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EDUCATION

- Current PhD student, Social Welfare, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice, Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 MS, Political & Social Sciences, Specialization: Sociology & Demography, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, CT, Spain
- 2009 BS, Sociology, Minor: Community Development, Portland State University, Portland, OR
- 2004 AA, Arts & Sciences, Gloucester County College, Sewell, NJ

RESEARCH & EVALUATION EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present Consultant
- Design research studies and evaluations, conduct literature reviews, produce interview guides and codebooks, collect and analyze data, and report findings:
- Assessing Healthcare Engagement among Homeless Adults in New York City, Social Policy Analytics, LLC
 - Evaluation of the City of Philadelphia's Kensington Encampment Closure Resolution Strategy, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice
 - Rural Youth Peer Network Phase II Evaluation, Collaborative Solutions, Inc.
- 2015-present Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion
- Contribute to study design, data collection, analysis, and dissemination of findings for quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research studies and quality improvement projects:
- Identifying and Measuring Risk for Homelessness among Veterans
 - Intimate Partner Violence: Patient Characteristics, Service Use, and Experiences
 - Exploring the Role of Project-Based Vouchers in the HUD-VASH Program
 - Exploring Homelessness among Rural Veterans: Veterans' Self-Reported Risk of Homelessness and the Response of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program
 - Between Rocks and Hard Places: Characterizing Housing Instability among Veterans with Criminal Sex Offense Histories
 - Understanding Risk for Suicidality among Veterans Who Experience Housing Instability
 - Patient-Centered Screening for Homelessness and Housing Instability: Engaging Key Stakeholders in Developing and Piloting a Veteran-Facing Booklet
- 2012-2015 Project Manager, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice and VA National Center on Homelessness among Veterans
- Contributed to study design, data collection, analysis, and dissemination of findings for quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods studies:
- HUD-VASH Exit Study
 - Pathways into Homelessness among Iraq and Afghanistan Era Veterans
- 2011-2012 Research Associate, University of Texas at Austin Center for Community College Student Engagement
- Served as a liaison for nationally administered surveys:
- Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)

- Community College Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (CCFSSE)
- Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE)

2008-2009 Research Assistant, Portland State University

Conducted survey research in the field for a longitudinal study:

- Enhanced Nurse-Family Partnership

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Montgomery, A. E., **Cusack, M.**, Chhabra, M., Sorrentino, A., Dichter, M., & True, J. G. (In press). Patients' Perspectives on Elements of Stable Housing and Threats to Housing Stability. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*.
2. **Cusack, M.** & Montgomery, A. E. (2019). Examining the Risk Factors and Needs of Veterans Involuntarily Doubling-up with Family or Friends. *Housing & Society*. doi:10.1080/08882746.2019.1650602
3. **Cusack, M.**, Montgomery, A. E., Hunt-Johnson, N., Dichter, M., & True, G. (2019). Making Connections: Understanding how Screening, Triage, and Referral Processes can Promote Veteran Housing Stability. *Social Work in Public Health*, 34(6), 483-491. doi:10.1080/19371918.2019.1629143
4. Dichter, M., Sorrentino, E., Haywood, T., Tuepker, A., Newell, S., **Cusack, M.**, & True, G. (2019). Women's Participation in Research on Intimate Partner Violence: Findings on Recruitment, Retention, and Participants' Experiences from a Veterans Health Administration Study. *Women's Health Issues*. doi:10.1016/j.whi.2019.03.007
5. Montgomery, A. E., Szymkowiak, D., **Cusack, M.**, Austin, E., Vazzano, J., Kertesz, S., & Gabrielian, S. (2019). Veterans' Assignment to Single-Site versus Scattered-Site Permanent Supportive Housing. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. doi:10.1037/ort0000380
6. Chhabra, M., Sorrentino, A., **Cusack, M.**, Dichter, M., Montgomery, A. E., & True, G. (2019). Screening for Housing Instability: Providers' Reflections on Addressing a Social Determinant of Health. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. doi:10.1007/s11606-019-04895-x
7. **Cusack, M.**, Montgomery, A. E., Sorrentino, A., Dichter, M., Chhabra, M., & True, G. (2019). Journey to Home: Development of a Conceptual Model to Describe Veterans' Experiences with Resolving Homelessness and Housing Instability. *Housing Studies*. doi:10.1080/02673037.2019.1598551
8. Montgomery, A. E., Gabrielian, S., **Cusack, M.**, Austin, E., Kertesz, S., & Vazzano, J. (2019). Applying the Housing First Approach to Single-Site Permanent Supportive Housing. *Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless*, 28(1), 24-33. doi:10.1080/10530789.2018.1546796
9. Yu, B., Montgomery, A. E., True, G., **Cusack, M.**, Sorrentino, A., Chhabra, M., & Dichter, M. (2018). The Intersection of Interpersonal Violence and Housing Instability: Perspectives from Women Veterans. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. doi:10.1037/ort0000379
10. **Cusack, M.** & Montgomery, A. E. (2018). Barriers and Facilitators to Housing Access and Maintenance in HUD-VASH: Participant and Staff Perspectives. *Social Work in Health Care*, 57(6), 422-439. doi:10.1080/00981389.2018.1441213

