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## Expert Panel Event

# How Homelessness Impacts University Communities

Wednesday, October 8th  
10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Morgridge International Reading Center



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**Moderator: Anna Eskamani, Director of External Affairs, Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando**

We will explore significant questions such as national and local statistics of college-age individuals facing homelessness, challenges those individuals face, circumstances that contribute to them facing those issues, available resources, and local and national responses—including those at UCF— to this need for services.

### Panelists:

- ◆ **Larry Olness**, Vice President of Community Services, Heart of Florida United Way
- ◆ **Allison Krall**, Chief Operating Officer, Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida
- ◆ **James Wright**, Provost Distinguished Research Professor, University of Central Florida
- ◆ **Angela Adame-Smith**, Assistant Director of Admissions and Recruitment, Seminole State College

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**For a reserved seat, please RSVP to:**

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for the 2014 Expert Panel  
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# Meet the Panelists

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### Moderator: Anna Eskamani

Anna, an Iranian-American and Florida native, graduated from the University of Central Florida in the spring of 2012 with dual degrees in Political Science and Women's Studies and a certificate in Service Learning. While an undergrad, Anna spent the majority of her time writing, advocating, and organizing for social justice. Upon graduation, she was awarded Order of Pegasus-- the highest honor that a UCF senior can receive. Now a graduate student at UCF pursuing dual masters in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management, Anna works full time at Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando as the organization's Director of External Affairs.

### Angela Adame-Smith

Angela graduated from Southern Connecticut University in 1993 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. While an undergrad, Angela worked as a hospital social worker where her exposure to the homeless became a daily event. Her position allowed her to advocate for the patients she served and to understand the lack of community resources available. In 2005, she earned a Masters of Education with a Specialization in Leadership for Higher Education. Now an ABD in Psychology, she is working on her dissertation "A Phenomenological study of the lived experience of homeless college students".



### Larry Olness

Larry Olness joined Heart of Florida United Way in May 2005 as Vice President of 2-1-1. Since then, his role expanded and he became Vice President of Community Services. Olness is active with a number of local and national initiatives, such as Disaster Committee Chair for the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS); board member for the 2-1-1 Assembly; board member for the Community Assistance Network Steering Committee; and a representative for Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster via AIRS. Olness grew up in Wisconsin, served seven years in the U.S. Army, and attended the University of Wisconsin.



### Allison Krall

Allison joined Coalition for the Homeless in February 2000. In February 2010, she was promoted to Chief Operating Officer, adding oversight of all programmatic aspects of the Coalition. Allison's background includes serving as Comptroller of Afcom, Inc., a \$7 million business, where she played an instrumental role in the acquisition of a \$1 million company. Prior to her work in the private sector, Allison worked in field of public accounting for 14 years.



### James Wright

James D. Wright is an author, educator, and the Provost's Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Central Florida. He received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin in 1973 and taught at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Tulane University before coming to UCF in 2001. He has published twenty-one books and more than 300 journal articles, book chapters, essays, reviews, and polemics Wright serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, the Homeless Services Network, the HOPE Helps Foundation in Oviedo, and several others.

