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# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At DePaul University, we acknowledge that we live and work on traditional Native lands that are today home to representatives of well over one hundred different tribal nations. We extend our respect to all of them, including the Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Odawa nations, who signed the Treaty of Chicago in 1821 and 1833. We also recognize the Ho-Chunk, Myaamia, Menominee, Illinois Confederacy, and Peoria people who also maintained relationships with this land.

We acknowledge that these sacred homelands were ruptured by the European invasion of the Americas. In 1493, Pope Alexander VI promulgated the Doctrine of Discovery, which seized Native lands and resources with impunity. This doctrine has been used by countries throughout the Americas, including the U.S., to legitimize colonial policies of displacement and genocide toward Native peoples and to justify colonial legacies of white superiority and global capitalism.

We appreciate that today Chicago is home to one of the largest urban Native population in the United States. We further recognize and support the enduring presence of Native peoples among our faculty, staff, and student body. And in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, we reaffirm our commitment, both as an institution and as individuals, to help make our community and our society a more equitable, welcoming, and just place for all.



# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND ACCESSIBILITY

At DePaul University, we strive for a diverse and engaging campus environment that is a model of inclusive excellence in higher education. We reflect our collective values of respecting human dignity and living social and racial justice to achieve transformational change.

In accordance with these values, the IJOH Conference will not tolerate any use of space, services, activities, or speech that promotes or engages in any type of hate, exclusion, and/or discrimination. This includes racism, xenophobia, sexism, able-ism, classism, homophobia, trans-phobia, and religious intolerance (i.e. discrimination against any religious or spiritual belief or atheist beliefs). We embrace a community of members that are diverse, with many intersectionalities, and strive to respect, learn from, and celebrate those differences.

Any behavior not in alignment with these values will not be tolerated. If any discrimination is witnessed or experienced during this conference, or if you feel unsafe, please notify a conference organizer or any member of DePaul's staff.



## **OUR PRIORITIZATION OF LIVED EXPERTISE**

Together, IGH and IJOH have worked to prioritize participation of people with lived experiences of homelessness. We are happy to have been able to provide free registration for lived experts, and to have supported a portion of travel for all of our lived expert presenters where needed. We have dedicated space for our lived experts to gather or relax during the conference.



# COVID-19 PROTOCOL

The health and safety of everyone at the conference depends on the cooperation of all who attend. By taking care of yourself, you protect the entire community. DePaul University's COVID-19 response plans are based on the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Chicago Department of Public Health and the university's medical advisor from AMITA Health. DePaul University continues to be a mask-friendly campus, and a limited number of masks will be available at the conference Help Desk. Hand sanitizer is also available at various stations through the conference venue.

The best way to keep everyone healthy is to arrive healthy in the first place. We recommend everyone take a rapid test the morning of your travel day and consider quality masking if traveling in enclosed transportation such as planes and trains.

The following mandatory protocol must be followed at all times during the conference.

- Monitor yourself for any symptoms.
- If you are experiencing symptoms, please put on a mask immediately, isolate yourself, and contact +1 616 212 7369 via call, text, or WhatsApp.
- An IGH staff member will bring you a rapid test.
- If your rapid test result is negative, you can continue to attend the event but you must wear a KN95 mask. A limited number of masks will be available at the Help Desk.
- If your rapid test result is positive, an IGH staff will provide assistance in making the necessary arrangements for you to isolate and return home when it is safe to do so.
- The IGH staff member will ask for a list of any close contacts at the conference, alert those attendees to their exposure, and distribute additional rapid tests and KN95 masks as needed.



# **WELCOME FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR – INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL ON HOMELESSNESS**

On behalf of the Board of the International Journal on Homelessness (IJOH) and the conference planning committee, I am delighted to welcome you to Chicago to share with us and learn with us. The goal of developing IJOH was to create a truly international platform for knowledge sharing on an issue that is a global humanitarian crisis. So much of knowledge creation is linked to histories of colonialism and Western/Global North perspectives are still predominant. IJOH carries a commitment to explicitly make space for knowledge from the Global South by offering supports such as translation services and by keeping the journal open access.