11. Montgomery, A. E., Butler, A., **Cusack, M. C.**, Bellamy, S. L., Medvedeva, E., Roberts, C. B., & Dichter, M. E. (2018). Recent Intimate Partner Violence and Housing Instability among Women Veterans. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 54(4), 584-590. doi:10.1016/j.amepre.2018.01.020
12. **Cusack, M.** & Montgomery, A. E. (2017). Examining the Bidirectional Association between Homelessness and Incarceration. *Psychological Services*, 14(2), 250-256. doi:10.1037/ser0000110
13. **Cusack, M.** & Montgomery, A. E. (2017). The Role of Eviction in Veterans' Homelessness Recidivism. *Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless*, 26(1), 58-64. doi:10.1080/10530789.2017.1314093
14. Fargo, J., Montgomery, A. E., Byrne, T., Brignone, E., **Cusack, M.**, & Gundlapalli, A. V. (2017). Needles in a Haystack: Screening and Healthcare System Evidence for Homelessness. *Studies in Health Technology and Informatics*, 235, 574-578. doi:10.3233/978-1-61499-753-5-574
15. Metraux, S., **Cusack, M.**, Byrne, T., Hunt-Johnson, N., & True, J. G. (2017). Pathways into Homelessness among Post-9/11 Era Veterans. *Psychological Services*, 14(2), 229-237. doi:10.1037/ser0000136
16. Montgomery, A. E., **Cusack, M.**, & Gabrielian, S. (2017). Supporting Veterans' Transitions from Permanent Supportive Housing. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation*, 40(4), 371-379. doi:10.1037/prj0000282
17. Montgomery, A. E., **Cusack, M.**, Szymkowiak, D., Fargo, J., & O'Toole, T. (2017). Factors Contributing to Eviction from Permanent Supportive Housing: Lessons from HUD-VASH. *Evaluation & Program Planning*, 61, 55-63. doi:10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2016.11.014
18. **Cusack, M.**, Montgomery, A. E., Blonigen, D., Gabrielian, S., & Marsh, L. (2016). Veteran Returns to Homelessness Following Exits from Permanent Supportive Housing: Health and Supportive Services Use Proximal to Exit. *Families & Society*, 97(3), 221-229. doi:10.1606/1044-3894.2016.97.23
19. Montgomery, A. E., **Cusack, M.**, Blonigen, D., Gabrielian, S., Marsh, L., & Fargo, J. (2016). Factors Associated with Veterans' Access to Permanent Supportive Housing. *Psychiatric Services*, 67(8), 870-877. doi:10.1176/appi.ps.201500248

MANUSCRIPTS IN SUBMISSION

1. Montgomery, A. E., Rahman, A. K. M. F., Chhabra, M., **Cusack, M.**, & True, G. The Importance of Context: Linking Veteran Outpatients Screening Positive for Housing Instability with Responsive Interventions. Submitted to *American Journal of Community Psychology*.
2. Sorrentino, A. E., Iverson, K. M., Tuepker, A., True, G., **Cusack, M.**, Newell, S., & Dichter, M. Mental Health Care in the Context of Intimate Partner Violence: Survivor Perspectives. Submitted to *Psychological Services*.
3. Byrne, T., **Cusack, M.**, True, G., Montgomery, A. E., & Smith, M. "You Don't See Them on The Streets of Your Town": Challenges and Strategies for Serving Unstably Housed Veterans in Rural Areas. Submitted to *Housing Policy Debate*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

