Good Day Emergency Management Higher Education Academics & Friends!

This week is a short but busy one! As I mentioned last week, I will be heading to the IAEM Annual Conference this Friday. I am very excited to meet up with many of you there. I will be hosting a session on the “Emergency Management Academic Discipline: Where have we been, Where are we going and What’s possible?” on Tuesday afternoon at 1:15 in meeting room 104 at the convention center. I hope if you are in Savannah you will come join me to engage in the dialogue and share your perspectives! Also, if you are going to be in attendance, I highly recommend downloading the IAEM to Go app. It makes creating your schedule easy and enables greater efficiency in navigating all opportunities offered. Follow #IAEM2019 on social media to follow what’s happening at the IAEM Annual Conference!

This week was made very special in that we welcomed a new team member to the Higher Education Program. Please let me introduce Ms. Rebecca Burns. She will be officially taking over the contract support duties of Danielle Green and is being well oriented and mentored into the position by Ms. Shannon Cool. We are very grateful for the continuity that is provided in the contract support to our program through Shannon’s dedication to our community over the years.

Rebecca has hit the ground running! She has already begun helping us in formatting the recently submitted Tribal College & University Focus Group report. We should have the report posted to our website in December and will follow up with a webinar after the first of the year. She has also created an informative and esthetically pleasing postcard to share our Regional Collaboration Engagements (https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/rce.aspxefforts) - this was all completed within her first 2 days! She comes to us with very strong technical and graphic design skills - we expect she will be integral to ensure our programmatic materials continue to tell the community story in a creative and effective way. Rebecca will be working with us to keep the college list current as well as supporting our SIG and focus group efforts. You can contact her via email or phone at rebecca.burns@associates.fema.dhs.gov and 301-447-7251.
I hope to see many of you at IAEM or the at the RISE conference in Albany next week (https://www.albany.edu/rise2019/home.html). If I don’t see you on the road - I hope you will join us for the community call on November 22nd at 2:00 p.m. EST. You will find details to call in further down in this newsletter. Wishing you all a great weekend and week ahead!

Higher Education Program Update

The FEMA Corps team, Jade Four, traveled to Emmitsburg MD to visit the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), the National Fire Academy, and representatives from the Higher Education Program last week, October 29. Jade Four has been supporting the National Training and Education System and the National Exercise Division since early September at FEMA Headquarters in Washington, DC. During their visit to EMI, members of the team learned about the EMI Course Curriculum, had an opportunity to attend the celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the U.S. Fire Administration, and learned opportunities to pursue higher education degrees in emergency management and homeland security at a variety of institutions nationwide.

The team wants to say thanks to Mike Sharon, Merril Sollenberger, Barbara Johnson, Patrick Cowhey, and Yale Needel for all their support in arranging the trip to the National Emergency Training Center (NETC)!

The next EM Higher Education Community Conference Call is Friday, November 22, 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 (wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov).

Special Interest Groups (SIGs). FEMA’s Higher Education Program encourages the organization of 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 (https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/specialinterest/sig.aspx). To join a SIG, send an email to Barbara Johnson (Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov).

The 22nd Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, June 1-4, 2020, will be held at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, MD. Hi Ed website (https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/). The 2020 symposium theme is “Imagination, Improvisation, and Innovation in Emergency Management Education.”

College List

The College List, located at https://training.fema.gov/hiedu/collegelist/, is an invaluable and comprehensive online resource that showcases the development of programs at all levels of study in the Emergency Management Higher Education Community, as well as the broader Homeland Security and related fields of study. This also includes public health, international disaster relief, and humanitarian assistance. Information for the College List is stored in a program database for the direct purpose of analysis and management, ensuring that it remains up-to-date and relevant. 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.

Employment

Federal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Vacancies:

- Emergency Management Specialist (Recovery), IC 09-12, CLOSE 11/19/2019, FEMA-20-THS-330771-CORE (https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/551269400), Chicago, IL (7 Vacancies)
Higher Education Vacancies:

- **Angelo State University** - Interim Department Chair, Security Studies & Criminal Justice
- **Collin College** - Adjunct Faculty, IS CyberSecurity Engineering
- **The University of Texas at San Antonio** - Assistant / Associate Professor Information Systems & Cyber Security Fall 2020
- **Tulane University** - Adjunct Lecturer, Emergency & Security Studies Program
- **Cornell University** - GIS Intern
- **University of California, Irvine** - Lecturer - Geographic Information System (GIS)
- **Eastern Michigan University** - Part-Time Lecturer (Geographic Information Science)

Other Job Opportunities:

- **New York Office of Emergency Management** – Disability Access and Functional Needs Manager

Internship, Scholarship and Training Opportunities

[University of Colorado Boulder](https://jobs.colorado.edu/jobs/JobDetail/?jobId=22237) – Environmental Futures Postdoctoral Fellow

**The Dr. Ronald Glaus Academic Achievement Award** is awarded to upper-undergraduate (junior or senior year) or graduate-level college students. The purpose of the annual award is to spur student interest in topics related to disaster behavioral health. This year’s award recipient receives registration to the 2020 Disaster Behavioral Health Conference (DBHC) and a scholarship of $1,000.

