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The Dynamics of Homelessness

Dennis Culhane

University of Pennsylvania



**Thirteenth Annual
Gandhi Award &
Symposium**



Friday, April 16, 2010

9 AM—3 PM

Scott Conference Center

6450 Pine St.

Omaha, NE 68106

Symposium Agenda

Friday, April 16, 2010

Registration 8:30 A.M.-9:00 A.M.

The Siena/Francis House Singers 9:00 A.M.-9:15 A.M.



Symposium 9:15 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

Dennis Culhane, PhD

“The Dynamics of Homelessness”

Break 10:15 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

Gandhi Award Luncheon 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Keynote Speaker: Retired Marine Staff Sergeant Eric Alva, MSW

“Reexamination: Don’t Ask Don’t Tell”

2010 Gandhi Award Recipient:

Mel Beckman, President of Family and Friends of Inmates, Omaha

Panel Discussion 1:15 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Moderator: A’Jamal Byndon, Director of Table Talk, CPACS

5.25 CEUs are available for Nebraska, Iowa, and South

Dakota Social Workers who attend all sessions

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Dennis Culhane

A professor of Social Policy, Psychology, and Policy Research and Evaluation at the University of Pennsylvania, Professor Culhane lectures nationally and internationally on homelessness issues.

Dr. Culhane’s primary areas of research are homelessness, housing policy, and policy analysis research methods. His current work includes studies of the dynamics of homelessness among families and adults, and the impact of homelessness on the utilization of health, education and social services.

Dr. Culhane was recently named the Director of Research for the Veteran’s Administration’s National Center for Homelessness among Veterans. For more information, visit http://works.bepress.com/dennis_culhane/

Eric Alva

Retired Marine Staff Sergeant Eric Alva, a San Antonio native, is the keynote speaker for the 2010 Gandhi Award Luncheon.



The Siena/Francis House Singers

A Voice for the Voiceless

The singers are presented by The Siena/Francis House Homeless Shelter. In the singer’s words: “We are the Siena/Francis



House Singers. We are a voice for the voiceless, lifting the silence. We sing of lives being transformed, of new birth. Only through giving do we get back what was lost. So with the healing power of music we share our talents with you. No longer voiceless, we offer you our gifts of faith, of spirit, and of song.”

2010 Gandhi Award Recipient

The Thirteenth Annual Gandhi Award will be presented to Mel Beckman. Mel founded the grass roots organization Family and Friends of Inmates. He is the editor and publisher of the quarterly Nebraska Criminal Justice Review. He also serves as the co-coordinator for the Nebraska Coalition for the Fair Sentencing of Youth.