Program News for the week ending April 19, 2019

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Higher Education Program Manager’s Message

Good Day Emergency Management Higher Education Community & Friends,

Wow! It has been a whirlwind week of wonderful progress! First, we have completed notifications to all those who have submitted to present at the Higher Education Symposium and have a draft agenda posted on our website. The competition was very stiff this year and it was very difficult to make the cuts as each submission had some merit. We have offered many of those who were not selected opportunities to develop a poster or host a world café session to provide a space for sharing their work and generating community dialogue. We have a very content rich professional learning program planned for you all. I will also look to record a few sessions to serve as future resources and if you are not able to attend, please make time to review the agenda for topics of interest. Within about 30 days of the symposium, we post the presentation slides to our website and expect we will have the proceedings completed by August.

This week we hosted the initial planning of the Academic and Practitioner collaboration session for FEMA Region IV. We confirmed the date of July 25th for the gathering in Atlanta, GA. We are also planning synchronistic satellite engagements in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee. If you are in Region IV (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) and are interested in participating please send me an email (URL: wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov). You can also find previous regional engagement reports on our website (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/femawebinar.aspx) under “New Information & Resources.”

I am very excited for our upcoming webinar (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/docs/webinarseries/2019/2019%20training%20bulletin%20(service-learning%20leadership%20sig).pdf) scheduled for April 30th from 2:00-3:30 PM EST on the topic of “Interdisciplinary Work in Emergency Management and Service-Learning Courses.” We will hear from Cornell University and the University of South Florida faculty who have employed an interdisciplinary approach to service learning, highlighting real-world examples and the benefits of engaging collective expertise to create robust service learning course experiences. This webinar topic and speakers were provided by the Higher Education Program Service Learning and Leadership SIG.
In closing I want to remind you that our community call is scheduled for this Friday, April 19th at 2:00PM EST. This is a great opportunity for us to engage in an informal dialogue to share what the Higher Education Program has been up to and learn more about our community’s activities. I hope you will make time to join us by calling 1-800-320-4330 PIN 376368!

Higher Education Program Updates

The next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, April 19, from 2-3 PM ET, 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, Wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov, with your discussion topics.

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 – SAVE THE DATE: Interdisciplinary Work in Emergency Management and Service-Learning Course, April 30, 2019, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET.

Integration of different disciplines in the design of an emergency management service-learning course provides a unique opportunity to enhance discussions and solve real-world problems. Faculty from Cornell University and the University of South Florida will provide examples of how they have taken an interdisciplinary approach to service-learning to understand complex issues and evaluate solutions to these challenges. Instead of sharing a set of fundamental skills and experience, students are able to benefit from the collective expertise of their peers and working with diverse community partners. Through service-learning courses, faculty are able to provide opportunities for students to learn how to work productively with other disciplines and use their existing knowledge to address a need in the community. Join us to learn about how to foster these experiences in your courses to help prepare students for an integrated approach to learning, expanding their capacity to work across disciplines in their professional work, and foster a willingness to participate in civic life in their communities.

Presenters:
- Rebecca Morgenstern Brenner, Cornell University
- Elizabeth Dunn, University of South Florida
- Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

Registration: (URL: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/em-service-learning-courses/event/registration.html)
Conference Call-In: 1-800-320-4330, PIN: 376368
Special Interest Groups (SIGs). FEMA’s Higher Education Program encourages the organization of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to support the increased exchange of knowledge in specific areas and applications of emergency management education. A SIG will provide a forum within the Higher Education community of interest to bring together people who have a common curiosity. The SIG will serve as a focal point for community development in their special area. SIGs can potentially become involved in co-authoring/researching, and serving as mentors to students and subject matter experts to practitioners. For more information and a list of SIGs (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx). To join a SIG send an email to Barbara Johnson (URL: Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov) or Danielle Green (URL: Danielle.Green@associates.fema.dhs.gov).

