



## Program News for the week ending March 30, 2018

### Higher Education Program Updates

#### Message from the Higher Education Program Manager

Good day Emergency Management Higher Education Academic Community & stakeholders! This week has been a cold one for March. The beginning of spring came with 18 inches of snow, which has been slowly melting off. Today, I woke up to a foggy morning, and as I make a list for the day, I have clarity in direction. One product adding to my clarity and driving my work is the new Federal Emergency Management Agency 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. At the end of last year, I shared with you the Administrator's Planning Guidance and Priorities. The Strategic Plan adds more detail and direction to that plan. I hope you will make time to read it and think about how your work contributes to the FEMA vision of "a prepared and resilient nation" and our mission of "helping people before, during and after disasters," as well as our three primary strategic goals: 1) Build a Culture of Preparedness, 2) Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters, and 3) Reducing the Complexity of FEMA.

I have the honor of being assigned to a team specifically looking at the first strategic goal of "building a culture of preparedness," and I am very interested in learning more about our community's efforts toward that goal, as well as the others. If you have specific work that you would like to share towards meeting these goals, please do not hesitate to send it to me so I can share. Towards sharing your work and accomplishments, we would like to add a new section to our newsletter that spotlights a graduate, publication, or other accomplishment of our community. For example, this past week the U.S. News and World Report's Best Graduate Schools ranked emergency management and homeland security programs, and several programs from our Higher Education Community are included in this list! In addition to making this list, the University of Central Florida successfully added two emergency management academic programs to its offerings! We are very proud of the accomplishments of our community and want to celebrate them, as well as share broadly throughout the community, to inspire connection and collaboration. Please send your 'spotlights' to Barbara for inclusion in upcoming newsletters!

Early next week I am headed to FEMA Region X to participate in our next Academic/Practitioner Regional Collaboration Meeting. This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> engagement and I am excited to continue to learn about the great work that is happening across the nation! Wishing you all a great weekend and 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:** Developing Academically Rigorous Case Studies in Disaster Response & Recovery Environments, **April 10, 2018, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET.** [Registration](#).

Description: Seventeen emergency management academic and practitioner stakeholders met concurrently on February 6-7, 2018 in two locations: The Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL and, the Field Operations Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The focus group was convened to discuss and develop a case study development process that will be tested and implemented in disaster response and recovery environments to improve performance and inform work to be done in prevention, preparedness, and

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mitigation phases. These cases will be used for training, workforce development, senior-leader training, and education of the next generation emergency managers. They may also inform and influence the development and revision of policy and doctrine. The webinar will present the outcome of this focus group and provide an opportunity for the broader community to offer comments and feedback.

The objectives for this webinar include:

- Sharing the draft recommended FEMA Case Study Development Process
- Discussing additional considerations for feedback, refinement, collaboration and implementation
- Expanding awareness and opportunities to participate in the case study development process

**The Next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, April 20th, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. 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](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov).

New programs:

- Blue Ridge Community College – [AAS in Emergency Management Technology](#)
- Blue Ridge Community College – [Diploma in Emergency Management Technology](#)
- Blue Ridge Community College – [Certificate in Emergency Management Technology](#)
- Gaston College – [Associate in Applied Science in EM](#)
- Gaston College - [Emergency Management Certificate](#)
- Middlesex County College – [Associate in Science in Homeland Security](#)

**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 Higher Education (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. Please go to the [website](#) for meal ticket prices for your upcoming course. Hi Ed Symposium course code is E0392
- Now is the time to volunteer to be a session moderator. Send an email to [Barbara](#)

## Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

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The **Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF)** has several scholarship opportunities for students attending publicly-supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The awards process is highly competitive and is given to outstanding and qualified students who plan to earn a baccalaureate, graduate or law degree from an accredited college or university. The average award is \$3,100 per student per semester. Most scholarships are one year, non-renewable unless otherwise indicated and awards are given without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability or national origin.

