

CSJ Center 2019 Symposium:

Living on the Edge: Causes, Consequences and Actions

Thursday, January 31st

- **11:20am – 12:50pm - Von der Ahe Family Suite, Hannon Library**

Causes of Homelessness

In this session, the panelists will discuss causes of homelessness, trends over time, and debunk common myths about homelessness. They will review the findings of recent studies on the causes of homelessness in Los Angeles and Orange County and how the results have been used (and can be used) to inform policymaking on homelessness. We will also hear profound testimony from a former member of our homeless community.

Moderator: Rebecca Sager, Associate Professor, Sociology, LMU

Panelists: Peter Lynn, Executive Director, The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority; Distinguished Professor David Snow, UC Irvine; Rachel Goldberg, Professor, Sociology, UC Irvine; Doug Leslie, Former Homeless Veteran

- **1pm – 2:30pm - Von der Ahe Family Suite, Hannon Library**

Jovenes: Past, Present, Future

Eric Hubbard, Jovenes Director of Development, and several representatives of Jovenes youth will present the mission and history of Jovenes, and its programs to find solutions for youth homelessness; how it began as a single shelter for young men in Boyle Heights and grew into a permanent and necessary institution serving communities throughout Southeast LA, focusing not only on housing for youth, but also healthcare, education, employment and trauma recovery. The youth from Jovenes

will give personal accounts of the struggles and changes they experienced. Of special interest to the LMU community is a new Jovenes program, The College Success Initiative, to provide housing options and support for homeless community college students.

Moderator: Doris Baizley, Adjunct Professor, Theatre Arts, LMU

Panelists: Eric Hubbard, Director of Development, Jovenes Inc.; Jovenes Inc. youth speakers

- **6:30pm – 9:30pm – Von der Ahe Family, Hannon Library**

Reception from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Crossing the Line

Featuring Dennis Apel, founder of Guadalupe Catholic Worker and Deborah Tobola, founding artistic director of Poetic Justice Project.

In 2016, Dennis Apel served four months in federal prison for crossing the “green line” during a protest at Vandenberg Air Force Base marking the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, and then refusing to comply with probation. In “Crossing the Line,” Deborah Tobola weaves together a narrative using journal entries written by Apel during his imprisonment that were originally published by the Santa Barbara Independent. Formerly incarcerated actors from the Poetic Justice Project help bring the story of this longtime peace activist to life in a play that is authentic and accessible.



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