

Program News for the week ending October 5, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

This week has been full of learning! The week kicked off with a great meeting in partnership with Swedish Defense University to discuss co-hosting an innovative workshop for educators, specifically around the topic of building culture of preparedness and societal security. In early November, we will be collaborating with the Foreign Service Institute to host this one-day workshop and following up with another workshop in Stockholm later in the month. We will have a full report of the outcomes of these events posted on our website by the end of the calendar year. If you are interested in this topic, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

This Tuesday and Wednesday, I joined Dr. Stacy Willet who chaired a focus group to explore the development of a FEMA internship process to support disaster incident workforce needs. It was a nicely balanced group of academic and practitioners. It was an energized gathering of academics and practitioners engaged in discovering stakeholder perspectives, motivations and process requirements. I am happy to report that we have come to a notional path forward and plan to continue working toward refining a pilot process in the coming year. A key driver for the process that emerged was the National Qualification System (NQS). If you haven't been keeping up with the NQS, I think it would be a valuable use of time to check into it. I expect there will be many opportunities for academia to contribute to the implementation of NQS in the near future. The focus group report will be out in the next couple of months, and we will provide you a link in our newsletter when it does!



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Members of the Disaster Workforce Internship Needs Focus Group check their phones after receiving the test of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. The Emergency Alert System is a national public warning system that provides the President with the communications capability to address the nation during a national emergency.

Last week, I shared that I attended the DHS Office of Academic Engagement National Table Top Exercise (NTTX). It was a great experience for the student as well as a great learning experience for me. The campus emergency management community is an outstanding community of professionals working closely across their campus to be prepared to respond, recover and mitigate from disasters. Their networks are impressive, and sometimes they include teaching and research faculty, and unfortunately, sometimes there seems to be a divide between academic and practice, even on our own campus. I am always grateful when we have practitioners on our community calls, as I think it enriches our discussion. At the NNTX, the National

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Intercollegiate Mutual Aid Agreement (NIMMA) was shared with the group, and I thought it might be interesting for academic programs to learn more about and discuss this effort. I asked the presenter, Ms. Krista Dillion, Director of Operations for the University of Oregon to share a few paragraphs about the program for us to learn more, and below you will find what she shared. I look forward to hearing your thoughts about this effort and learning more about the relationship your academic programs have with your campus emergency management. Wishing you all a great weekend!

National Intercollegiate Mutual Aid Agreement (NIMAA)

In 2014, the International Association of Emergency Management University and Colleges Caucus (IAEM UCC) conducted a survey of public and private institutes of higher education across the United States. Over half (52%) of the respondents acknowledged their institution has participated in receiving or providing intercollegiate or other mutual aid in the past. Furthermore, 81% stated their organization currently participates in some form of a mutual aid agreement. These results demonstrate that colleges and universities are an integral part of their communities and cannot “go it alone” when critical incidents occur. External assistance is an important element of the safety, security, recovery and restoration on college campuses across the country.

Similar to other mutual aid agreements, the National Intercollegiate Mutual Aid Agreement (NIMAA) is a source for providing and/or receiving assistance. Participating in multiple agreements provides institutes of higher education with flexibility when evaluating the most effective and efficient means of obtaining resources during an emergency.

