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Executive Summary

This report covers activities and outcomes for PSU's Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative (HRAC), a university research center of excellence, from the announcement of the center in October 2018 through the end of the fiscal year in June 2021. HRAC's goal is to help reduce homelessness and its negative impacts on individuals, families, and communities, with an emphasis on communities of color. HRAC advances applied research by working with a broad range of community partners, including people with lived experience of homelessness, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and elected officials.

The collaborative brings together expertise and skills from across PSU, with 38 affiliated faculty and staff from eight different PSU schools and colleges, as well as more than 20 students who have been employed on center projects. Two external advisory boards help guide center operations, advise on research projects, and support fundraising efforts (see Appendix 1). The national board comprises well-known researchers and experts in fields related to the center's mission. The local board includes key stakeholders and critical partners from regional government, social services, advocacy groups, the business community, and community members with lived experience of homelessness.

HRAC faculty and staff have engaged more than a thousand community members in more than 50 talks; published 20 articles and book chapters linked to the center's work; and presented center research at a dozen conferences. The center has thousands of followers on multiple social media platforms, 400 email newsletter subscribers, and has recorded the first several episodes of a new podcast. HRAC research has been mentioned in more than 230 local and national news articles, including in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* (see Appendix 4). The center's COVID response includes a comprehensive website guide to resources for people experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness and a widely-distributed weekly summary of national research and policy news.

As of June 2021, HRAC had 13 active research projects with clients including the City of Portland; State of Oregon; Meyer Memorial Trust; and National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The center's pioneering research has led to a number of regional and national firsts: HRAC contributed to the first statewide policy in the nation requiring housing needs estimates to include people experiencing homelessness; developed the first comprehensive estimate of homelessness across the Portland metro region; launched the country's first active SNAP employment and training program for students at a four-year university; administered the first basic needs survey of university employees in the nation; and helped design Portland Street Response, a non-police first response for people experiencing homelessness or a mental health crisis. HRAC was recently selected as a CUMU Research Fellow for its work guiding a national network of urban colleges and universities in studying and addressing homelessness.

HRAC was allocated \$1.5 million by PSU in October 2018 to fund operations over a three-year period. Since that date, the center has raised an additional \$2.3 million from a mix of sources including donations, contracts, and grants at the city, county, state, and federal level. HRAC's funding strategy is focused on building relationships with local and regional clients and funders to expand the research portfolio and increase center visibility, while simultaneously pursuing larger federal grants and ongoing state funding to cover overhead costs and deliver large projects. The center has built on existing university assets such as TREC to secure large federal grants, and will continue to seek PSU partnership opportunities to increase multi-disciplinary funding.

To fund essential center operations that are typically excluded from research grants—such as grant writing, center administration, client engagement, and project management—the center would need to secure at least \$4.7 million in federal grants each year. This is the amount needed to ensure enough indirect cost recovery to fund the center’s \$450,000 yearly operating budget. The center’s discretionary funding reserves used to cover such expenses are projected to be substantially exhausted by the end of June, 2022.

HRAC is pursuing recurring project funding from Metro and its tri-county partners for work related to the Metro Supportive Housing Services revenue measure that begins implementation this year, and with the Oregon Housing and Community Services agency as they expand their homelessness work portfolio. While we are optimistic that the center will receive some ongoing project support, none of these government entities are known for providing large amounts of recurring project funds or any infrastructure funds to universities.

Introduction

Recent estimates show that 580,000 people across the United States and more than 14,600 people in Oregon experience homelessness on any given night (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development). These are almost certainly underestimates: a count using a definition set by the U.S. Department of Education found 22,000 children experienced homelessness in Oregon in the 2019-20 school year, and a study by HRAC found that an estimated 38,000 people experienced homelessness at some point in 2017 in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties. People of color suffer disproportionately higher rates of homelessness at all scales of analysis due to systemic and institutionalized racism.

Homelessness is not just a local and national crisis that affects individual children, adults, and entire families in our local communities, but is also a major issue affecting college and university students. At PSU, an HRAC study found that 45% of students experienced housing insecurity, 16% of students experienced homelessness, 23% of employees experienced housing insecurity, and 6% of employees experienced homelessness. BIPOC and LGBTQ+ employees and students experience basic needs insecurity at disproportionately higher rates.

In 2018, PSU selected the Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative (HRAC) proposal as one of two new university research centers of excellence. HRAC works to reduce homelessness and its negative impacts on individuals, families, and communities, with an emphasis on communities of color. The center was started by a multidisciplinary team of eight PSU faculty and staff. Following the launch of the center, an assistant director, communications specialist, and program assistant were hired. HRAC also has 28 faculty members from eight different PSU schools and colleges (see Appendix 2), and has employed 20 graduate research assistants.

Co-Founders and Staff

- Dr. Marisa Zapata, director and co-founder
- Dr. Greg Townley, research director and co-founder
- Jacen Greene, assistant director and co-founder
- Stefanie Knowlton, communications specialist
- Tania Hoode, program assistant
- Marta Petteni, designer and researcher
- Dr. Paula Carder, co-founder
- Todd Ferry, co-founder
- Lisa Hawash, co-founder
- Dr. Maude Hines, co-founder
- Sergio Palleroni, co-founder

Publications

HRAC faculty and staff have written 20 journal articles and book chapters about center research projects in just two and a half years. In addition, the center publishes detailed research reports online that are available for free to the general public at <https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/research-1>.

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Reports on Completed Research

Cellarius, K., Zapata, M. A., Einspruch, E., Mulder, C., Duong, T., Tuttle, A. (2019). **FUSE: People with Frequent Utilization of Public Services in Clackamas County, Oregon: Potential Service Enhancements.** Clackamas County Department of Health, Housing, and Human Services.

https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/sites/g/files/znlchr1791/files/2020-11/1.21.20policya_FUSE%20Report%20and%20cover%20sheet%20submitted%20to%20Clack%20County%20Commissioners%20for%20%20Jan%202021%202020%20Meeting%20%281%29.pdf

A one-time study on the feasibility of reducing the use of high-cost public services by providing permanent supportive housing to individuals with the highest utilization of those services. Interventions targeting individuals with frequent utilization are commonly known as FUSE: Frequent Utilization System Engagement. The FUSE model has been piloted in other cities around the country and is based on the “Housing First” concept that secure housing is the first essential step to stabilizing the personal and financial lives of individuals. This study focuses on the service system in Clackamas County, Oregon, including jails, EDs, and emergency response.