1. **Cusack, M.**, Metraux, S., Graham, F., Metzger, D., & Culhane, C. At the Intersection of Homeless Encampments and Heroin Addiction: Service Use Barriers, Facilitators, and Recommendations from the City of Philadelphia's Encampment Resolution Pilot.
2. Montgomery, A. E., Rahman, F., & **Cusack, M.** Correlates of Transitions into Housing Instability among Veterans Accessing VHA Healthcare.
4. **Cusack, M.**, Montgomery, A. E., Cashy, J., Dichter, M., Byrne, T., & Blossnich, J. Examining Mortality related to Homicide, Suicide, and Unintentional Injury among Veterans with Recent Experiences of Housing Instability.
5. Byrne, T., Cashy, J., Metraux, S., Blossnich, J., **Cusack, M.**, Culhane, D. P., McInnes, D. K., Culhane, E., & Montgomery, A. E. Examining the Association between Registered Sex Offender Status and Risk of Housing Instability among Veterans.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. Metraux, S., **Cusack, M.**, Graham, F., Metzger, D., & Culhane, D. (2019, March). An Evaluation of the City of Philadelphia's Kensington Encampment Resolution Pilot Final Report. Report prepared for City of Philadelphia.
2. Montgomery, A. E., Szymkowiak, D., & **Cusack, M.** (2019, February). Health and Housing Outcomes among HUD-VASH Participants: Project-Based Vs. Scattered-Site Housing. Brief report prepared for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center on Homelessness among Veterans.
3. **Cusack, M.** & Montgomery, A. E. (2018, October). Rural Youth Peer Network Phase II Evaluation. Report prepared for Collaborative Solutions, Inc.
4. Byrne, T., **Cusack, M.**, Montgomery, A. E., & True, G. (2018, October). Challenges and Strategies for Serving Unstably Housed Veterans in Rural Areas: Evidence from the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program. Brief report prepared for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center on Homelessness among Veterans.
5. Metraux, S., **Cusack, M.**, Graham, F., Metzger, D., & Culhane, D. (2018, August). An Evaluation of the City of Philadelphia's Kensington Encampment Resolution Pilot Interim Report. Report prepared for City of Philadelphia.
6. Montgomery, A. E., **Cusack, M.**, Gabrielian, S., Austin, E. L., Kertesz, S., & Vazzano, J. K. (2018, April). Exploring the Role of Project-Based Vouchers in the HUD-VASH Program. Brief report prepared for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center on Homelessness among Veterans.
7. Montgomery, A. E., **Cusack, M.**, Gabrielian, S., Austin, E. L., & Kertesz, S. (2018, February). Exploring the Role of Project-Based Vouchers in the HUD-VASH Program. Report prepared for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Center on Homelessness among Veterans.
8. Montgomery, A. E. & **Cusack, M.** (2017, September). HUD-VASH Exit Study Final Report. Report prepared for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Dichter, M. E., Sorrentino, A. E., Haywood, T., Tuepker, A., Newell, S., **Cusack, M.**, & True, G. (2020, January). IPV Survivors' Perspectives on Participating in IPV-related Research: Implications for Research and Practice. Oral presentation at Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
2. **Cusack, M.**, Byrne, T., Montgomery, A. E., & True, G. (2019, November). Characterizing Rural Homelessness: Lessons from Rural Providers Administering Rapid Rehousing Assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program. Oral presentation at American Public Health Associations 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo, Philadelphia, PA.
3. **Cusack, M.**, Montgomery, A. E., Cashy, J., Dichter, M., Byrne, T., & Blossnich, J. (2019, November). Examining Mortality Related to Homicide, Suicide, and Unintentional Injury among Veterans with Recent Experiences of Housing Instability. Poster presentation at American Public Health Associations 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo, Philadelphia, PA.
4. Montgomery, A. E., Butler, A., **Cusack, M.**, & Dichter, M. (2019, November). Role of Social Support in Utilization of Shelter and Housing Services among Women Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence. Oral presentation at American Public Health Associations 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo, Philadelphia, PA.
5. Montgomery, A. E., Byrne, T. H., Chhabra, M., **Cusack, M. C.**, Dichter, M. E., Fargo, J. D., & True, J. G. (2019, October). Universal Screening for Homelessness: Lessons Learned and Implications for Future Implementation. Oral presentation at 2019 HSR&D/QUERI National Conference, Washington, DC.
6. **Cusack, M.**, Montgomery, A. E., & Byrne, T. (2018, November). Differential Experiences of Housing Instability and Housing-related Needs among Veterans based on Parenting Status. Oral presentation at American Public Health Associations 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo, San Diego, CA.
7. Montgomery, A. E., Bellamy, S. L., Medvedeva, E., Roberts, C. B., Butler, A., **Cusack, M.**, & Dichter, M. E. (2017, July). Correlates of Increased Risk of Housing Instability among Women Veterans with Recent Experience of Intimate Partner Violence. Plenary presentation at 2017 HSR&D/QUERI National Conference: Accelerating Innovation and Implementation in Health System Science, Washington, DC.
8. Montgomery, A. E., **Cusack, M.**, Szymkowiak, D., Fargo, J. D., & O'Toole, T. P. (2017, June). Using Health Services Use Patterns to Identify Imminent Eviction from Permanent Supportive Housing. Poster presentation at AcademyHealth 2017 Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
9. True, G., **Cusack, M.**, Butler, A., Chhabra, M., Dichter, M., & Montgomery, A. E. (2017, June). Inside the Black Box of Screening for Homelessness and Housing Instability: Perspectives from Key Stakeholders in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Poster presentation at AcademyHealth 2017 Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
10. Chhabra, M., **Cusack, M.**, Dichter, M., Butler, A., Montgomery, A. E., True, G. (2017, April). Screening for Homelessness: VA Provider Reflections on Addressing a Social Determinant of Health. Poster presentation at 2017 Annual Society of General Internal Medicine Meeting, Washington, DC.

