

## MEDIA ALERT

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## Experts to Address Ending Homelessness During Panel Discussion in Boston

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 8pm

**WHERE:** Emmanuel Church of Boston  
15 Newbury St, Boston, MA, 02116

### WHO:

- Dr. Donald Burnes, executive director of the Burnes Center on Poverty and Homelessness and editor of *Ending Homelessness*
- Collin Whelley, Boston contributing author
- Kate Whelley, Vermont contributing author
- Jeff Olivet (opening remarks) CEO of Center for Social Innovation
- Joe Finn (moderator) President & ED of the Mass Housing & Shelter Alliance



**WHAT:** Editor Dr. Donald Burnes will join Collin Whelley and Kate Whelley McCabe for a panel discussion addressing homelessness and opportunities for addressing it in Boston.

**WHY:** The civil rights movement changed how we felt about race. The disability movement altered how we perceive those with physical and cognitive challenges. Cultural forces have revolutionized our attitudes toward gay marriage. Now, we need a similar transformation when it comes to homelessness. And we need to figure out why, despite billions of government dollars spent in the attempt, we are no closer than we were three decades ago to solving this persistent social problem.

***Ending Homelessness: Why We Haven't, How We Can*** explores the complicated and often dysfunctional relationship between efforts to address homelessness and the realities on the street. The book tackles a range of practical, cultural and economic issues, and brings into sharp focus sensible, much needed, and even controversial approaches.

**Dr. Don Burnes will be in Boston on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>st</sup> and is available for interviews.**

*“An important book that I couldn’t put down....  
comprehensive and practical.... everyone who cares should read it.”*

**—Donna Shalala, president, Clinton Foundation**