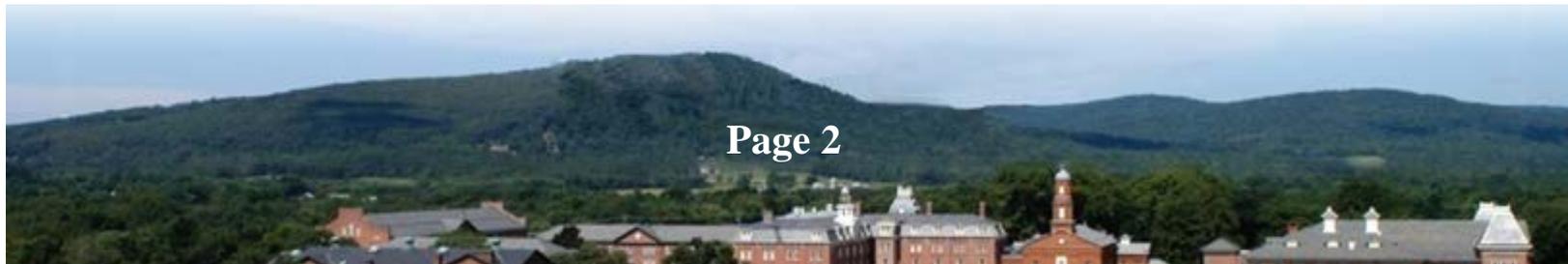
Unlike typical government mutual aid agreements, NIMAA membership can include both public and private institutions. The NIMAA is a mutual aid agreement that is complementary to other mutual aid agreements / programs, and works in cooperation with other plans. By adopting the NIMAA approach to mutual aid and assistance, colleges and universities are able to sign a single agreement covering issues such as indemnification, workers’ compensation, and reimbursement. The agreement allows institutes of higher education to share equipment, personnel and other resources. Institutions participating in the NIMAA may be eligible for FEMA assistance / reimbursement and are not precluded from participation in, nor does NIMAA supersede, other mutual aid agreements / programs. NIMAA must be signed as is.

Over 75 institutions across the country have signed onto the agreement, which was activated for the first time in 2017.

To request more information on NIMAA, complete the following interest form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=5f896ea16d5d40d0a1c67944c6da8c98>

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.



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Next Hi Ed Webinar: Storytelling in Emergency Management, October 16, 2018, 2:00 – 3:30 PM. Storytelling as it relates to planning for emergencies, understanding community values to promote preparedness, improving our ability to effectively teach and generally work toward honing our storytelling skills. Examples will be provide of how to develop and extract the stories as well as explore the theoretical approaches that guide and strengthen storytelling. The webinar will be an opportunity for you to share your experiences using stories in emergency management.

Registration and Conference Call-In: 1-800-320-4330, PIN: 376368#

The next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, October 26, 2018, from 2:00-3:00 PM EDT, 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368. Please join us. Learn from the emergency management academic community about 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 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, 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 or updated program to include, send an email to FEMA-emi_collelist@fema.dhs.gov.

NEW:

- Waldorf University – Bachelor of Arts in Homeland Security with optional concentrations in Criminal Justice and Emergency Management

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

Newly-published Open Access *Social Media Use In Crisis and Risk Communication: Emergencies, Concerns and Awareness*. Edited by Harald Hornmoen, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway, and Klas Backholm, Åbo Akademi University, Finland. The ebook edition of this title is Open Access and is freely available to read online at <https://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/book/10.1108/9781787562691>.

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 10/9/2018, ST-10308735-18-JCE, Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist (EOC), GS 9-11, CLOSE 10/9/2018, SWGJ181244935452, Huntington, WV

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- Emergency Management Specialist, GS 12, CLOSE 10/9/2018, [1800621SOMP](#), San Francisco, CA
- Interdisciplinary, GS 12-13, CLOSE 10/9/2018, [DEST-10302840-18-PA](#), Boston, MA
- Emergency Management Specialist-Recovery (Public Assistance Program Delivery Manager), IM02, CLOSE 10/15/2018, [FEMA-18-TLW-247218-RSV](#), Location Negotiable
- Instructional Systems Specialist, GS 11, CLOSE 10/15/2018, [FEMA-19-TM-253417-DE](#). Anniston, AL
- IT Specialist (INFOSEC), GS 11-13, CLOSE 11/20/2018, [DHA-10168989-18-LM](#), Pensacola, FL and Arlington, VA

HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

Following a Presidential major disaster declaration, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) helps communities implement hazard mitigation measures to reduce the risk of physical and social impacts from future disasters. While homeowner's cannot apply directly for HMGP funding, local communities can sponsor applications on behalf of homeowners and apply to the states, territory, or tribal governments. Check out our Homeowner's Guide to HMGP for more information.

https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1493317448449-b83f27544e36b7bf67913f964a56b15a/HMA_Homeowners_Guide_040717_508.pdf