This conference carries on our commitment to working together globally and we are honoured that participants are joining us from more than 20 countries. We have brought together keynote presentations that put the voice of lived expertise first, and that profile work from around the world including the Global South. It is through your faith in our journal and our conference that we have been able to do so.

While the IJOH is still ‘young’ as a journal with 4 editions published so far, we are excited about the impact we have had in a short time on disseminating knowledge to prevent and end homelessness, as well as creating opportunities for new connections for future work. We hope that at this conference you have the opportunity to meet with others in the sector, from academics, to front-line workers, to policy-makers, to activists. We hope that these connections will provide new opportunities for your communities and countries to do even better in addressing this humanitarian crisis of homelessness.

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Homelessness is devastating. Whenever we gather to learn, I'm always brought to reflect on those who can't join us today, those who have lost their lives to homelessness. In my community, many of these are people who I cared for in my time as a front-line nurse. While homelessness persists, we (as people, as communities, as societies) are not doing enough.

Homelessness IS a solvable problem and through our efforts we can each be one piece in the puzzle of creating and enacting the necessary solutions.

Take a moment this week to reflect on and remember those losing their lives to homelessness today.

While I come to this work as an academic, guided by data and doing science, this is also heart work. I hope that in gathering with colleagues and new friends, that you can replenish yourself as well, that you can fill up your enthusiasm, your hope, your heart for those without homes. Feel free to have joy this week as we gather together and return home with new knowledge and new enthusiasm for change. We hope that seeing everyone here helps you know that you are not alone in the work.

Please do say 'hi' as we gather together this week as I look forward to meeting you all.

In solidarity,

**DR. ABE OUDSHOORN**

MANAGING EDITOR,  
IJOH

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,  
WESTERN UNIVERSITY

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The conference was developed in partnership between the International Journal on Homelessness and the Ruff Institute of Global Homelessness, and guided by the tireless work of the Conference Planning Committee:

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- **Eric Weismann**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Social Science



We warmly acknowledge the support of DePaul University in conference planning and hosting, particularly the Student Center Facility Operations team and the Academic Events team.

Special thanks to our incredible corps of volunteers, many of whom are staff, faculty, and students at DePaul University.

Thank you to all our presenters, speakers and moderators who traveled from around the world to share their knowledge on homelessness in their contexts and learn from the knowledge of others.

The conference received generous financial support and contributions from the following donors, primarily to support the participation of people with the lived experience of homelessness:

- Cuore e Mani Foundation
- The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at Western University
- Pierce Family Foundation
- The Ruff Institute of Global Homelessness
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## General Information

### Conference Venue

DePaul University  
Lincoln Park Campus  
Student Center  
2250 N. Sheffield Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60614

The venue will be open:

Tuesday, March 21:  
11am – 6pm

Wednesday, March 22:  
8:30am – 7:30pm

Thursday, March 23:  
8:30am – 5pm

### Travel and Transportation

For ground transportation, guests can take public transport via the Chicago Transportation Authority (CTA) buses and trains.

You can buy a Ventra CTA pass for \$5 and then pay per ride for \$2.50, or purchase a 1-Day unlimited pass for \$5, a 3-Day unlimited pass for \$15, or a 7-Day unlimited pass for \$20. Passes work for both buses and trains, and a credit card is recommended as the trains do not accept cash and buses accept exact cash only.





## To Hotels

- There are “L” train lines that run from the airport to the city center near the conference hotels; find more information here:  
<https://www.transitchicago.com/airports/>
- For information on taking a taxi or rideshare from the airport, visit:  
<https://www.flychicago.com/ohare/tofrom/taxi/pages/default.aspx>

## To Conference Venue

- Public transportation is also easily accessible from the downtown area and hotels to the conference site.
- The conference venue is approximately a 5 minute walk from the Fullerton Red/Purple/Brown line trains.
- Taxis or rideshares are also easily accessible for variable pricing.

