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Program News for the week ending September 28, 2018

Higher Education Program Updates

Good Day emergency management Higher education community and friends! This was a very packed week and I am only at the mid-point of the week. First, let me thank each of you who were able to join the webinar and community call last week. We had a great turnout for both. Those exchanges provide space for us to learn from each other. The slides from the webinar are on our [website](#), email for [recording link](#).

This week I was extremely honored to attend the DHS Office of Academic Engagement National Table Top Exercise (NTTX). It was a wonderful event with over 400 people from over 125 institutions of higher education emergency management teams. FEMA's Deputy Administrator for Resilience Dr. Daniel Kaniewski, provided opening remarks on the first day, FEMA Region VI's Regional Administrator Tony Robinson, spoke on the second day and the FEMA Director of Individual and Community Preparedness (ICPD) Natalie Enclade, provided a seminar on FEMA community programs and initiatives. FEMA Deputy Federal Preparedness Coordinator from Region VI, Mr. Randy Meshell, was also in attendance with several positive conversations about connecting and coordinating with the Higher Education Program community and capabilities. The highlight of the event was meeting the outstanding emergency management students from Texas Southern University! I am very grateful to Dr. Ponmile Olonilua and her students, Ed Clark, Chris Delaney, Herbert Henderson, and Jennifer Rhodes for their professionalism and service as note-takers for this important event.



Photo Credit: Olivia Izzi

Coming up this next week, we will be hosting a focus group to explore internship possibilities to support FEMA's disaster workforce needs. The two-fold purpose of this focus group is to better leverage the emergency management academic community to support the needed workforce for disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation and to better leverage FEMA in providing valuable work experience to equip the next generation emergency managers. Dr. Stacy Willet from the University of Akron will chair this focus group, bringing together the emergency management academic community and FEMA disaster workforce leaders to share, discuss and better understand possible pathways to leverage emergency Management students as a viable support to disaster workforce needs.

Texas Southern University Students serve the DHS National Table Top Exercise (NTTX) at the University of Texas San Antonio. Pictured from left to right: Henry (Ed) Clark, Dr. Ponmile Olonilua, Herbert Henderson, Wendy Walsh (FEMA), Jennifer Rhodes, Christopher Delaney and Emily Lapham (DHS).

Wishing you all a great week ahead. Be safe & be well!

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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.

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.

National Preparedness Month

The City of Long Beach and California State University Long Beach collaborate yearly in conducting a Preparedness Expo titled "Ready Long Beach." The event is widely attended by the entire community. Additionally, each year the Master's program has a table at the fair promoting higher education in emergency management; it is always fun because people get very excited about discovering emergency management can be a career path. This event is always a good local attraction for prospective students, and currently there are approximately 120 Master's students in our program.



Dr. Peter Kreysa staffing the California State University Online Master of Science in Emergency Services Administration Program booth. Photo Credit: Peter Kreysa

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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.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

Development Innovation Ventures Accepting New Applications USAID's open innovation program - Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) - is accepting new applications. DIV tests new ideas and scales proven solutions to any global development challenge. DIV provides tiered grant funding (\$50,000 to \$5,000,000) for innovative solutions that demonstrate rigorous evidence of impact, cost-effectiveness, and a viable pathway to scale. Anyone anywhere can apply at any time. [For more information.](#)

Employment

Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, GS 15, CLOSE 10/1/2018, [FEMA-18-BG-244976-MP](#), Washington, D.C.
- Emergency Management Specialist (Public Safety) DHA, ZP 04, CLOSE 10/1/2018, [NTIA-FRNA-2018-0037](#), Boulder County, CO
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery) (CRC Lane Manager), IC 13, CLOSE 10/3/2018, [FEMA-18-CRC-16533-CORE-R](#), Winchester, VA
- Emergency Management Specialist –Direct Hire Authority, NH 1-4, CLOSE 11/9/2018, [AFMC-10075536-DHA-NH0089-JL](#), Edwards AFB, CA
- Paralegal Specialist, GS 9, CLOSE 10/09/2018, [FEMA-18-TM-253386-DE](#), Anniston, AL
- Program Analyst, GS-0343-11/12, CLOSE 10/01/2018, [FEMA-18-TM-252668-DE](#), Washington, DC

