



Research Highlights

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Center Research Affiliates

The Center affiliated researcher group was established in 2016 to expand the scope and breadth of the Center's research portfolio and place it in greater alignment with the priorities and needs of field staff and leadership within the Homeless Programs Office. This is a secondary affiliation that provides an opportunity to collaborate with like-minded investigators within VA and the Center on homeless-related projects, apply for intramural funding for operations focused rapid response analyses, and participate in ongoing cyber-seminars, research-in-progress presentations, and hosted conferences.

The Homeless Evidence and Research Synthesis (HERS) Roundtable Series

Rural Veterans and Homelessness

Thursday, June 22, 2017, 2:00-4:00 pm EST

Join the meeting online at <http://va-eerc-ees.adobeconnect.com/hers/>

In recent months the issues facing rural communities have gained increased national attention. This virtual symposium takes a look at homelessness among the 24% of Veterans who live in rural areas. What does the population look like? What are their needs? What kinds of outreach and services are being offered? What are the service gaps and challenges? We will hear from researchers from the VA National Center on Homelessness among Veterans and the Office of Rural Health, as well as a provider of Supportive Services for Veteran Families in rural communities. Their presentations will be followed by a roundtable discussion featuring leaders from VA, other government agencies, and a signature Veteran advocacy organization.

Recent Publications

The recent special issue in *Psychological Services (Vol 14, Issue 2) Homelessness Among Veterans, Other Adults, and Youth* features many authors affiliated with the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans and is guest edited by Jack Tsai, PhD, Center Research Affiliate, and Thomas O'Toole, MD, Center Director. For a list of recently published articles, go to the Center [website](#).

Researcher Spotlight



Dennis Culhane, PhD an internationally recognized social science researcher with primary expertise in the field of homelessness and assisted housing policy, has played a leadership role in the research activities of the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans since its inception in 2010. On June 2 the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans presented him with the Thomas Wynn, Sr. Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement in recognition of a career that "reflects an exemplary devotion to bringing attention and services to homeless Veterans." Dr. Culhane is the Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy at the School of Social Policy and Practice at The University of Pennsylvania. He is considered an early innovator in the use of administrative data for research and policy analysis, particularly for populations and program impacts which are difficult to assess and track. His work has influenced a national shift in how cities address homelessness and support the needs of people experiencing housing emergencies.

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