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [St. John's University](#) – Adjunct Faculty, Cyber Security
- [Virginia Commonwealth University](#) – Assistant Professor, Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- [Arkansas State University](#) - [Temporary Assistant Professor 12 Mo](#)
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Worldwide - Seven (7) Tenure-track Assistant Professors for a Cluster Hire :
 - Assistant Professor, Aviation Cybersecurity (tenure-track) – 1
 - Assistant Professor, Crisis/Risk Communication Studies (tenure-track) – 1
 - Assistant Professor, Cybersecurity/Computer Science (tenure-track) – 2
 - Assistant Professor, Emergency Services (tenure-track) – 2
 - Assistant Professor, Industrial/Organizational Psychology (tenure-track) – 1

Resources

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has collected resources to help your community recover from the emotional impact of disasters:

- [Coping with Disasters Health Information Guide](#)
The guide includes links to recent additions to the Disaster Lit® database, like these resources from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):
- [Getting Ahead of the Storm: Support for Seniors, Families, and Caregivers](#)
- [Behavioral Health Conditions in Children and Youth Exposed to Natural Disasters](#)
- [Disaster Distress Helpline: Incidents of Mass Violence First Responders: Behavioral Health Concerns, Emergency](#)



Response, and Trauma: Disaster Technical Assistance Center Supplemental Research Bulletin

The resources below compiled through a variety of sources and included here as interesting and relevant resources for research or classroom use. The links provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only. They do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program.

[Congressional Primer on Responding to Major Disasters and Emergencies](#)

[Evacuation Decision-Making: How People Make Choices in Disasters](#)

[FEMA Authorities Say Watch for Scams](#)

[Florence Damage up to 1,950 Buildings in Cumberland County, N.C.](#)

[Indonesia's Deadly Tsunami Highlights Shortcomings in California's Early Warning System](#)

[San Francisco Empowering Middle-Schoolers to Educate on Earthquake Preparedness](#)

[Students Simulate Mass Casualty Incident](#)

[The Science Behind Home Disaster Preparedness Kits Is a Disaster](#)

Calendar

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute weekly EMI e-Forums are 1-hour, moderated, webinar discussion forums that provide an opportunity for EMI and the emergency management community to discuss matters of interest on national preparedness training. EMI e-Forums facilitate a discussion of whole community-presented best practices. E-Forums will be held on the following Wednesdays in October from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT. Read more in [Training Bulletin 1436 \(REVISED\)](#).

- 10/3 The Emergency Management Profession at Universities-Postponed as the moderator is deployed in Hurricane Florence response
- 10/10 Nothing Scheduled – Columbus Day Holiday
- 10/17 Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management
- 10/24 The Advanced Professional Series (APS) and the States
- 10/31 Red Cross Emergency Management Programs

Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Application Period Now Open. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that the application period for more than \$395 million in hazard mitigation grants is now open. Eligible applicants -- state, local, tribal and territorial governments -- may apply for the [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) (FMA) and [Pre-Disaster Mitigation](#) (PDM) grants through 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Jan. 31, 2019. To help with the development of Hazard Mitigation Assistance applications [multiple tools](#) are available including fact sheets, benefit cost analysis guidance and job aids.

National Protection and Programs Directorate, Internships Webinar, Hosted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Thursday, October 18, 2018, 4 – 5 p.m. EDT. The live webinar will provide an overview of NPPD, available internships, the application and hiring process, and a panel of experts will be available for Q&A. The event is free for participants. As space is limited, you are encouraged to [register](#) as soon as possible.

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FEMA is hosting the **2019 Annual Hazard Mitigation Stakeholder Workshop** from **April 1 to 5, 2019**. This year's workshop theme is Advance Mitigation by Reducing Complexity. The workshop theme falls in line with FEMA's first and third strategic goals of "Build a Culture of Preparedness" and "Reducing the Complexity of FEMA." The abstracts must promote mitigation and reducing the complexity of it. The deadline for abstract submissions is October 17, 2018. Submit your abstract: fema-2019hmworkshop@fema.dhs.gov.

Participation is by invitation only – FEMA must accept your registration in order for you to attend the workshop. Registration for the 2019 Hazard Mitigation Stakeholder Workshop will be open in December 2018. For more information, visit <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-stakeholder-workshop>.

Most presentations from the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Stakeholder workshop are available

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