Townley, G., Sand, K., Kindschuh, T. (2019). **Believe Our Stories and Listen: Portland Street Response survey report.** Portland State University and Street Roots.

https://news.streetroots.org/sites/default/files/BelieveOurStories_PortlandStreetResponseSurveyReport.pdf

The Portland City Council has approved the Portland Street Response (PSR) pilot, a system that appropriately responds to the high number of "unwanted persons" or welfare check calls and frees up police resources to focus on preventing and solving crimes. Small teams of students and community partners trained by Dr. Greg Townley interviewed 184 people experiencing homelessness about what the PSR pilot should look like, including who the first responders should be, how they should approach individuals in crisis, what types of services and resources they should bring with them, and what types of training they should have. Following the interviews, responses were analyzed and summarized into a report by HRAC to provide guidance for this important initiative based directly on the needs and experiences of unhoused people.

Zapata, M. A., Liu, J., Everett, L., Hulseman P., Potiowsky T., & Willingham E. (2019). **Governance, Costs, and Revenue Raising to Address and Prevent Homelessness in the Portland Tri-County Region.** Portland State University. <https://www.pdx.edu/news/psu-report-38000-people-experienced-homelessness-portland-tri-county-area>

This report takes a comprehensive look at the scale of homelessness and housing insecurity experienced in the Portland tri-county area. HRAC’s goal in producing this report is to help community members understand the scope and scale of the challenges the region faces when addressing homelessness and housing insecurity. The center examined governance options, provided cost estimates for providing housing, supports, and services, and presented revenue-raising options for our local governments to address homelessness and housing insecurity. The report and associated press conference generated substantial media interest, with more than 24 articles in print, TV, radio, and online news outlets within a week of publication.

Over the summer of 2019, HRAC brought together 10 doctoral and masters students to advance research related to homelessness. Students reviewed cutting-edge research, examined research methods for addressing homelessness, and assisted with project planning and data collection. Example projects included:

- Planning the center's upcoming survey on homelessness and housing insecurity among PSU students, faculty, and staff
- Helping interview people experiencing homelessness for Commissioner Hardesty's office to inform Portland's proposed Street Response strategy
- Helping interview residents at Kenton Women's Village to understand their experiences and inform areas for improvement at that and other "villages"
- Developing multimedia storytelling projects to highlight the experience of homelessness in a factual and compassionate manner

Full student research reports can be found at <https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/student-research>.

Townley, G., Stewart, K., Greene, J., Zapata, M. A., & Petteni, M. (2020). **Housing and Food Insecurity at Portland State**. Portland State University. <https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/homelessness-psu>.

HRAC conducted PSU's first survey of students and employees on the scope of homelessness, housing insecurity, and food insecurity on campus. The center also conducted a follow-up survey on the impact of COVID-19. It was one of the first campus surveys in the country to also explore these factors among university employees. The report examined the basic needs insecurity disaggregated by race and additional factors to shed light on the most vulnerable members of the PSU community. It also explored employment and financial situation, types of assistance received (e.g., SNAP benefits, Medicaid, food pantry use), health (e.g., sleep and stress), and social connectedness. The study found that 45% of students experienced housing insecurity, 16% of students experienced homelessness, 23% of employees experienced housing insecurity, and 6% of employees experienced homelessness. BIPOC and LGBTQ+ employees and students experience basic needs insecurity at disproportionately higher rates.

Zapata, M. A., & Townley, G. (2020). **Preference Assessment of Temporary Shelter/Housing for People Experiencing Homelessness**. Portland State University. <https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/preference-assessment-temporary-shelterhousing-people-experiencing-homelessness>.

In 2020, HRAC conducted a survey in Portland to better understand where some people experiencing homelessness would prefer to live temporarily during the COVID-19 pandemic. People experiencing homelessness differ in their needs, circumstances, and preferences. Some people stay in tents or shelters, while others live temporarily with friends or family or in vehicles. HRAC sought to understand the range of complex circumstances in order to know how to advocate for resources that people experiencing homelessness need and want. In this survey, the center asked about a variety of potential options for temporary shelter/housing, as well as the level of services people would like to be attached to these options. HRAC also asked people where they live right now, along with some demographic questions focused on marginalized social identities, to see how people experiencing homelessness in different ways might differ in their needs. Respondents strongly preferred motels/hotels as temporary shelters, rather than tent camps.

Zapata, M. A. (2020). **Survey on Needs of People Living Unsheltered**. Portland State University. <https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/survey-needs-people-living-unsheltered>.

HRAC worked with the Joint Office of Homeless Services, Shannon Singleton, and Street Roots to survey people who are living unsheltered to better understand their needs. Because of racial disparities, the center set out to create and administer a survey that would also ask these questions with a focus on people of color. In all, 383 people took the survey over the course of two weeks. Nearly 40% of those surveyed identified as people of color with the highest representation among Black people and Native Americans. The results of the survey revealed profound racial disparities even in basic answers about who accesses shelter or who pitches tents. More than one in four people of color slept on the streets without a tent compared to only one in ten people who are White. In addition, people of color were less likely to access shelters.

Bates, L. K. (2020). **Stability, Equity, and Dignity: Reporting and Reflecting on Oregon Tenant Experiences During the Covid-19 Pandemic**. Community Alliance of Tenants. <https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/oregon-renters-report>.

This survey of 460 Oregon tenants highlighted the growing impact of the pandemic on renters. HRAC partnered with Community Alliance of Tenants in a survey on housing insecurity among Oregon renters during COVID-19. The results showed that more than one in three Oregon renters surveyed owe back rent that they were unable to pay. That number increased to 56% for people of color. The findings revealed an escalating problem that risked a wave of evictions when the eviction moratorium expired.

Bates, L. K., Zapata, M., Greene, J., & Knowlton, S. (2021). **Cost of Oregon Evictions**. Portland State University. <https://www.pdx.edu/homelessness/cost-oregon-evictions>.

To evaluate the downstream community costs of evictions in Oregon during the pandemic, HRAC used a calculator developed by the University of Arizona and estimates of how many renter households were at risk of eviction. The center worked with community partners to gather data from emergency shelters, inpatient and emergency medical services, child welfare, and juvenile justice services. Wherever data were not readily available or did not appear to be tracked in Oregon, the center used national averages. HRAC estimated that Oregon might be forced to spend between \$1 billion and \$3.3 billion to respond to mass evictions in the short term if additional eviction supports were not adopted.

