



Higher Education Program News February 11, 2016

Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

LAST CALL! There are only a few days left to get your submissions in for the 18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium breakout sessions! The deadline for submissions is February 15th at midnight! That is next Monday, so it's time to stop procrastinating and start submitting. The three page form is very simple and you can find the form link on the conference [website](#). You must submit the form by the deadline to be considered for a breakout session.

This week I have been managing the first course of the National Emergency Management [Executive Academy](#) at EMI. It has really been an inspiring week covering the topic of meta-leadership with a very nice balance of academic and practitioner perspectives. The Executive Academy is a seven-month, four-course program and as a part of the course of study, the cohort divides into teams to complete a capstone project demonstrating their knowledge enhancement and expertise applied to emergency management challenges and opportunities.

The final projects will be delivered in September in the form of 'TED-like' talks, position papers, journal articles or other media that will capture their findings and recommendations. These capstones will be made available, as appropriate, to our community of interest for possible integration into curricula. This is a fantastic opportunity for our higher education community to leverage executive emergency managers' experiences to serve the future generations of emergency management. I will keep you posted as the problem and opportunity statements come together. If you are engaged in or aware of research that you think will be valuable for the groups to consider, please drop me an e-mail at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov, and I will work to connect you.

Higher Education Program Presents Webinar Series- Session VI - "Understanding the Basic Relationship between Public Information Officers and Journalists"

February 24, 2016 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. EST

The webinar will provide college-level emergency management and homeland security educators with a basic understanding of the relationship between public information officers and journalists.



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Ed McDonough, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and Stacey Cohan, freelance journalist, will present. Stephen Carter, Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management, Frederick Community College, will moderate. FEMA ESF-15 representation will be available to discuss training opportunities available through EMI. Participants are asked to [register](#) in advance for the online webinar. Closed captioning will be provided.

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series

Please send webinar topics to Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

College List - The Higher Education Program is in the process of updating the website [college list](#). The update is an effort to keep the information as fresh and current as possible. Send your updates to Barbara.Johnson3@fema.dhs.gov.

The 18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium is scheduled for June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now. Information for the 2016 symposium can be found on the [Hi Ed website](#). **Call for submission is OPEN!** Go to [instructions and fillable submission forms](#). Please read the instructions prior to submitting. We will be accepting submissions electronically only, and the **deadline for papers and facilitated session abstracts is February 15, 2016**. All submissions will be subject to a blind peer review, and there will be only 25, 1½ - 2 hour slots available on this year's agenda. **Poster session submissions must be received by March 31, 2016.**

Job & Internship Opportunities FEMA POSITION OPEN (Recovery), GS-0089-15 OPEN PERIOD: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 to Friday, February 19, 2016 **DUTY LOCATIONS:** 1 vacancy - Kansas City, MO (Region 7) & 1 vacancy - Bothell, WA (Region 10)

[EPA Program Operations Support Associate - Full-Time General Business Support](#)

30th Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference May 8-13 in Orlando, Florida. [Student Scholarship & General Session Agenda](#).

Resources

FACT SHEET: [Obama Administration Announces Steps to Increase Nation's Resilience to Earthquakes](#)





FEMA: Strengthening Regional Coordination Could Enhance Preparedness Efforts [GAO-16-38](#)

FEMA Has Made Progress Implementing Key Programs, but Opportunities for Improvement Exist [GAO-16-87](#)

Calendar

Higher Education Webinar: What is Cybersecurity?

FEMA Region I is hosting a webinar for higher education emergency management and preparedness stakeholders, Wednesday, March 16, 2016 that focuses on disaster preparedness capabilities, programs, and resources.

Title: What is Cybersecurity?

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

To join the Webinar:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/higher-ed-cybersecurity/>

Call-In Information: **1.800.320.4330** PIN: 829796

NETC Library Corner

Newly indexed all-hazards journal articles

- [Scholarly/academic](#)
- [Practitioner/professional](#)

In cooperation with the Emergency Management Institute, the NETC library has begun adding to its collection selected capstone projects completed by students in the Master Exercise Practitioner Program ([MEPP](#)). Here are the [descriptions to the first seven we've added](#).

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