

**International Association of Emergency  
Managers**

**and**

**George Mason University's  
Schar School of Policy and Government**

**present**

**REGION 3 SYMPOSIUM**

***Emergency Management***

***in the 'New' Normal***

**Virtual**

**December 7-11, 2020**



## Program Agenda

### Day 1 – December 7, 2020

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**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Welcome and Opening**

***Walter English, President, IAEM Region 3***

***Dr. Tonya E. Thornton, Assistant Professor and Director of Grants,  
Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University***

**11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Presentation: State of FEMA Region 3 and Federal Update**

***MaryAnn Tierney, Administrator, FEMA Region 3***

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Presentation: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities  
(BRIC) and FEMA Grants Modernization**

***Angel Gillette, HMA Team Lead, FEMA Region 3  
Alonna Barnhart, Director, FEMA Grants Management Program***

### Day 2 – December 8, 2020

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**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Presentation: The High Threat Paradigm**

***Brian Murphy,  
Adam Thiel, Fire Commissioner, City of Philadelphia***

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Panel: Diversity and Inclusivity**

***Chauncia Willis, Co-Founder and CEO, Institute for Diversity and  
Inclusion in Emergency Management***

***Dr. Brian D. Williams, Assistant Professor, Department of Political  
Science, Lamar University, “Emergency Manager Frustrations: Disaster  
Policy, Diversity, and Inclusivity”***

**6:00pm – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual Happy Hour / Fireside Chat**

## Day 3 – December 9, 2020

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**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Presentation: Safe Return to Campus from COVID-19**

*Marc Barbieri, Dir. Georgetown University Emergency Management*  
*Dan Maas, Assoc. Dir., Cornell University Emergency Management*  
*Mark Seifert, Dir. University of Delaware Emergency Management*

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Panel: A Call for Collaborative Action**

*Dr. Hannah R. Torres, Assistant Director for Research Operations, Center for Resilient and Sustainable Communities, George Mason University*

**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Student Development Session (Career Workshop)**

*Erik Gaull, Principal, Emergency Management, The Cadmus Group*

*Maribel Street, Regional Emergency Management Coordinator, Charlottesville-UVA-Albemarle Office of Emergency Management*

## Day 4 – December 10, 2020

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**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Presentation: Cascading Impacts of Hurricanes**

*Dr. Claire Connolly Knox, Assoc. Prof., School of Public Admin., Univ. of Central Florida, “Cascading Impacts of Hurricanes: Lessons from Florida”*

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Presentation: Using Social Listening to Enhance Situational Awareness and External Communications**

*Sara Smith, Social Listening Manager, FEMA Region 3*  
*Gabe Lugo, Public Affairs Specialist, FEMA Region 3*

**7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Networking Session**

Meet fellow Region 3 Symposium attendees and kick back for a bit ...  
Join hosts **Erik Gaul** and **Maribel Street** in a fun, online version of  
**Balderdash!**

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**Day 5 – December 11, 2020**

**10:00 p.m. – 10:45**  
**IAEM Region 3 Membership Meeting**

**Walter English**, President, IAEM Region 3

**Joe Gleason**, Vice President, IAEM Region 3

**Erik Gaul**, Secretary/Treasurer. IAEM Region 3

**11:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Panel: A Call for Collaborative Action**

**Dr. Tonya E. Thornton**, Assistant Professor and Director of Grants,  
Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University

**TBD, ...**

**12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Wrap Up and Closing**

**Walter English**, Deputy Coordinator and Head of Planning for the City  
of Fairfax, Commonwealth of Virginia

**Dr. Tonya E. Thornton**, Assistant Professor and Director of Grants,  
Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University