Zapata, M., Bentley Moses, L., Mercurio, S., Ghosal, R., & Townley, G. (2021). **Regional Supportive Housing Impact Fund Report: Equitable Evaluation Framework and Governance Recommendations**. Health Share of Oregon.

The Regional Supportive Housing Impact Fund (RSHIF) was launched in 2020 by a set of partners in health systems, homelessness services, business, and philanthropy. This program responded to the growing need for permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness with serious health care needs in the Portland Metro region. To guide RSHIF development, Health Share of Oregon contracted with HRAC and Providence CORE to answer the question: What does it look like for homelessness research and evaluation practices to be centered on or rooted in racial equity and people who have lived experience with homelessness?

Zapata, M., Lee-Anderson, J., Greene, J., & Cramer, M. (2021). **Houselessness Impact and Response Project Report.** City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services.

The City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) worked with HRAC to study the impacts of homelessness on Bureau staff members while conducting their work, its impacts on Bureau resources, and to identify opportunities to address homelessness and related issues of public health and the environment. HRAC conducted a research study including a literature and document review, interviews, a survey, and focus groups. The report shared findings from the study and listed recommendations based on the suggestions of people who work at BES, best practices from other regions, findings from other HRAC studies, and general research on the topic.

Zapata, M., & Lee-Anderson, J. (2021). **Mobile Permanent Supportive Housing Evaluation.** Joint Office of Homeless Services.

The Mobile Permanent Supportive Housing (MPSH) program in Portland provides an innovative approach to delivering a broad range of services to scattered site and integrated units through a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary team. Multnomah County and the City of Portland are working toward a large-scale expansion of 2,000 new permanent supportive housing units by 2028, which will require a significant increase in capacity to deliver supportive services. The Joint Office of Homeless Services reached out to HRAC to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the MPSH Team model in delivering supportive services and to determine the potential for scaling up the approach.

Current Research

Faculty Awards

In winter 2020, HRAC announced a call for proposals for faculty research projects related to homelessness. Applications were reviewed using a set of criteria including the potential for interdisciplinary work and a racial equity lens. Six awards, totaling \$117,000, were announced in 2020. The awards, lasting for two years, went to fund the following projects:

- PSU Associate Professor Lisa K. Bates, PhD, Urban Studies and Planning, worked with Community Alliance of Tenants to build a new knowledge base for generating and advocating for community-driven solutions for renter stability (see report link above).
- OHSU Assistant Professor Dr. Brian Chan, MD, MPH, General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, is studying how “SUMMIT,” an intensive primary care team at Central City Concern’s Old Town Clinic, impacts the health of medically complex patients experiencing homelessness.
- PSU Senior Instructor II Janet Cowal, Applied Linguistics, Assistant Professor Melissa Haeffner, PhD, Environmental Science and Management, and Andrew Hogan with Street Roots are studying how language shapes opinions to help educate leaders and empower marginalized voices, in partnership with Street Roots, an advocacy newspaper for people experiencing homelessness.
- PSU Instructor Kacy McKinney, PhD, Urban Studies and Planning, is collaborating with PSU students who have experienced homelessness to produce a comic series to change how we think about and teach homelessness and poverty.
- Associate Professor Hal Nelson, PhD, Public Administration, is using predictive computer modeling to understand and change attitudes that block affordable housing projects.
- PSU Associate Professor Liu-Qin Yang, PhD, Psychology, is studying the impact of TriMet’s reduced fare for low-income riders including those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Reducing Homelessness at PSU

SNAP Employment & Training Program: Assistant Director Jacen Greene led a team that has raised \$404,000 to date to launch and run a SNAP Training & Employment Program (STEP) at PSU. The program, administered by the Office of the Dean of Student Life, provides coaching and support to students enrolled in SNAP (“food stamps”), including paying for qualified expenses—such as childcare, tuition, books, fees, and transportation—related to job training and placement activities. Although most community colleges in Oregon have such a program, PSU is the first four-year institution in the nation to host an active STEP initiative.

Changing the Narrative

Homelessness and the Humanities: Dr. Maude Hines, HRAC co-founder and Associate Professor of English, has led a set of projects studying the impact of discourses on homelessness and working to introduce homelessness as a research and teaching topic in the humanities. Along with co-researcher Janet Cowal, Senior Instructor in Applied Linguistics, Dr. Hines presented research findings on discourse analysis of the term

“homelessness” at the Semiotics Society of America conference and is working on a paper describing the project. Dr. Hines also convened a multidisciplinary group of faculty working to introduce teaching and research on homelessness across multiple disciplines in the humanities. She is also working on a project that examines last year’s historic fire season, and how our terminology informs disaster response and attitudes about deserving help, which often leaves people experiencing homelessness behind.

Policy and Program Evaluation

Portland Street Response Program Evaluation: Led by Research Director Dr. Greg Townley, the purpose of this program evaluation is to determine the overall effectiveness of the Portland Street Response (PSR) pilot program, provide suggestions for program refinement and adaptation throughout the pilot year, and provide recommendations for scaling PSR up city-wide at the end of the pilot. The evaluation of this project will be comprehensive, community-centered, and include feedback from a variety of stakeholders and sources including people experiencing homelessness, other community members, and PSR staff. An overarching principle of this evaluation is an appreciation for the complexity of the issue, which will demand a dynamic and nimble approach that emphasizes relationship building and deep understanding of the program context.

National Transit & Homelessness Research: In partnership with John MacArthur at PSU’s Transportation Research & Education Center (TREC), Director Dr. Marisa Zapata is leading two research projects funded by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. One project will update a guide for public transit agencies in addressing homelessness, while the other will explore homelessness and assist in developing a guide for addressing homelessness at airports across the nation. These projects offer the opportunity to establish national best practices in transit and air travel for responding to and supporting people experiencing homelessness.

Marginalized Populations’ Access to Transit: Research demonstrates that marginalized populations experience significant barriers in accessing transit. Much research related to marginalized populations focuses on fares, costs, and locations to utilize transit. More recent studies look at how transgender and gender-nonconforming community members experience discrimination and harassment while riding transit, and how that impacts their choices to access transit. In this study funded by the National Institute for Transportation and Communities (NITC), HRAC will build on findings from these studies on harassment on mass transit for a specific population, and seek to understand how people from selected historically marginalized communities experience discrimination and harassment on transit and in public areas such as sidewalks, bus stops, and transit platforms when accessing transit. The study will be conducted in Portland, Oregon and Salt Lake City, Utah. Director Dr. Marisa Zapata; Dr. Miriam Abelson, Assistant Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and Dr. Amy Lubitow, Assistant Professor of Sociology lead the PSU side, with Dr. Ivis Garcia overseeing Salt Lake City.