## Parking

Any guests driving to the conference venue should park at the Clifton Parking Deck, located at 2330 N. Clifton Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. The rate is \$16 for 12 hours.





## Coat Check

Complimentary coat check will be available in the pre-function room outside 120 A/B. Hours of operation are:

Tuesday, March 21: 11:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 22: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Thursday, March 23: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Items that are not collected by the end of the day will be locked in overnight. Items that are not collected by the end of the day Thursday will be donated. DePaul University, IGH, and IJOH are not responsible for items left behind, lost, or stolen.

## Meals

An opening cocktail reception with passed hors d'oeuvres will be provided Tuesday afternoon, as well as breakfast and lunch on both Wednesday and Thursday. We have tried to accommodate as many dietary restrictions as possible. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the conference venue, for people with additional dietary needs.

## Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish for all plenary sessions and a selection of concurrent breakout sessions (identified by 🗣️ in the detailed program) via the Interprefy app. Additional language support will be provided via close captioning. Please bring your internet-connected smartphone or tablet, and personal headphones. A limited number of disposable headphones will be available at the Help Desk. The app can be downloaded for free via the App store or Google play. Use this link to download an [App demo](#) and the token **livedemo**. A specific conference access token will be provided at the conference.

## Photo Consent

By participating in the event, participants grant to DePaul University the right and license to use names, images, likenesses, and comments in DePaul's materials for internal and external audiences. These materials include but are not limited to advertisements, brochures, viewbooks, news releases, magazines, newspapers, newsletters, videos, and Web sites. Any participant who does not wish to grant consent should visit the Help Desk to receive a red sticker on their nametag, indicating that they do not give consent.

## Wi-Fi

High speed WiFi will be provided at the conference venue. In order to access it,

- Select '**DePaul**' from the list of available Wi-Fi networks on your device. The network is open with no password.
- Open any web browser, and you will automatically be directed to the network sign-in page. Select the '**DePaul Guest Wi-Fi**' option.
- Under the '**Conference Guest**' option, click '**Register.**'
- Enter the Conference ID: **csguests**
- Click the check box to agree to the Acceptable Use Policy and click '**Proceed.**'
- Enter your **name and email address** and click '**Proceed.**'

## Lived Experience Lounge

A dedicated area will be available for all conference participants with the lived experience of homelessness. The Lived Experience Lounge is on the second floor of the venue in Room 220, at the back of the cafeteria area. The lounge will be accessible from 11am – 5:45pm on Tuesday, March 21; 8am – 4pm on Wednesday, March 22; and 8am – 12pm on Thursday, March 23. Only people with the lived experience of homelessness will be allowed access to this room.

## Speaker Ready Room

We have dedicated a Speaker Ready Room on the third floor of the venue, in Room 312. This room is for the use of plenary or concurrent/breakout room speakers who need a quiet space to review or finalize presentations. The room will be accessible from 11am – 5:45pm on Tuesday, March 21; 8am – 4pm on Wednesday, March 22; and 8am – 12pm on Thursday, March 23. Only speakers will be allowed access to this room.

## Printing Services

Should speakers need printing or copying services, there are two convenient locations less than a ten-minute walk from the venue: [FedEx Office and Print Shop](#) (full service printing) or [PrintWithMe Print Kiosk](#) (black and white printing only). Please review their websites for directions, hours of operation, services, and printing costs.


## Quiet Room

We have dedicated a Quiet Room on the third floor of the venue, in Room 316. This room is for people who need a quiet retreat from the hustle and bustle of conference proceedings. The room will be accessible from 11am – 5:45pm on Tuesday, March 21; 8am – 4pm on Wednesday, March 22; and 8am – 12pm on Thursday, March 23. Please respect the intention of the Quiet Room and refrain from any conversation, playing audio, or making other unnecessary noises, while using the room.



