-CORE](#), Sacramento, CA
- Emergency Management – Direct Hire Authority, GS 1-15, CLOSE 11/9/2018, [AFMC-10068846-DHA-GS0089-SP](#), Eglin AFB, FL
- Emergency Management Specialist – Direct Hire Authority, NH 1-4, CLOSE 11/9/2018, [AFMC-10075536-DHA-NH0089-JL](#), Edwards AFB, FL; Arnold AFB, TN
- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 11, CLOSE 7/10/2018, [FEMA-18-AA-236558-DE](#), Washington, DC

## Higher Education Vacancies:

- [College of Lake County](#) – Adjunct Faculty/ Fire Science Technology and Emergency Management
- [Earlham College](#) – Director of Public Safety
- [Eastern Kentucky University](#) – Part Time Faculty/Facilitator BS in Homeland Security
- [Fairleigh Dickinson University](#) – Senior Lecturer, Cyber and Homeland Security Administration
- [Harrisburg Area Community College](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Geospatial Technology
- [San Mateo County Community College District](#) - Emergency Preparedness Manager
- [Texas A & M University](#) – Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, National Security & Diplomacy – International Affairs
- [University of California, Berkeley](#) - Risk Management Specialist

## Resources

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 resources below were compiled through a variety of sources and included here as 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.*

Andrea Jerković and Alexander Siedschlag announce their new edited volume, *Homeland Security Cultures: Enhancing Values while Fostering Resilience*, to be published this summer. Contributions explore the role that culture plays in the study and practice of homeland security in an all-hazards, whole-community, and all-of-government scope. They do so by analyzing and discussing strategic, organizational, operational, and social cultures in the U.S. Homeland Security Enterprise, as well as from an international perspective. The focus is on how knowledge and interpretation, normative values, common symbols, and/or action repertoires inform the evolution of the homeland security mission space and the accomplishment of homeland security functions. Contributions also address institutional changes designed to foster a more coherent common homeland security culture.

This textbook will make a contribution to the evolution of homeland security as a policy area and a field of study by offering actionable insight as well as critical thinking from scholars and practitioners on how cultural aspects matter in balancing security against liberty, in managing complex risks, in enhancing

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collaboration across sectors, and in explaining how a resilient nation can be fostered while enhancing liberal and democratic values. [More information is available.](#)

[How long can a state go without repairing its roads and bridges? Mississippi is about to find out.](#)

[Upriver Rain Causes the Worst Flooding in Two Decades on Rappahannock River](#)

[Texas Gov. Abbott Issues Declaration After Second Day of Flooding Leaves Hundreds in Need of Rescue](#)

[Still Rebuilding After Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico Hopes to Spur Critical Infrastructure Investment](#)

[Feds Give Texas an OK to Spend \\$5 Billion on Hurricane Harvey Recovery](#)

[Value-Added: Analysis of Social Return on Investment for FEMA's Whole Community Approach](#)

[Ending Bias in Disaster Mitigation and Recovery Policies](#)

[Intricate and Uneven: Housing Recovery in Coastal Communities](#)

## Calendar

**Frederick Community College** is offering a free gender diversity workshop and networking opportunity, "2018 Prepare to Teach the Next Generation: Special Workshop Inspiring Gender Diversity in the Workplace Today," Tuesday, July 24, 2018, 1pm - 4pm. Learn about key career decision points, overcoming barriers, and developing cognitive flexibility in leadership! [To register.](#) For questions or additional information, contact [Stephen Carter.](#)

**Penn State Harrisburg, School of Public Affairs**, Eastgate Center, Harrisburg, PA on July 17 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., *Darcy Snyder, Branch Chief, Domestic Representative Program, National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) and Hillary Peck, NCTC Domestic Representative—NY, NJ, PA, and DE*, will provide a Global Threat Update, which will cover international terrorist groups like ISIS, AQ, and Hizballah. They will also talk about and answer questions on careers in homeland security intelligence. [Registration requested.](#)

Public lecture, **Argonne National Laboratory**, TCS Conference Center, Lemont, IL. The event is free and open to the public. Rao Kotamarthi, Chief Scientist, Atmospheric Science and Climate will discuss how science is helping society prepare for the risks and uncertainty of a changing climate. [To register.](#) For questions about the OutLoud Lecture Series, call 630-252-5501 or send an email to [outloud@anl.gov](mailto:outloud@anl.gov)

Recording and slides are now available from the June 14, 2018, Disaster Information Specialist webinar "Disaster Health Training from the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health." The webinar, hosted by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) Disaster Information Management Research Center (DIMRC), featured Kandra Strauss-Riggs, Education Director, and Victoria Klimczak, Project Coordinator, both are staff members at the Uniformed Services University National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH). They discussed two new products:

- The NCDMPH [Disaster Health Core Curriculum](#), a modular online course covering the 11 core competencies in disaster medicine and public health
- New website and app for [Stop the Bleed](#) teaching lay people how to correctly apply pressure to stop life threatening bleeding

[Access the recording and slides](#)

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Save the date to join the **U.S. Department of Homeland Security** for the 2018 Oklahoma Regional Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education, October 11, 2018, at the University of Central Oklahoma.

This one-day event will include a tabletop exercise on preparing participants to respond to a campus emergency. The focus of this regional event will be a tornado at a large campus event.

The event seeks to provide participants with insight into planning, preparedness and resilience best practices for the academic community. Because emergency planning involves a team of individuals from across an institution, it is recommended that up to 5-7 senior leaders representing various functions (i.e. leadership, public safety, student life, and communications) attend from each school.

Detailed information, including a formal invitation will follow. For more information on the Regional Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education Series. Participants and presenters are responsible for their own travel, lodging and per diem expenses. Please contact the Office of Academic Engagement with any questions.

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