11. **Cusack, M.** (2016, September). Factors Associated with Veterans' Access to Permanent Supportive Housing. Oral presentation at Field-Based Meeting to Engage Diverse Stakeholders and Operational Partners in Advancing Health Equity in the VA Healthcare System, Philadelphia, PA.
12. **Cusack, M.** (2016, June). Identifying and Measuring Risk for Homelessness among Veterans. Oral presentation at Summer Undergraduate Minority Research Program Orientation, Philadelphia, PA.
13. **Cusack, M.** (2015, July). Characteristics of Veterans Who Access HUD-VASH Supportive Services but Not Housing Subsidies. Oral presentation at National Alliance to End Homelessness, Washington, DC.
14. **Cusack, M.** (2014, November). VA National Center on Homelessness among Veterans Research Priorities. Oral presentation at Forum on Health, Homelessness and Poverty, George Mason University, Arlington, VA.
15. **Cusack, M.** (2014, July). HUD-VASH Exit Study Preliminary Findings. Oral presentation at National Alliance to End Homelessness, Washington, DC.
16. **Cusack, M.** (2012, May). Tour of CCSSE and SENSE Tools. Oral presentation at Center for Community College Student Engagement Workshop, Austin, TX.
17. **Cusack, M.** (2012, February). Disaggregate to Appreciate: Making SENSE of Texas Entering Community College Students. Session Coordinator at Texas Association for Institutional Research Conference, Corpus Christi, TX.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2019-present Manuscript Reviewer, *Housing & Society* and *Journal of Community Psychology*
- 2018-present Manuscript Reviewer, *Justice Quarterly* and *Housing Studies*
- 2018-present Member, American Public Health Association
- 2017-present Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless*
- 2016-present Manuscript Reviewer, *Psychological Services*
- 2013-2015 Grant Reviewer, Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program
- 2012-2015 Data Liaison Supervisor, Annual Homeless Assessment Report

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Adobe Acrobat, Connect and InDesign; Atlas.ti Qualitative Data Analysis Software; Microsoft Office Suite; NVivo Qualitative Data Analysis Software; SPSS Statistical Software

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 05/2019 Implementation Science Institute, University of Pennsylvania Health System
- 01/2016 Winter Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, University of Pennsylvania Center of Public Health Initiatives

05/2013 Certified Clinical Research Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS _____

2018-present American Public Health Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT _____

2017-present Organizer, Philly Bike Party

2017-present Costume Assistant, Pig Iron Theatre Company Benefit Cabaret

2013-present Volunteer, Philadelphia theater companies: Arden Theatre Company, EgoPo Classical Theater, FringeArts, InterAct Theatre, Lantern Theater Company, Philadelphia Theatre Company, Theatre Exile, Wilma Theater

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE _____

2006-2009 Administrative Assistant, Bouneff & Chally Law Firm

2004-2005 Legal Secretary, Berner & Klaw Law Firm

2001-2004 Teen Outreach & Education Coordinator, AIDS Coalition of Southern NJ