## Opportunities for Students

We strive to ensure that students feel a welcomed part of our community. We thank Yinka Ariba and Corinna Easton (ceaston5@uwo.ca – if you have any questions) for supporting student activities, and Yinka in particular for managing the student pre-conference 3-Minute Thesis event. Students presenting their work as posters will have an opportunity on Wednesday during lunch and break to share their work with expert evaluators. The best rated poster will receive a \$200 cash prize and the second poster will receive a \$100 cash prize. We also note the student activity on Wednesday evening, a hands-on experience of using arts-based approaches for activism on homelessness. Finally, on Thursday the 23rd in the 9:30-10:30 session Room 315, Dr. Abe Oudshoorn is hosting a Q & A as the IJOH Managing Editor, geared towards assisting students in success with publication. We are so happy to have you join us as the future leaders in the sector.

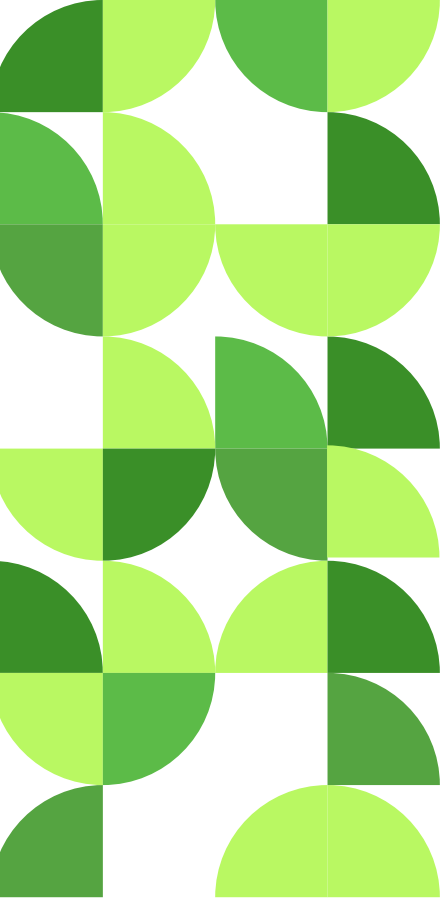


# Conference Overview

Time	<u>Day 1 – Tuesday</u> <u>March 21</u>	<u>Day 2 – Wednesday</u> <u>March 22</u>	<u>Day 3 – Thursday</u> <u>March 23</u>	<u>Day 4 – Friday</u> <u>March 24</u>
8:30 am		Breakfast	Breakfast	
9:00 am	<a href="#">Optional Site Visits</a>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cafeteria</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cafeteria</i>	<a href="#">Optional Site Visits</a>
9:30 am		Concurrent Session 2	Concurrent Session 5	
10:00 am				
10:35 am				
11:00 am	Registration Open Poster Presentation Set Up	Concurrent Session	Concurrent Session 6	
11:30 am				
12:00 pm		Lunch	Lunch	
12:30 pm		<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cafeteria</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cafeteria</i>	
1:00 pm	Welcoming Remarks and Opening Plenary Session <i>Room 120 A/B</i>	Plenary Session “Roundtable of National and Regional Perspectives” <i>Room 120 A/B</i>	Plenary Session “Global Voices” <i>Room 120 A/B</i>	
1:30 pm				
2:00 pm				
2:30 pm	Break	Break Presentation of Posters	Break	
3:00 pm	Concurrent Session 1	Concurrent Session 4	Closing Keynote	
3:30 pm				
4:00 pm				
4:45 pm	Cocktail Welcome Reception <i>Room 120 A/B</i>			
5:00 pm		Student Art Social		
5:30 pm				
6:00 pm				
6:30 pm				
7:00 pm				
7:30 pm				







## ABOUT THE IJOH

The International Journal on Homelessness (IJOH) is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access journal focused on promoting and advancing scholarly communications and academic discourse among all sectors regarding preventing and ending homelessness locally and globally. To support diversity of scholarship, we accept and publish articles in six major languages.