Innovative Approaches: Villages

Villages How-To Guide: Todd Ferry, HRAC co-founder and Senior Research Associate with the Center for Public Interest Design in the School of Architecture, has been closely involved in the design and/or construction of several local “villages.” “Villages” are co/self-governed communities of people experiencing homelessness who reside in individual sleeping quarters called pods and use shared common facilities such as bathrooms

and kitchens. Todd Ferry is currently working on a project funded by Meyer Memorial Trust to survey and interview village residents and other stakeholders to create a “how-to” guide for other organizations and communities interested in implementing villages.

Anchorage Museum Exhibit: Todd Ferry and HRAC Designer Marta Petteni worked with the Anchorage Museum on the exhibit “Houseless,” which features work from the sleeping pod initiative at Portland State University’s Center for Public Interest Design. It is part of a larger exhibit and community conversation about homelessness in Alaska that also includes The National Building Museum’s “Evicted” and the art exhibit “We Are All Homeless.” Director Dr. Zapata and Research Director Dr. Townley joined community conversations and expert panels to kick off the exhibit.

Afro Village: HRAC has also funded initial work by LaQuida Landford and Marta Petteni to explore a culturally-specific village for the local Black community, the AfroVillage. This concept won the People’s Choice Award at a MAX Reuse Design Competition, and was recently awarded grants from the Portland Clean Energy Fund and Metro Community Placemaking Fund.

Community Engagement

HRAC communications helped establish the center as a regional and national leader in homelessness and housing issues through multiple initiatives, including expanded online resources, an active presence on multiple social media platforms, frequent news stories, weekly national updates on homelessness and COVID-19, and a quarterly email newsletter. Center faculty and staff have also engaged more than a thousand community members, policymakers, and researchers through nearly 50 talks and conference presentations (See Appendix 3).

Communications

HRAC’s research has been mentioned in more than 230 news articles since the launch of the center, including coverage in the *Washington Post* and *New York Times*. Director Dr. Zapata was a regular contributor to OPB’s Think Out Loud.

The center has established itself on social media as a resource for research and news on homelessness, housing, and racial justice using timely infographics, videos, photos, and quote blocks. The center has more than 1,500 followers on Instagram, 1,400 followers on Twitter, 500 followers on Facebook, 400 email newsletter subscribers, and has recorded the first several episodes of a new podcast. Social media accounts:

- Web: www.pdx.edu/homelessness
- Twitter: [@homelessnesspdx](https://twitter.com/homelessnesspdx)
- Instagram: [homelessnesspdx](https://www.instagram.com/homelessnesspdx)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/pdxhomelessness](https://www.facebook.com/pdxhomelessness)

The center also increased its ability to share research and information with a wider audience through a partnership with the PSU Library. Center staff worked with the library to create a special topics research page that includes resources, policy and advocacy groups, information on race and homelessness, and an overview of the housing first approach: guides.library.pdx.edu/homelessness.

COVID-19 Response

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, HRAC compiled an [online list of resources](#) for anyone experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in the Portland Metro area, including shelter, food, emergency funds, hygiene and sanitation station locations, emergency childcare, and items specific to college and university students. HRAC also created a [list of specific needs](#) and requests from a set of local service providers as a way for community members to support their houseless or housing insecure neighbors during the pandemic. Both lists are available on the HRAC website and have been shared through multiple social media channels.

HRAC launched two awareness campaigns related to the pandemic. The [Feeding our Neighbors](#) campaign was a local effort to supply meals to those living unsheltered, in partnership with Right 2 Survive. The #StimulateGiving campaign, which achieved more than 6,000 impressions, encouraged those who could afford it to donate their stimulus checks to nonprofits on the frontlines of the pandemic.

HRAC compiles [a weekly memo](#) summarizing national webinars and news on best practices for addressing homelessness during the pandemic, with information from service providers, advocacy organizations, elected officials, and government agencies. The memos are available on the HRAC website and as a weekly email update, and are further distributed by Multnomah County and Washington County government agencies.

HRAC Designer Marta Petteni created a prototype portable social distancing field [interview station](#) that would help researchers meet public health guidelines while conducting in-person research. The design has been used in several HRAC research projects to facilitate safe interactions.

Hygiene and Sanitation

Lisa Hawash, HRAC co-founder and Associate Professor of Practice at the School of Social Work, led a series of convenings with 30 regional stakeholders to identify how best to address the waste management and hygiene needs of people living unsheltered. Participating stakeholders include city, county, and federal government agencies; elected officials; nonprofits; community advocates; businesses; business associations; neighborhood associations; and others. This group informed HRAC's development of [a resource guide](#) to help the community connect with ongoing efforts around hygiene and sanitation for unsheltered populations. Lisa Hawash also led interviews with those experiencing homelessness and those recently housed to understand their hygiene and waste management needs.

Awards & Recognition

The *Portland Mercury* selected Director Dr. Marisa Zapata as one of its “Unelected Leaders” of 2019 because of her “potential to substantially shift the way we talk—and what we do—about homelessness in Portland.”

Center Co-Founder Todd Ferry received the 2019 Portland State University Excellence in Sustainability Teaching Award that honors faculty with an outstanding commitment to sustainability and environmental justice.

Dr. Zapata was awarded the 2020 Portland State University Foundation Philanthropic Leadership Award. This award was established by the PSU Foundation to recognize and support faculty for their work to strengthen and build new, meaningful philanthropic relationships in support of the University's work.

Research Director Dr. Greg Townley received the 2020 Portland State University Early Career Research Award given in recognition of outstanding teaching, research, and service, with much of his work linked to homelessness.

Co-founder Dr. Maude Hines received the 2020 Portland State University Hoffman Award. The Hoffmann Award is given in recognition of distinguished contributions to the university in instruction, university service, and scholarship done in the spirit of humanism, civility, and collegiality with particular dedication to students and loyalty to the University.