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Agnes Scott College](#) – Tenure Track, Public Health Faculty
- [Austin Community College District](#) – Faculty, Emergency Management
- [Sam Houston State University](#) – Assistant Professor, Security Studies
- [Utah Valley University](#) – Faculty, Public and Community Health
- [Vanderbilt University](#) - Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- [Virginia Commonwealth University](#) - Assistant Professor, Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

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Resources

Ready 2 Help card game for kids. Ready 2 Help teaches kids five simple steps to stay safe and make a difference until help arrives. Ready 2 Help is designed for afterschool programs, extracurricular youth groups, and home play. The card game and companion book are [available to download](#). [To learn more.](#)

Three Washington Students Selected for FEMA Regional Youth Preparedness Council. Three teens from Washington have been selected to be part of the inaugural FEMA Region 10 Youth Preparedness Council (YPC), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) announced August 29, 2018. The Region 10 YPC currently has nine members representing the four states in the FEMA Region—Washington, Alaska, Oregon, and Idaho. The 2018 Washington selectees are Gabrielle Karber of Vancouver, Teagan Grabish of Blaine, and Ritusha Samal of Redmond.

Recording and slides available for September 20, 2018, Disaster Information Specialist webinar “Planning for Disaster: Partnerships Ensure Continuity of Operations.” Speakers from the National Library of Medicine and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center described steps that libraries can take to develop Continuity of Operations plans to deal with the new realities in disaster preparedness. They explored the development and maintenance of a real life collaboration between three military libraries and two federal libraries. [Webinar recording](#) (MP4) and [Webinar slides](#) (MS PowerPoint)

Hurricane Florence data sources

Emergency Managers Urge Congress to Pass Disaster Reforms

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.

FEMA Challenges & Responses, 2017-2018

Managing a Cyber Attack on Critical Infrastructure: challenges of federal, state, local, and private sector collaboration

PREPTALK, “WE
SUCCEED OR FAIL
TOGETHER”

Vance Taylor shares the personal story of a shelter that failed to take into account the needs of people with access and functional needs and how emergency managers can achieve better integrated planning. Taylor explains the importance of understanding the communities we serve and the need to integrate people with access and functional needs within each phase of planning for communication, sheltering, evacuation, and medical needs.

<https://www.fema.gov/preptalks/taylor>

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Campus Firewatch At-a-Glance Resource List has checklists, videos, and more, many developed through a series of FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grants over the years. There are videos including The Alarming Truth, which portrays the impact of a fictional, but based-in-reality, off-campus fire; the Did YOU Know? series of short clips featuring college students giving short facts about fire safety; nine Fires about a series of nine fires that happened across the country within weeks of each other, and more.

Family Reunification Following Disasters: A Planning Tool for Health Care Facilities. American Academy of Pediatrics in collaboration with Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Disaster Medicine. Website: <https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/AAP-Reunification-Toolkit.pdf>

Description: The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Family Reunification Following Disasters: A Planning Tool for Health Care Facilities is meant to provide planning assistance for hospitals as they review and update their plans to provide information, support services, and safe reunification assistance to family members of patients who have experienced disasters.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Campus Resilience Program is seeking a partner college or university to serve as the host institution for the winter 2019 Regional Tabletop Exercise for Institutions of Higher Education (RTTX), anticipated to be held in February 2019. The final event date will be dependent on the selected host institution's schedule and availability. If your institution would like to host this event, please email AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov to receive the host institution specifications document and application. All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET, Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

Calendar

7th Annual NYS (New York State) College & University Emergency Management Workshop on January 10-11, 2019 in Binghamton, NY. Call for Presentations deadline October 31, 2018.

NETC Library

Featured collections:

- **August: Weather and Climate.** Six U.S. weather-related disasters with losses exceeding \$1 billion each have already occurred in 2018. [Explore this collection](#) to learn about extreme weather, weather prediction, mitigating weather impacts, and record-setting weather events.
- **September: Terrorism.** This collection highlights the issues that make terrorism one of the most challenging and serious threats to peace and security at home and abroad. [Browse the collection.](#)

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