Learn more at [ijoh.ca](http://ijoh.ca)

## ABOUT THE RUFF INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL HOMELESSNESS

The Ruff Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH) drives a global movement to end street homelessness. Our vision is a world where everyone has a home that offers security, safety, autonomy, and opportunity. Founded in 2014, IGH is the first organization to focus on homelessness as a global phenomenon with an emphasis on those who are living on the street or in emergency shelters. It is a partnership between DePaul University (Chicago, USA), and Depaul International (London, UK), which provides direct services for people experiencing homelessness in the UK, Ireland, Ukraine, Slovakia, Croatia, USA, and France. The IGH staff and Advisory Committee work with a broad network of world-class advisors, experts, and organizations — balancing geographies, cultures, and skills. Our three strategic initiatives focus on international homelessness policy, the Vanguard Program of cities and countries taking concrete action to end homelessness, and knowledge sharing efforts.

Learn more at [ighomelessness.org](http://ighomelessness.org).

## ABOUT CHICAGO

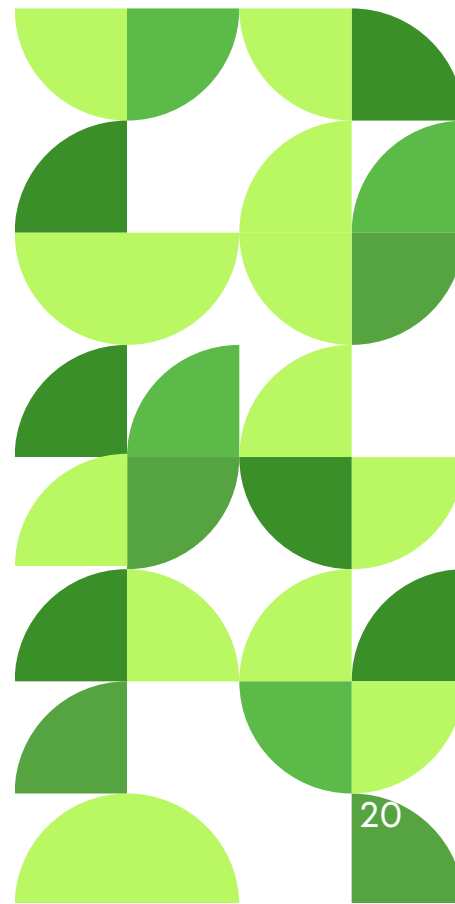
Chicago is known for its architecture, food, and music. It has great city parks, walking trails, and museums. We definitely recommend visiting Millennium Park, walking along the Riverwalk, and eating one of Chicago's signature dishes. Only the bravest among you will ask the bartender for a shot of Jeppson's Malört. Explore all your options at [choosechicago.com](https://choosechicago.com).

In 2022, the Point-in-Time count enumerated 2,612 people living in homeless shelters and 1,263 people living on the street. Many thousands more Chicagoans experience "hidden homelessness" and access homeless services without living on the street or in shelters. The most recent comprehensive statistics are from 2019, estimating that a total of 65,611 people were experiencing homelessness in Chicago, with 49,585 living "doubled up" with friends or family.

## DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

DePaul University is the nation's largest Catholic university, with about 22,000 students and about 300 degree programs. DePaul's tradition of providing a quality education to students from a broad range of backgrounds, with particular attention to first-generation students, has resulted in one of the nation's most diverse student bodies. DePaul is host to the Ruff Institute of Global Homelessness, as well as other centers and initiatives focused on basic needs insecurity, affordable housing, and homelessness.

Learn more at [depaul.edu](https://depaul.edu).





# CALL FOR PAPERS



We are inviting contributions to a special edition of the International Journal on Homelessness (IJOH) featuring works presented at the March 2023 IJOH Conference in Chicago.

IJOH recognizes the need for scholarly dissemination on preventing and ending homelessness incorporating truly global perspectives.