In 2020, Dr. Zapata was appointed to Governor Kate Brown’s Racial Justice Council. This council examines and dismantles foundational racist policies that have created disparities in everything from criminal justice to housing and homelessness.

Dr. Townley received the 2021 Outstanding Researcher Award for Psychology from the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of Sigma Xi. Sigma Xi is an international scientific research honor society, and this award recognizes professors with a long record of success in research and also younger researchers who have had recent success in the sciences and allied fields.

HRAC was selected as a Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Research Fellow in 2021, the first time a university center had been honored in such a way. The award recognized HRAC’s work in convening and leading a national network of urban colleges and universities studying and addressing homelessness.

Appendix 1: Advisory Board Members

National Research Advisory Board

First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
Ann M.	Aviles	Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Sciences	University of Delaware
Samantha	Batko	Senior Research Associate	Urban Institute
Elizabeth	Bowen	Assistant Professor, Social Work	University of Buffalo
Daniel	Castellanos	Director of Programs	Hispanic AIDS Forum
Rashida	Crutchfield	Assistant Professor, School of Social Work	Cal State Long Beach
Dennis	Culhane	Professor of Social Policy; Co PI, Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP)	University of Pennsylvania
Mary K	Cunningham	VP, Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy	Urban Institute
Josephine	Ensign	Professor Director, UW Homelessness Research Initiative's Doorway Project	University of Washington
Judith G.	Gonyea	Professor, Social Research Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs	Boston University
Margot	Kushel	Professor of Medicine Director UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations	University of California - San Francisco
Michael	Lens	Associate Faculty Director, Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies; Associate Professor, Urban Planning and Public Policy	University of California - Los Angeles

Norweeta	Milburn	Director of Research and Evaluation, Nathanson Family Resilience Research Center	University of California - Los Angeles
Matthew	Mitchell	Data Analytics Manager	Central City Concern
Deborah	Padgett	Professor, Social Work and Global Health	New York University
Gary	Painter	Professor Director, Sol Price Center for Social Innovation and Homelessness Policy Research Institute	University of Southern California
Anna	Plumb	Evaluation and Research Manager	Multnomah County Budget Office
Maria Elena	Ruiz	Associate Director, Chicano Studies Research Center; Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Nursing	University of California - Los Angeles
Beth	Shinn	Professor, Human and Organizational Development	Vanderbilt University
Julian M.	Somers	Professor	Simon Fraser University
Sharon Egretta	Sutton	Visiting Professor, Parsons School of Design	The New School
Jack	Tsai	Staff Psychologist, VA; Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Yale; Director, National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans	Department of Veterans Affairs; Yale University School of Medicine; National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans
Jacob	Wagner	Associate Professor, Director of Urban Studies Co-Founder, Center for Neighborhoods	University of Missouri - Kansas City

Local Advisory Board

First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
Alexandra	Appleton	Shelter Equity & Inclusion Analyst	Joint Office of Homeless Services
David	Bangsberg	Dean OHSU-PSU School of Public Health	OHSU-PSU
Gary	Cobb	Community Outreach Coordinator	Central City Concern
Ridhi	D'Cruz	Co-Executive Director Co-Director for Placemaking, Development, Leadership Development Departments Diversity and Equity Program Specialist	City Repair Project
Jennifer	Dill	Professor of Urban Studies and Planning Director, Transportation Research & Education Consortium (TREC) Director, National Institute for Transportation & Communities (NITC)	PSU
Annette	Evans	Homeless Program Manager Chair, Housing & Supportive Services Network	Washington County Continuum - A Road Home
Libra	Forde	Chief Operating Officer	SEI
Ashley	Henry	Executive Director Chief Collaboration Officer	Business for a Better Portland
Jim	Hlava	Vice President of Housing	Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
Michelle	Lewis	Counselor Instructor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine Adjunct Faculty, School of Social Work	OHSU Avel Gordly Center for Healing PSU
Rob	Nathan	Senior Solid Waste Planner	Metro
Patricia	Patrón	Executive Director	Outside In
Patricia	Rojas	Deputy Director	Joint Office of Homeless Services
Kaia	Sand	Executive Director	Street Roots
Shannon	Singleton	Housing Policy Advisor	Oregon Office of the Governor
Matt	Tschabold	Manager, Policy & Equity	Portland Housing Bureau

Appendix 2: Affiliated Faculty & Staff

Faculty and staff who co-signed the original center application or successfully applied for membership under the new faculty membership criteria.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Unit (school, dept, etc.)
Miriam	Abelson	Associate Professor	Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Clifford	Allen	Dean	School of Business
Deborah	Arthur	Associate Professor	University Studies
David	Bangsberg	Dean	School of Public Health
Lisa	Bates	Associate Professor	Urban Studies and Planning
Raúl	Bayoán	Assistant Professor	Engineering
Tina	Burdsall	Instructor	Sociology
Brian	Chan	Assistant Professor of Medicine	OHSU
Janet	Cowal	Senior Instructor II	Applied Linguistics
Debi	Elliott	Senior Research Associate / Director	SSW/RR1/SRL
Matthew	Gebhardt	Assistant Professor	USP/CUPA
Sherril	Gelmon	Professor	School of Public Health
John	Hellermann	Professor	Applied Linguistics
Ted	Khoury	Associate Professor	School of Business
Lielah	Leighton	Doctoral Candidate	Social Work
Sheila	Martin	Professor / Director	IMS/USP
Kacy	McKinney	NTTF Instructor	Urban Studies and Planning
Hal	Nelson	Assistant Professor	Public Administration
Laura	Nissen	Professor	SSW
Roberto	Orellana	Associate Professor / Associate Dean	SSW

Desirée	Pacheco	Associate Professor	IESE Business School
Steve	Percy	President	PSU
Brandon	Reich	Assistant Professor	School of Business
Aaron	Roussell	Associate Professor	Sociology
Alex	Sager	Chair / Professor	Philosophy
Wanying	Shi	Visiting Professor	School of Business
Laurel	Singer	Director	NPCC/CUPA
Gayle	Thieman	Associate Professor	GSE
Andrée	Tremoult	Research Associate	CUS/USP
Liu-Qin	Yang	Associate Professor	Psychology
HRAC Co-founders			
Paula	Carder	Professor	Public Health
Todd	Ferry	Senior Research Associate, Associate Director	Architecture
Jacen	Greene	Assistant Director	HRAC
Lisa	Hawash	Assistant Professor of Practice	School of Social Work
Maude	Hines	Associate Professor	English
Sergio	Palleroni	Professor, Director	Architecture
Greg	Townley	Associate Professor	Psychology
Marisa	Zapata	Associate Professor	USP/CUPA

