Program News for the week ending March 9, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates
Message from the Higher Education Program Manager
You wouldn’t know from the cold weather we have been having that the first day of spring is less than 2 weeks away, and tomorrow we have snow in the forecast! That said, we have been staying warm in the Higher Education Program by the constant movement this week has required! We started the week with the Information Sharing Symposium SIG planning meeting call. I always leave that call feeling so grateful for the community’s input toward the symposium planning, and this week was no exception. We had 13 people join us to discuss how we will make this event even better than prior years, and that is a not an easy order to fill!

We hosted the SIG leadership call. This is an hour call we plan each quarter to provide space for SIG leads to talk about what is working, what challenges they have, and to share activities. During this particular meeting, there was a lot of good dialogue regarding ethics in emergency engagement academics and practice. Remember, SIGs are a great way to get involved and contribute to the professional development of the emergency management academic discipline. All SIGs are open to the full community. Check out our webpage to learn more.

This week I had a very inspiring call with Mr. Mike Burns, EPA Region 4, from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Colleges/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP). I am very excited at the potential to work together with other federal partners and our broader community to provide students and faculty viable opportunities to build resilience together with this program. We have a follow up meeting scheduled for next week, and I will keep you apprised as this endeavor unfolds. I hope, in the meantime, you will check out the link and reach back to me with your ideas of potential collaboration!

Next week we have a lot going on too. Remember to mark your calendar and register for the webinar next Wednesday on FEMA Careers at 2:30 p.m. ET and then our community call on Friday at 2:00 p.m. ET. Looking forward to connecting with you in those environments soon! Have a great week and Rock Resilience!

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: FEMA Careers - March 13, 2018 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET. The webinar will present an overview of FEMA’s mission, career opportunities, the various employment types and developmental roles available within the agency. In addition, information and advice on the application process, resume writing and interviewing techniques will be provided. All questions will be addressed following the presentation.
Presenters:
- Jessica Taylor, Program Analyst - FEMA Office of Human Capital & member of Recruitment Branch
- Lee Crouse, FEMA’s Pathways Internship Coordinator

Registration: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/femacareers/event/registration.html
Conference Call-In: 1-800-320-4330, PIN: 376368
For additional information: Contact Wendy Walsh, EMI Higher Education Program Manager at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov

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.

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 on the list or have program updates, please 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 now on the website. The application deadline is April 27, 2018.
- Call for Papers, Presentations and Posters, poster guidelines and the cover page is posted. Deadline is **NOW BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 9th**.

**Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities**
The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Initiative) offers part-time internships year-round. Applicants who can commit to at least 20 hours a week and are available
in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Department of Education, Initiative headquarters will be considered. For more information and to register. **Summer 2018 internship applications are due March 15, 2018.**

Frederick Community College and the Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management are the first organizations to jointly sponsor a Registered Apprenticeship Program. The program is a partnership with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, University of Maryland University College, Montgomery College, and Anne Arundel Community College along with Maryland local government and private sector employers. Employers interested in learning more about becoming a partner in this program should contact Kathy Francis by email or 240-629-7804. For more information.

**Employment**

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 09 – 12, CLOSE 3/12/2018, FEMA-18-TDS-212713-CORE, Bothell, WA
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, GS 14, CLOSE 3/14/2018, 1800281ASMP, San Francisco County, CA
- Fire Program Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 03/12/2018, FEMA-18-AW-189312-DE, Emmitsburg, MD
- Instructional Systems Specialist, GS 12-13, CLOSE 03/19/2018, FEMA-18-AW-187630-DE, Emmitsburg, MD

Higher Education Vacancies:

- **University of Colorado, Denver** – Associate Professor or Professor, Public Health
- **University of California, Santa Barbara** - Business Continuity Specialist and member of the Emergency Operations Team
- **University of Oregon** - Health, Safety, and Risk Manager

**Resources**

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced the availability of new federal assistance for schools, school districts, and students who were impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and the 2017 California wildfires. The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 authorizes an additional $2.7 billion to support K-12 school districts and schools as well as institutions of higher education (IHEs) with post-emergency recovery. The following programs will be funded through the new federal assistance:

(1) Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations (Restart)
(2) Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students
(3) Assistance for Homeless Children and Youth
(4) Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education
(5) Defraying Costs of Enrolling Displaced Students in Higher Education
The Department will be sharing additional information soon, including the application packages and technical assistance, on its "Disaster Relief" webpage at https://www.ed.gov/disasterrelief. For additional information on the programs for K-12 schools and school districts, contact David Esquith, Director, Office of Safe and Healthy Students. For additional information on the programs for IHEs, contact Adam Kissel, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs, Office of Postsecondary Education.

The Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) has just released its annotated version of the annual Worldwide Threat Assessment 2018. The Worldwide Threat Assessment has been presented to Congress annually by the Director of National Intelligence; and before that office was created, it was presented by the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. This annual threat assessment testimony, published as text, is one of the most informative top-level products of the U.S. Intelligence Community that is publicly available. Since 2014, the CHDS at the Naval Postgraduate School has produced and provided a multi-media enhanced, annotated version of the text document.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate’s (S&T) Next Generation First Responder (NGFR) Apex Program has collaborated with industry and first responders to identify capability gaps in existing technology. The collaboration works toward filling these gaps by integrating current and emerging technologies to improve emergency response, responder safety, and situational awareness.

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.

The Pact Changing How Governments Respond to Disaster

More than 12 years after Hurricane Katrina, scientists are learning what makes some survivors more resilient than others

FEMA Wants Counties to Take Charge of Pre-Disaster Logistics

Calendar
The Case Teaching and Learning SIG will meet by conference call on Friday, March 16 @ 3 p.m. EDT. This SIG offers a forum for educators interested in developing emergency management cases and the pedagogical approaches to use them. The SIG will facilitate the exchange and co-creation of case and instructional materials, and support skill development. If you would like to attend, please contact one of the
SIG co-leads: Jane Kushma (jkushma@jsu.edu) or Jean Slick (jean.slick@royalroads.ca) and they will provide meeting agenda.

The 6th Annual Best Practices Conference will be held at Tennessee State University on May 22-24, 2018.

Crisis Leadership: Promoting Emotional and Mental Well-Being Symposium held on April 26, 2018 at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. The Symposium is co-sponsored by the USU National Center for Disaster Medicine & Public Health, the USU Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress and the USU LEAD program. To register.

The DHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (DHS Center), the DHS Blue Campaign, Office on Trafficking in Persons at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and FEMA, are co-hosting a webinar on Preventing Human Trafficking in Disasters: What You Need to Know and What You Can Do on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. EDT. This webinar will provide information and resources on how to identify the risk factors that may lead to human trafficking. This also includes information on how to better prepare faith and community groups, first responders and emergency managers to recognize social and emotional impacts caused by disasters. Click here or copy and paste the full URL to register: https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/preventhumantrafficking/event/registration.html.

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (EDT)

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