IJOH accepts 3 types of submissions that might align with your presentation at the IJOH conference: research papers; discussion papers; and systematic reviews. Research papers should describe original research. Discussion papers are more flexible and include theoretical reflections on issues pertinent to housing and homelessness, or on service delivery experiences and implications. Systematic reviews should follow an established review methodology and provide a novel contribution through conclusions.

If you are unsure if your presentation is a good fit for the journal, please reach out to the Managing Editor through the contact info below. Acceptance to present in the conference is not a guarantee of acceptance of publication in the special edition; your submission will still be submitted for anonymous review. IJOH welcomes scholarly contributions that are critically engaged, conceptually informed, and evidence based.

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As part of our commitment to international knowledge exchange, we recognize the value of submissions, reviews, and revisions being conducted in one's preferred language. Therefore, while all publications are ultimately translated to English, we also accept submissions in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, and Arabic. Translation into English for final publication is available at no cost thanks to funding provided through the Ruff Institute of Global Homelessness.

All articles are subject to a double-blind peer review process. Articles should be in APA 7th format and fewer than 8,000 words (although exceptions may be made upon discussion with the Managing Editor).

For full guidelines and to submit, please visit <https://ojs.lib.uwo.ca/index.php/ijoh/about/submissions>.

For questions regarding your submission, please contact the Managing Editor, Dr. Abe Oudshoorn, at [ijoh@uwo.ca](mailto:ijoh@uwo.ca).

Submission Deadline: July 01, 2023

Submissions received after this date will be considered for future editions.

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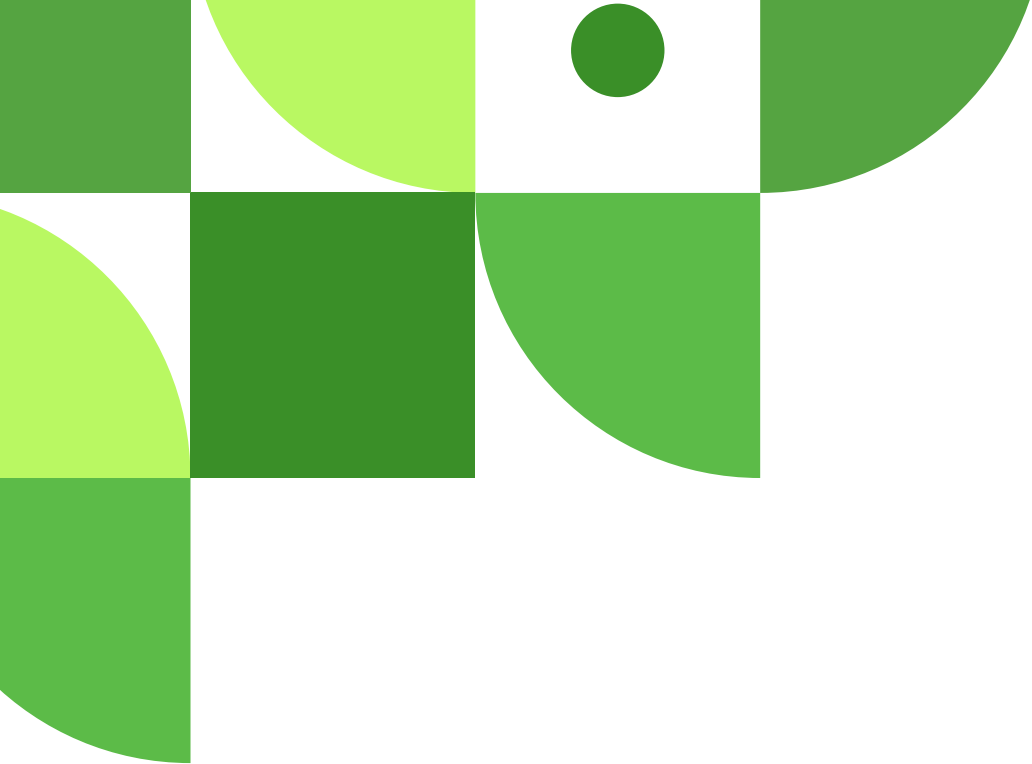


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