Appendix 3: Speaking Events

Format	Date	Organization: Event	HRAC Speaker
Presentation	2/6/2019	Washington County: Continuum of Care meeting	Marisa Zapata
Legislative Testimony	2/19/2019	Oregon Senate Committee on Housing	Marisa Zapata
Panel	4/10/2019	Design Week Portland: Making Design Matter	Jacen Greene
Presentation	8/1/2019	Portland Street Response Survey Summary	Greg Townley
Press Conference	8/20/2019	Governance, Costs, and Revenue Raising to Address and Prevent Homelessness in the Portland Tri-County Region	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	9/19/2019	HB 2001: Housing, transit, and poverty	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	9/25/2019	PSU: research administrators gathering	Greg Townley, Jacen Greene
Panel	9/27/2019	OR DLCD: LCDC Community Engagement Best Practices Panel	Marisa Zapata
Panel	10/3/2019	BBPDX: Becoming Portland Housing Policy Forum	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	10/16/2019	Faith Partners for Housing: Governance, Costs, and Revenue Raising Report Findings	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	10/17/2019	Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC - WA County DHS CoC): Governance, Costs, and Revenue Raising Report Findings	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	11/4/2019	American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Cascade chapter: Fall Event Keynote - topic homelessness	Marisa Zapata
Panel	11/12/2019	PSU Making Oregon Count 2020 Symp: Census Data for Community Planning and Economic Development	Marisa Zapata
City Council Testimony	11/21/2019	Portland City Council	Greg Townley
Panel	11/23/2019	Downtown Neighborhood Association forum	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	12/4/2019	Housing & Supportive Services Network (HSSN - WA County DHS CoC): Governance, Costs, and Revenue Raising Report Findings	Marisa Zapata
Exhibit	12/9/2019	Portland City Hall: Alternative Shelter / Alternative Urbanism	Todd Ferry
Presentation	1/4/2020	TEDx Salem: So You Think You Understand Homelessness	Marisa Zapata

Presentation	1/16/2020	PSU Community Engaged Research Academy: HRAC	Greg Townley
Panel	1/29/2020	PDX Gray Panthers: Community Forum - Housing Justice Now	Marisa Zapata
Legislative Testimony	2/5/2020	Oregon House Committee on Education	Greg Townley
Exhibit	2/7/2020	Anchorage Museum: Houseless	Todd Ferry, Marisa Zapata
Presentation	6/30/2020	Portland Bureau of Environmental Services leadership meeting	Marisa Zapata
Panel	8/6/2020	Denver City Council: Group Living Panel on Race & Equity	Marisa Zapata
Press Conference	9/24/2020	PSU: Housing & Food Insecurity Survey results	Greg Townley
Panel	10/12/2020	Office of Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty: What Makes Us Safe? - Rethinking Community Safety	Greg Townley
Testimony	11/12/2020	Oregon Land Conservation and Development Committee	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	11/19/2020	PSU: Student Housing Insecurity Summit	Greg Townley
Panel	11/20/2020	PSU: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week	Greg Townley
Panel	12/18/2020	Mayor Wheeler's Roundtable on Federal Legislative Agenda: Housing & Homelessness	Marisa Zapata
Testimony		Oregon State Legislature	Greg Townley
Testimony	2/25/2021	Racial Justice Council (RJC)	Marisa Zapata
Interview	3/19/2021	KOHI Radio	Marisa Zapata
Testimony	3/23/2021	Oregon State Legislature	Marisa Zapata
Testimony	5/4/2021	Oregon State Legislature	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	5/4/2021	PSU Research Week	Marisa Zapata
Testimony	5/5/2021	Portland City Council	Greg Townley
Testimony	5/6/2021	Oregon State Legislature	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	5/13/2021	PSU - School of Business	Jacen Greene
Presentation	5/15/2021	University of Oregon	Marisa Zapata
Panel	5/20/2021	What Works City Solutions	Greg Townley

Interview	5/21/2021	OPB	Marisa Zapata
Presentation	5/24/2021	PSU - CUPA	Jacen Greene
Interview	6/10/2021	Inside Washington County Podcast	Jacen Greene

Conference Sessions	Date	Session Title	HRAC Speaker
Ashoka U Exchange	2/23/2019	Making Space: Towards Radical Inclusivity and Greater Reciprocity in Research and Teaching	Jacen Greene
American Institute of Architects (AIA) Conference	6/8/2019	POD Initiative: Community Strategies to Address Homelessness speaker panel	Todd Ferry
Society for Community Research & Action (SCRA) Conference	6/26/2019	Development of the Portland State University Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative	Greg Townley
Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit (OCCES)	8/21/2019	Speaker Panel: System Housing Challenges or Underproduction	Marisa Zapata
Semiotic Society of America Annual Conference	10/11/2019	The Semiotics of Homelessness: a Preliminary Report from PSU's Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative	Maude Hines, Janet Cowal
Community Research & Action in the West Conference	10/25/2019	Development of the Portland State University Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative	Greg Townley
National Roundtable for Zoning Reform	11/16/2019	Speaker Panel: Equity and Effects on Disadvantaged Communities	Marisa Zapata
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting session	2/13/2020	Science of Homelessness	Marisa Zapata
Housing Oregon Conference	10/13/2020	Housing Insecurity Among College Students in the Portland Metro Area	Greg Townley
Swarthmore College Engaged Scholarship Symposium	3/16/2021	New Inventions and Rapid Research in Response to COVID-19	Jacen Greene
feminist visualization 2021: MOBILITIES, SOVEREIGNTY, BORDERS	3/16/2021	Collaborative Comics as Critical Feminist Research Writing	Kacy McKinney
Ashoka U Exchange	3/17/2021	Community Engagement & Research to Address Homelessness	Jacen Greene

