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Program News for the week ending March 16, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

The FEMA Higher Education (Hi Ed) Program is hopping as usual! We have been working with the academic community of practice and FEMA Region X to plan for our next regional engagement meeting set for April 3rd from 10:00-2:00 p.m. (PST). If you are in Region X (WA, OR, AK, ID) and are interested in participating, please drop me a line. The meeting will be held in the greater Seattle area. However, there will be opportunities to participate virtually.

This past Tuesday, Hi Ed hosted a webinar on FEMA Careers. We are very grateful to the FEMA Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer staff who provided an outstanding presentation and answered individual questions of participants for nearly 45 minutes. It was a great exchange, and we have received positive feedback from the event. We had more than 350 people register and more than 125 people log in the day of the webinar. If you missed it and would like to have a copy of the brief, please drop Barbara a line, and she will provide it to you. If you missed this event, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Academic Engagement is hosting another opportunity to get the information on April 19th. Please look for additional information in the calendar section of this newsletter.

Last week was the deadline for submissions for the 20th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium. I am happy to report that we received a good amount of high quality submissions. Submitters will be notified in mid-April if their submission was selected as well as peer feedback on their submissions. We expect to have a good draft agenda for the full symposium by the beginning of May.

At the symposium this year, we will be using our “Evening in the Library” on Tuesday, June 5th to provide a venue for faculty to share recent publications and research with peers. The intent of this time is share new research and resources with teaching faculty as well as to provide a networking and learning opportunity on the topics and publication process. If you have a recent publication you would like to share please email me so we can coordinate this opportunity with you.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

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: *Creating a Process for Developing Academically Rigorous Case Studies in Disaster Response & Recovery Environments*, April 10, 2018, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EDT. More information will be available in next week’s edition of the Hi Ed newsletter.

A new section titled NEW Information & Resources has been added to the Hi Ed website, second item down in the left hand column. The new section will highlight information before it is posted to other website sections making it somewhat a “one stop shopping experience” for the website user.

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The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, March 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 or have program updates, send an email to 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.

- 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 are on the website. The application deadline is April 27.
- Student volunteer information is available. Volunteering at the symposium is a great opportunity to learn and network.
- Everyone staying on-campus must purchase meal tickets, which must be purchased in advance.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Student Intern, GS 00, CLOSE 03/30/2018, OMB-SIP-02, Washington, D.C. Internships at OMB, while unpaid, can offer great experience working directly in a critical government agency responsible for developing and producing the President's annual budget request, coordinating policy among government agencies, and managing the regulatory review and development process. For questions and to be considered for the Education Branch, send an email to Katherine Sydor at ksydor@omb.eop.gov.

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 11, CLOSE 03/19/2018, FEMA-18-TDS-216513-CORE, Colts Neck, NJ and New York, NY
- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 09, CLOSE 03/19/2018, FEMA-18-TDS-217105-CORE, Colts Neck, NJ, Albany NY and New York, NY
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 12, CLOSE 3/20/2018, CAYZ-10157215-18-MP, Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 3/21/2018, MA-10141625-T5-18-002-104, Westfield, MA
- Safety and Occupational Health Specialist, GS 12, CLOSE 03/23/2018, FEMA-18-AH-185150-DE, Anniston, AL

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- Security Specialist, GG 13, CLOSE 3/21/2018, [WTST186543278355](#), Fort Sam Houston, TX
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), GS 13, CLOSE 3/21/20108, [FEMA-18-KN-214908-DE](#), Atlanta, GA
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Operations Section Chief), AD 04, CLOSE 3/23/2018, [FEMA-18-NPM-215482-IMAT](#), Denton, TX
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Planning Section Chief), AD 04, CLOSE 3/23/2018, [FEMA-18-NPM-215411-IMAT](#), Denton, TX
- Master Transportation Security Officer (Security Training Instructor), SV F, CLOSE 3/25/2018, [RDU-18-440308](#), Morrisville, NC

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Anne Arundel Community College](#) – Instructor/Assistant Professor, Cybersecurity, Networking and Digital Forensics
- [Clark College](#) - Emergency Management Specialist
- [College of Southern Maryland](#) – 10 month Faculty, EMS Simulation and Clinical Coordination
- [Colorado Mountain College](#) – Faculty, Geographic Information Systems and Field Science
- [Lake Superior State University](#) – Faculty, Fire Science
- [Lake Superior State University](#) – Faculty, Criminal Justice
- [Sul Ross State University](#) – Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Homeland Security and Criminal Justice
- [Virginia Military Institute](#) – Visiting Assistant Professor, U.S. National Security Policy

Resources

FEMA Releases 2018-2022 Strategic Plan

On March 15, FEMA released its [2018-2022 Strategic Plan](#) which seeks to unify and further professionalize emergency management across the country, helping us build a stronger agency and a more resilient nation. When disasters strike, FEMA cannot succeed alone in the mission of helping people. We need to work in coordination with our partners and stakeholders to ensure that response and recovery is federally coordinated, state managed, and locally executed. This strategic plan strives to rally all our stakeholders and the Agency around the three goals of preparedness, catastrophic readiness, and reducing complexity. The Strategic Plan outlines three goals for the next five years:

- **Build a culture of preparedness:** Every segment of our society, from individual to government, industry to philanthropy, must be encouraged and empowered with the information it needs to prepare for the inevitable impacts of future disasters.
- **Ready the nation for catastrophic disasters:** FEMA will work with its partners across all levels of government to strengthen partnerships and access new sources of scalable capabilities to quickly meet the needs of overwhelming incidents.
- **Reduce the complexity of FEMA:** FEMA must continue to be responsible stewards of the resources we are entrusted to administer.

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PrepTalks: Land Use Planning for Community Resilience. Dr. Philip Berke explains how effective land use planning strengthens community resilience, through sharing research that shows “preventative land use policies have the highest benefit-cost ratios and Community Rating System incentives, yet are the least used actions to reduce vulnerability and promote mitigation.” PrepTalks are a partnership between FEMA, the International Association of Emergency Managers, the National Emergency Management Association, the National Homeland Security Consortium, and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

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.

GAO: Over \$5.6 Billion Obligated to Hurricane Aid in 2017

Mostly positive FEMA reports under Obama removed

EDITORIAL: Getting Ready Before a Major Wildland Fire: California’s mutual-aid system, created in 1950, has been described as the gold standard for wildland firefighting. But the resources haven’t kept pace with the growing threat.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) and the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) released their seventh annual edition of “Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG): Providing Return on a Nation’s Investment.” The joint report details the return on investment realized by the EMPG program, which is the only source of federal funding provided directly to state and local governments for all the functions that help to build a robust emergency management system.

FEMA says locals take lead in alerting residents of a nuclear attack

Calendar

Are you interested in interacting with National Institutes of Health (NIH)/ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) policy, review, program and grant management? If so, consider attending the NIH Regional Seminar in Washington D.C., May 2-4, 2018. The flyer and YouTube video provide a brief overview of the conference.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Jobs and Internships webinar from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET, April 19. The event will feature an overview of FEMA’s application and hiring process, highlight exciting entry-level program opportunities, and a panel of FEMA experts will answer live questions from webinar participants. The event is free for participants. To register for the event. Space is limited, so register early. For registration questions, send an email to AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov.

E/L0089 National Disaster Recover Framework (NDRF) Leadership Workshop: New Madrid Seismic Zone (This special offering will feather three locations running simultaneously). This is an invitation only course, which will include state, local, and tribal recovery leadership within the involved FEMA Regions as well as federal recovery partners. The goal is to enable more effective collaboration between federal, state, local,

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and tribal recovery partners pre- and post-disaster in the New Madrid Seismic Zone. If you are interested in attending, send an email to Dianne.walbrecker@fema.dhs.gov, and your name and affiliation will be submitted for potential invitation. [For more information.](#)

Dates: May 14th - 17th, 2018

Travel Dates: Sunday, May 13th and Friday, May 18th.

Course Length: 4 days

Location: *Denton, TX* for FEMA Regions 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) and 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)

Location: Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, MD

Location: *St. Louis, MO* for FEMA Regions 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI) and 7 (IA, KS, MO, NE)

NOTE: The content in this course has been updated with lessons learned about recovery over the past few months as well as updated doctrine and guidance. It will feature activities and exercises with a targeted focus on the New Madrid Seismic Zone.

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: Evidence for Global & Disaster Health Special Interest Group - DEADLINE EXTENDED to March 19. **Theme: Evidence for global and disaster health - where are we now and where do we need to be.** Abstracts are invited for either full papers or for lightning talks. See the [full call for papers](#) on the IFLA WLIC 2018 website.

The **2018 Business Resilience Conference** focuses on relative and modern topics in disaster management. This year's theme, "Creating Connections – Overcome Challenges...Together," covers topics including creating disaster plans, cybersecurity, active shooter, natural disasters, data back-up and recovery, incident management, continuity planning, and risk management. [For more information.](#)

Event Date(s): Thursday, April 12 to Friday, April 13, 2018. Location: Clark County, NV

FEMA Emergency Management Institute Weekly [EMI e-Forums](#), "Everything I Learned About Floodplain Management, I Learned in the Army", Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 3:00 – 4:00 EDT, For questions, [contact.](#)

Adobe Connect EMI e-Forums are [accessible for those on the go.](#)

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

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Coppola, D., & Maloney, E. (2017). *Communicating emergency preparedness: Practical strategies for the public and private sectors* (Second edition. ed.). Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group. Includes a chapter containing emergency management public education case studies.

The library recently co-hosted an EMI-eForum with two authors from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who discussed their recent publication "Applying Instructional Design Strategies and Behavior Theory to Household Disaster Preparedness Training." Read the article summary at <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p8tlwmxm2e3o/>