The 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, June 3-6, will be held at FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, MD. In the coming months, we will post additional information to the Hi Ed website (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/) as it becomes available. A few items of interest:

- **Due date for applications to attend the symposium:**
  - Domestic applications due **April 26th**
- **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award — Nomination information** (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/19conf/sotl%20award%20criteria_final.pdf)
- **Student Volunteers needed for Hi Ed Symposium** (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/19conf/2019%20student%20internship%20opportunity%20notification.pdf). Great opportunity to meet and hear some of the best in the field of emergency management and homeland security.
- **Moderator opportunities are still available** (URL: https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/19conf/2019%20higher%20education%20symposium%20moderator%20checklist.pdf).
College List

The Higher Education Program keeps a list of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Higher Education Program 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-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) (URL: https://sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/?utm_content&utm_medium=email&utm_name&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term), will be facilitating various events for HBCU students and faculty in the upcoming months to provide information on Careers in Public Service. Virtual events will include representatives from various federal agencies who will provide information about part- and full-time service opportunities within the public sector.

This month the Initiative will collaborate with the Office of Personnel Management to provide current HBCU students, soon to be graduates, and recent graduates, information on the OPM Pathways Program and provide technical assistance on writing a federal resume. This webinar will take place on Tuesday, April 23rd from 10:30AM-1:00PM, ET. We strongly encourage current HBCU students, soon to be graduates and recent graduates to join! Additional information is listed below.

Webinar Details:
- OPM Pathways Program and Federal Resume Writing
- Tuesday, April 23, 2019
- Time: 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM ET
- Link: http://ems8.intellor.com?do=register&t=1&p=814303


Acquisition Professional, Procurement, and the Pathways Program

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) invites students to participate in an Acquisition Professional Career Program Webinar for undergraduate and graduate students. Specifically, this webinar will highlight the Acquisition Professional Career Program, position skills and requirements.

Introducing the Cybersecurity Talent Initiative

Partnership for Public Service and Mastercard have joined forces with global companies and federal agencies to launch the **Cybersecurity Talent Initiative** (URL: https://www.cybertalentinitiative.org/?utm_source=MASTER&utm_campaign=23bbfcdfdc-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_04_03_12_34&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3aed0f55fc-23bbfcdfdc-213463429). This initiative aims to provide highly qualified recent graduates with professional experience, leadership, and professional development and networking opportunities. Visit cybertalentinitiative.org for more information. Join the conversation online using #DigitalDefenders.

**Dear Colleague Letter: International Training and Education in Advanced Technologies (ATE-I)**
National Science Foundation

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**Employment**

**Federal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:**
- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 11, CLOSE 4/22/2019, FEMA-19-CTG-286612-CORE (https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/530620900), Washington, DC; Hyattsville, MD; Denton, TX; Winchester, VA
- Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, IC 14, CLOSE 4/30/2019, FEMA-19-THS-283780-CORE (URL: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/530753500), Austin, TX

**Higher Education Vacancies:**
- **Marshall University** (URL: https://marshall.peopleadmin.com/postings) – Assistant Professor, Family and Community Health
- **Monroe Community College** (URL: https://monroecc.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp;jsessionid=54DD99E6D8B64CE2D264120FFE6ED7A9;jsessionid=5F26343E8E3FCE2F711A4D3280C451DC;jsessionid=46780C6790C45370564BA7C282C151E7?JOBID=109487&jobboard=148) – Adjunct Faculty, Homeland Security Management Institute
- **SUNY Canton** (URL: https://monroecc.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp;jsessionid=54DD99E6D8B64CE2D264120FFE6ED7A9;jsessionid=5F26343E8E3FCE2F711A4D3280C451DC;jsessionid=46780C6790C45370564BA7C282C151E7?JOBID=109487&jobboard=148) – Adjunct Faculty, Homeland Security Management Institute
The resources below are compiled through a variety of sources and included here as 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 Disaster Information Management Research Center [Disaster Lit®: Database for Disaster Medicine and Public Health](URL: https://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/disaster-lit) database has recently been updated, and is now available.