Appendix 4: Media Mentions

Date	Title of Piece	Publication	Format
9-Jul-2019	Portland's homeless campers face new obstacle: piles of boulders	Oregonian	print, web
18-Jul-2019	When should police be present? Street Roots, other groups survey homeless about street response	KGW	TV, web
26-Jul-2019	A democracy that reaches the unhoused	Street Roots	print, web
15-Aug-2019	My View: Homelessness isn't the crisis you think it is	Portland Tribune	web
3-Aug-2019	Reflection: Conducting the survey for the Portland Street Response	Village Portland	web
20-Aug-2019	New stats show homeless numbers underestimated	Portland Tribune	web
20-Aug-2019	PSU study: 38,000 experienced homelessness in 2017	KOIN	web
20-Aug-2019	Sports Betting Homelessness Report Apprenticeships	Think Out Loud	radio, web
20-Aug-2019	PSU Report Estimates 2% Of Portland Metro Population Was Homeless In 2017	OPB	web
20-Aug-2019	38,000 people experienced homelessness in Portland metro area in 2017, PSU study finds	KGW	TV, web
20-Aug-2019	Regional homeless study shows big need and cost	KGW	TV
20-Aug-2019	PSU report: More than 38,000 people homeless in Portland tri-county area in 2017	KATU	TV, web
20-Aug-2019	PSU report: More than 38,000 people homeless in Portland tri-county area in 2017	KOMO	web
20-Aug-2019	PSU report: 38,000 homeless in Portland metro area; regional collaboration is next step	Street Roots	web
20-Aug-2019	Report: 38,000 people experienced homelessness in and around Portland in 2017, up to \$4.1 billion needed to help homeless	KPTV	web
20-Aug-2019	Study: 38K in Portland area homeless during 2017	KTVZ	web
20-Aug-2019	Study: 38K in Portland area homeless at some point in 2017	Seattle Times	web
20-Aug-2019	Study: 38K in Portland area homeless at some point in 2017	Associated Press	web
20-Aug-2019	Regional homeless study shows big need and cost	KGW8	web
20-Aug-2019	38,000 in Portland area were homeless at some point in 2017, study finds	Oregonian	print, web
20-Aug-2019	PSU study: Up to \$4B needed to support the region's homeless over the next decade	Portland Business Journal	web

20-Aug-2019	Study: 38K in Portland area homeless at some point in 2017	Argus Press	web
20-Aug-2019	Study: 38K in Portland area homeless at some point in 2017	The News Review	web
21-Aug-2019	Study: 38,000 Portland homeless in 2017	TDN.com	web
21-Aug-2019	PSU Report Estimates 2% Of Portland Metro Population Was Homeless In 2017	JPR	web
21-Aug-2019	Study: 38,000 in Portland area homeless at some point in 2017	Lewiston Tribune	web
23-Aug-2019	To confront the housing crisis, it is time to think big	Street Roots	web
25-Aug-2019	PSU study finds there are more homeless people in Portland metro than official counts show	KATU	TV, web
28-Aug-2019	PSU study estimates 38,000 houseless on streets of Portland Metro	PSU Vanguard	web
12-Sep-2019	Portland's unelected leaders	Mercury	print, web
19-Sep-2019	Facial Recognition Highway 199 Homeless Survey	Think Out Loud	radio, web
19-Sep-2019	Portland Report Highlights Need For New Response To Homeless Emergency Calls	OPB	web
19-Sep-2019	Homeless Portlanders want mental health, crisis support instead of weapons in first responders	Oregonian	web
19-Sep-2019	Portland Moves One Step Closer to A More Rational Emergency Response to Homeless People	Willamette Week	web
20-Sep-2019	Homeless want mental health, crisis support instead of first responders	Herald and News	web
25-Sep-2019	Latest Call For a Wapato Shelter Echoes Trump's Homeless Plan	Mercury	web
27-Sep-2019	Multnomah County leaders demand 'housing, not warehousing'	Portland Tribune	web
27-Sep-2019	Portland Street Response homeless program up for a vote	Portland Tribune	web
9-Oct-2019	Business group endorses boost in housing density	Portland Tribune	web
10-Oct-2019	New PSU Safety Plan Retains Armed Officers, Adds Unarmed Students Positions	OPB	web
14-Oct-2019	Home designers invited to help develop solutions to Anchorage's homelessness issue	KTVA	TV, web
15-Oct-2019	PSU Receives Grant to Help Low-Income Students	Diverse Issues in Higher Education	web

15-Oct-2019	Portland State University Is the First Four-Year College to Receive Grant Money From the Federal Food Stamps Program	Willamette Week	web
15-Oct-2019	PSU is the first 4-year college to get SNAP grant for low-income students	KATU	web
15-Oct-2019	PSU is the first 4-year college to get SNAP grant for low-income students	KMTR	web
16-Oct-2019	Portland State Gets Federal Grant for SNAP Training	Inside Higher Ed	web
17-Oct-2019	Portland State University Receives SNAP Grant for Low-Income Students	The College Post	web
18-Oct-2019	Homeless Research Center discusses ways to reduce houselessness at PSU	Vanguard	web
7-Nov-2019	The Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative on PSU's safety report, "A Holistic Plan for Campus Public Safety"	Vanguard	print, web
7-Nov-2019	Houseless in College Athletics	Vanguard	print, web
11-Nov-2019	PSU president addresses concerns over new safety plan	Vanguard	web
11-Nov-2019	Veterans share experiences living at transitional housing project year after its launch	KPTV	TV, web
14-Nov-2019	Portland Plans For New First Responder Program To Assist People In Crisis	OPB	web
14-Nov-2019	Portland launching pilot 'street response team' in spring 2020	KGW	TV, web
15-Nov-2019	City Reveals Proposal for New Homeless First Response Pilot Program	Portland Mercury	web
21-Nov-2019	City Council Unanimously Approves Street Response Pilot Program	Portland Mercury	web
21-Nov-2019	PDX City Council To Vote On New Street Response Program Today	KXL	web
25-Nov-2019	Decriminalizing houselessness	PSU Vanguard	print, web
11-Dec-2019	New hope for people with serious mental illness	Monitor on Psychology	print, web
26-Dec-2019	PSU to give more help to students in need	KGW	TV, web
26-Dec-2019	The Rose Standard: Portland and the Tri-County region are addressing homelessness	Eugene Weekly	print, web