Applications may be submitted on behalf of oneself or another. Applications received by December 16, 2019, will be reviewed by the DBHC Planning Committee who will then notify the recipient by early January 2020. Awardees will receive recognition commemorating their achievement at the 2020 Disaster Behavioral Health Conference.
We will formally present these awards to the recipients at our 2020 Disaster Behavioral Health Conference, February 10, 2020, at 12:00 pm. (https://www.bolante.net/2020dbhcawards)

**Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) - The Apple and TMCF HBCU Initiative: Inspiring the Next Generation of Talent**

TMCF and Apple believe creating a diverse and inclusive workplace is the best way to attract great talent, inspire great ideas, and do great work. That’s why we are proud to present the HBCU Initiative aimed at inspiring young innovators and expanding the technical talent pool at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). We invite you to learn more about the scholarship and internship opportunity available to a select group of talented HBCU students.

For more information, please visit: [https://www.tmcf.org/our-programs/career-preparation/apple-tmcf-hbcu-initiative-2](https://www.tmcf.org/our-programs/career-preparation/apple-tmcf-hbcu-initiative-2)

### Resources

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.

- Homeland Security Today.US
  - DHS Awards $159K for Infrastructure to Prevent Credential Fraud (https://www.hstoday.us/federal-pages/dhs/dhs-st/dhs-awards-159k-for-infrastructure-to-prevent-credential-fraud/)
  - The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) has awarded $159,040 to Learning Machine Technologies, Inc. based in New York, to develop blockchain security technology to prevent credential fraud.

- Inside Higher Ed

- EDM Digest

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### FEMA is pleased to release the NIMS Incident Command System (ICS) All Hazard Position Specific (AHPS) refreshed Command Group courses

- E/L 0950, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Incident Commander Course: This course is designed to prepare local, state, tribal, and Federal emergency responders with an overview of key duties and...
responsibilities of an Incident Commander within the ICS structure and specifically for a Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).

- **E/L 0952, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Public Information Officer Course**: This course is designed to provide federal, state, and local-level emergency responders with an overview of key duties and responsibilities of a Public Information Officer in a Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).

- **E/L 0954, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer Course**: This course is designed to provide federal, state, and local-level emergency responders with an overview of key duties and responsibilities of a Safety Officer in a Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).

- **E/L 0956, NIMS ICS All-Hazards Liaison Officer Course**: This course is designed to provide federal, state, and local-level emergency responders with an overview of key duties and responsibilities of a Liaison Officer (LOFR) in a Type III All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).

EMI will be hosting a series of rollout webinars for our Stakeholders, Training Partners, and instructors. The dates and times of the webinars:

- November 19, 2019 at 11:00 am (EST)
- November 19, 2019 at 3:00 pm (EST)
- November 21, 2019 at 11:00 am (EST)
- November 21, 2019 at 3:00 pm (EST)

The webinars will be presented in our NIMS ICS Training Forum - Adobe Connect platform here:

- [NIMS ICS Training Forum](https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nimsicscurriculumrollouttigerteam/)
  - Please sign in as a guest using the following format:
    - Last Name, First Name, ST (example: Patrick, Robert, MD)
  - You may use the audio from the Adobe Connect system or call into the FEMA Teleconference call-in: 800-320-4330, PIN 884976

More info can be found here: [National Preparedness Course Catalog](https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/#anc-search-results)

FEMA Podcast: [Episode 54: Tribal Mitigation – Improving Resiliency in Oregon](https://www.fema.gov/podcast)

The Disaster Information Management Research Center [Disaster Lit®: Database for Disaster Medicine and Public Health](https://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/disaster-lit) database has recently been updated, and is now available.
Call for Papers - The International Network of Disaster Studies is seeking proposals for papers and presentations for its third conference, to be held at the Harvard Center Shanghai in the Pudong district of Shanghai, China, from July 21-23, 2020. The conference theme, Confronting Disasters in an Era of Climate Change, encompasses a wide range of potential contributions on emergency events or potential crises which threaten or affect societal resilience. These include (but are not limited to) natural disasters, slow-onset crises, infrastructure or technology failures, epidemics, civil conflicts, and refugee flows. For more on the conference, including presentation proposal instructions and registration information, please visit https://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/research-initiatives/crisisleadership/events/confronting-disasters.

The Disaster and Resilience International Summit, June 16-18, 2020, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
The trilingual event (French, English, Spanish) will be a meeting point for a variety of actors (managers and policymakers, stakeholders and humanitarians, experts and academics, artists and creators, local and indigenous populations). While targeting the needs of individuals, families, businesses, and communities, participants will discuss resilience perspectives through an inclusive, multi-hazard and multi-disciplinary approach, before, during and after disasters. For more information (www.dr2020.ca)

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