A newly signed law gives the Information Technology Department the authority to define cybersecurity for all public entities within the state.
Measles Outbreak on Pace to Be Largest in Decades (URL: https://www.routefifty.com/health-human-services/2019/04/measles-outbreak-largest/156316/)
Route Fifty

Ninety new cases were confirmed last week, bringing the nationwide total to 555, according to federal health officials.

Is Texas leading on disaster preparedness? Yes and no, experts say (URL: http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20190416-is-texas-leading-on-disaster-preparedness-yes-and-no-experts-say)
Homeland Security News Wire

During the first legislative session since Hurricane Harvey, state lawmakers are poised to make an investment in storm recovery and flood mitigation that some have described as unprecedented. But it’s more complicated than that.

FEMA Podcast
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This week’s podcast (URL: https://www.fema.gov/podcast#wcm-survey-target-id), features Rebecca Wiggins (URL: https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/audio/178556), Executive Director of the Association for Financial Counseling & Planning Education ® (AFCPE ®). The discussion focuses on better understanding FEMA's partnership with her organization and how it will benefit the nation when it comes to being financially ready for the unexpected.

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In times of disaster, supply chains can experience significant disruption, generating acute life-safety challenges and quickly turning a disaster into a catastrophe. Enhancing supply chain resilience is one of the critical actions that jurisdictions can take to strengthen community lifelines and help a community return back to normal after a disaster.

FEMA released two PrepTalks videos on supply chain resilience.
FEMA

FEMA and its emergency management partner organizations released two Supply Chain-themed PrepTalks from Dr. Jarrod Goentzel and Dr. Yossi Sheffi. These are the sixth and seventh PrepTalk videos released from the Sept. 6, 2018 symposium.
FEMA: National Tsunami Mitigation Program: Preparing for Tsunami Hazards (URL: https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/5949)

The National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP) is a Federal and State program designed to protect people and reduce property losses in the event of a tsunami. Led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the NTHMP consists of other primary participants, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This program is currently expanding to include 17 new coastal U.S. States, territories, and commonwealths at some level of risk to tsunamis along the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, and elsewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

Throughout the month of April, FEMA, in partnership with the Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC) (URL: https://www.usa.gov/flec), celebrates National Financial Capability Month with a series of social media events. Personal financial planning helps individuals and families prepare for disasters both big and small.

This week join the Twitter Chat “Insure your Financial Future” at 1 p.m. ET on April 24. Use #FinancialChat to follow along. Find out more by following #FinancialFuture2019 on social media and by visiting ready.gov (URL: https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness) and usa.gov/flec (URL: https://www.usa.gov/flec).

Calendar

DHS Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives
The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) (URL: https://www.fema.gov/nonprofit-security-grant-program) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been Released.

FY 2019 NSGP will provide $60 million to support security related investments and activities for nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack.

Eligible nonprofit organizations must apply for FY 2019 NSGP through their State Administrative Agency (SAA). A list of SAA points of contact is available at: http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/28689?id=6363.

Nonprofit organizations may not apply directly to FEMA for FY 2019 NSGP funds.

The FY 2019 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity and all related documents are available at: https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/178521.
Three tips for nonprofit organizations interested in applying for FY 2019 NSGP:

1. Contact your SAA to obtain information on the application deadline and any SAA specific requirements at: http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/28689?id=636.

2. Review the FY 2019 NSGP NOFO available at: https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/178521


For more information, please contact fema-gpd-pdsb@fema.dhs.gov

FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Weekly EMI e-Forums

Wednesdays in May 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT
EMI-Preparedness Branch

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. The panel members are whole community, with topics relevant to whole community.

Date:  Topic:
5/15 Psychological First Aid for Disaster Response Workers and Responder Recovery – Coping when the work is done
5/22 Training Employees in Disaster Environments
5/29 Veteran to FEMA: Ways to be hired

Login Link:

EMI e-Forums (URL: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/emieforums)
The Adobe Connect EMI e-Forums (URL: http://www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect/apps/adobe-connectmobile.html) are accessible for those on the go.
Conference call-in: 800-320-4330, PIN: 107622
For questions: Contact Emergency Management Institute (URL: https://training.fema.gov/contactus/sendcomment.aspx)
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