1-Jan-2020	Feds blame Oregon, California for national rise in homeless	Portland Tribune	web
7-Feb-2020	Anchorage Museum debuts exhibit on homelessness	KTVA	TV, web
10-Feb-2020	Amid homeless crisis and golf decline, City of Portland owns five golf courses. Should it?	KATU	TV, web
11-Feb-2020	Barriers to some homeless shelters exist for a reason	KATU	TV, web
19-Feb-2020	PIT undercounts homeless by significant margins, experts say	KATU	TV, web
24-Feb-2020	SOLUTIONS TO OREGON HOMELESS CRISIS	Oregon Faith Report	web
27-Feb-2020	Has This Man Found The Answer To Wapato Jail With A Homelessness Service Center?	OPB	radio, web
27-Feb-2020	The Pledge: neighbors helping neighbors	Business Tribune	web
12-Mar-2020	Cramped In Shelters And Campsites, Portland's Homeless Brace For Coronavirus	OPB	radio, web
17-Mar-2020	SMSU Hits Crossroads	Vanguard	print, web
19-Mar-2020	The Power of Collaboration	Catholic Sentinel	web
2-Apr-2020	How You Can Provide Food to Your Houseless Neighbors (While Staying Safe)	Portland Mercury	web
6-Apr-2020	Coronavirus devastates Portland economy—especially for homeless people and those on the brink of it.	Oregonian	print, web
1-May-2020	Starting a Journey Toward Homeless Solutions	The Strive Project	web
5-May-2020	Kenton Women’s Village: The power of collaboration	Catholic Sentinel	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	Associated Press	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	US News & World Report	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	Journal Star	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	Goshen News	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	The Gazette	web

15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	Online Athens	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	New York Times	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	Washington Post	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	Q13 Fox	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	KGW	web
15-May-2020	Nation in brief	Gillette News Record	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	KOMO	web
15-May-2020	Proposed tax to help the homeless in Portland, Ore., tests voter mood in pandemic	Los Angeles Times	web
15-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	Yakima Herald	web
17-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	Chattanooga Times Free Press	web
17-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax tests voter mood in pandemic	KTVZ	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	AP	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	Idaho Statesman	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	Yakima Herald	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	Herald Sun	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	The Spokesman-Review	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	Valdosta Daily Times	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	KTVZ	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	Washington Post	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	Today Headline	web

20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	Star Tribune	web
20-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	News Break	web
20-May-2020	Portland Voters Approve Tax to Fight Homelessness	The Mercury News	web
21-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	Daily Journal of Commerce	web
21-May-2020	Portland, Oregon, homeless tax wins handily amid virus woes	Gorge Country Media	web
26-May-2020	Motel Rooms For The Homeless? Portland Leaders Balk At Price	OPB	web
26-May-2020	Could motels hit hard by coronavirus pandemic help answer Portland's homeless shelter problems?	The Oregonian	web
24-Jul-2020	OPB News roundtable REBROADCAST: John Lewis	OPB: Think Out Loud	radio, web
24-Sep-2020	Report: 60% of Portland State University students face housing, food instability	OPB	web
24-Sep-2020	PSU students struggle with housing, food insecurity	Street Roots	web
25-Sep-2020	Study reveals 44% of surveyed PSU students experienced housing insecurity	KATU	web
6-Oct-2020	New study shows basic needs insecurity is widespread among PSU students and employees	PSU Vanguard	web
20-Oct-2020	President Percy and BOT address PSU's financial instability	PSU Vanguard	web
2-Nov-2020	Portland State University's First Homelessness and Housing Insecurity Study	Pacific Sentinel	print, web
3-Nov-2020	The Ziploc Diary: A Personal Account of Homelessness at PSU	Pacific Sentinel	print, web
17-Nov-2020	LGBTQ+ issues on the ballot	PSU Vanguard	web
18-Nov-2020	As students face housing insecurity, Oregon colleges find creative ways to boost graduation rates	Street Roots	web
18-Nov-2020	Opinion: Lawmakers must act to prevent mass displacement and homelessness	The Oregonian	web
19-Nov-2020	LCDC adopts new housing strategy to provide more housing options	Cottage Grove Sentinel	web

23-Nov-2020	How Retired MAX Cars Could Help Portland's Most Underserved Communities	Portland Monthly	print, web
25-Nov-2020	Push to Extend Eviction Moratorium	Bend Source Weekly	web
27-Nov-2020	College students struggling with food insecurity urge federal government for help	OPB	web
30-Nov-2020	Science, interrupted: Oregon research threatened in a pandemic world	OPB	radio, web
1-Dec-2020	SCEC holds a discussion on hunger and homelessness	PSU Vanguard	web
2-Dec-2020	What do people experiencing homelessness need?	Street Roots	print, web
4-Dec-2020	Lawmakers must extend the eviction moratorium to help Oregon renters	Estacada News	web
6-Dec-2020	Struggling to rent: Rising prices push some Salem-area families to the edge	Statesman Journal	web
15-Dec-2020	Oregon tenant advocates report uptick in landlord harassment during eviction ban	OPB	radio, web
22-Dec-2020	These PSU students are like others, but homeless	KATU	tv, web
28-Dec-2020	Guest Editorial: How to Show Up with Grief	Portland Mercury	web
6-Jan-2021	Black Residents of Multnomah County Face a Greater Risk of Homelessness	Willamette Week	web
27-Jan-2021	Some Portlanders Must Choose Between a Degree and a Meal	Willamette Week	web
1-Feb-2021	PSU Experts In Transportation And Homelessness Collaborate On National Transit Project	Portland State University	web
9-Feb-2021	Report Estimates that Evictions Could Cost Oregon as Much as \$3.3 Billion	Portland State University	web
9-Feb-2021	PSU: 90,000 Oregon COVID evictions loom, at \$3 billion cost	Portland Tribune	web
9-Feb-2021	PSU: 90,000 Oregon COVID evictions loom, at \$3 billion cost	Sandy Post	web
10-Feb-2021	PSU: 90,000 Oregon COVID evictions loom, at \$3 billion cost	Lake Oswego Review	web
10-Feb-2021	Report: Hidden costs of looming Oregon evictions could top \$3 billion	OPB	web

10-Feb-2021	The Cost of Not Canceling Oregon Rent? \$3.3 Billion	Portland Mercury	web
10-Feb-2021	Portland State: 90,000 Oregon COVID evictions loom, at \$3 billion cost	Albany Democrat-Herald	web
10-Feb-2021	A Mass Wave of Evictions Could Cost Oregon \$3 Billion Without Prior Intervention	Willamette Week	web
10-Feb-2021	Oregon tenants owe hundreds of millions of dollars in back rent, PSU study finds	KATU	web
10-Feb-2021	PSU report: 90,000 Oregon COVID evictions loom, at \$3 billion cost	East Oregonian	web
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