## **TMCF Scholarships are:**

- Merit-based, and applicants must have a financial need to qualify
- Restricted for payment of tuition, on-campus room and board, books, and fees
- Paid directly to the college or university on behalf of the award recipient to be credited to his or her school account

## **Employment**

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Management and Program Analyst, GS-0343-12-13, CLOSE 4/4/2018, FEMA-18-TM-209504-DE, Washington, DC
- Lead, Emergency Management Specialist, NQ 02, CLOSE 4/5/2018, 18-XA-0885-NNSA, Albuquerque, NM
- Emergency Management Specialist (Preparedness), GS 12-13, CLOSE 4/6/2018, FEMA-18-KN-199221-DE, Chicago, IL
- Supervisor Emergency Management Specialist (Planning Section Chief), IT 04, CLOSE 4/6/2018, FEMA-18-JEF-215293-IMAT, Philadelphia, PA
- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 12, CLOSE 4/11/2018, CASB-10164015-18-AEM, Miami, FL

Higher Education Vacancies:

- MacMurray College – Assistant Professor, Homeland Security
- South University – Faculty, Public Health
- Southern New Hampshire University – Online Adjunct Instructor, Graduate Public Health Program
- University of New Haven – Chair, Department of National Security
- University of North Texas – Professor, Epidemiology

## **Resources**

2017 Disaster Contracting: Observations on Federal Contracting for Response and Recovery Efforts

PrepTalks: Financial Literacy and Overcoming Liquid Asset Poverty

S&T Snapshot: DHS and EPA Are Prepared to Restore Subways in the Event of a Bioterrorist Attack

The [Campus Resilience Program Resource Library](#) aims to provide members of the academic community with access to resources, strategies, guidelines, and templates to address a variety of different vulnerabilities and risks. This library organizes resources according to a specific threat/hazard, and then further categorizes

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each resource according to its relevant Mission Area, as outlined in the [Federal Emergency Management Agency's \(FEMA\) National Preparedness Goal](#).

*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*

[DHS Working to Enhance School Safety, Increase Preparedness](#)

[Monitoring Kentucky Dams – Protecting Waterfront Communities](#)

[Understanding University emergency preparedness](#)

## Calendar

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) USA Healthcare Caucus in partnership with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is holding the second webinar on the Emergency Preparedness Final Rule Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. ET. Caecilia (Cece) Blondiaux, Quality, Safety & Oversight Group (QSOG), CMS will provide a recap and updates on the final rule and highlight and discuss key areas where CMS is seeing an increased number of deficiencies as related to the final rule. Submit questions in advance to [iaem.health@gmail.com](mailto:iaem.health@gmail.com) no later than April 16, 2018. [To register.](#)

[National Emergency Management Executive Academy \(NEMEA\) Overview/FY19 Application Process](#)

[National Emergency Management Advanced Academy \(NEMAA\) Overview/FY19 Application Process](#)

## FEMA's Emergency Management Institute Weekly EMI e-Forums

- April 4 – EMPP: Blended Methods of Training to Deliver the Basic Academy
- April 11 - Incorporating Reusable Learning Objects (RLOs) in Training: How to tips from an Instructional Systems Designer
- April 18 - Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP): How the Application Process Works
- April 25 - Engaging Faith-Based and Community Organizations: Preparedness Considerations for Emergency Managers

[To Login, Conference call-in:](#) 800-320-4330, PIN 107622. [For questions.](#)

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

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Jobs and Internships Webinar](#)

**When:** April 19, 2018

**Time:** 4 - 5 p.m. (ET)

FEMA's mission statement is "Helping people before, during, and after disasters." Representatives from FEMA will discuss how to join their mission.

[U.S. Customs and Border Patrol \(CBP\) Frontline Jobs and Internships Webinar](#)

**When:** April 25, 2018

**Time:** 4 - 5 p.m. (ET)

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With more than 60,000 employees, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is one of the world's largest law enforcement organizations and is charged with keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S. while facilitating lawful international travel and trade. Sign up for the webinar to learn more about CBP career opportunities.

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