

# **Benjamin Henwood**

**Associate Professor of Social Work at USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work**  
Los Angeles, CA, US

Expert on housing and integrative support for homeless individuals

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## **Biography**

Benjamin Henwood, PhD, LCSW, is a recognized expert in health and housing services research whose work connects clinical interventions with social policy. Dr. Henwood has specific expertise in improving care for adults experiencing homelessness and serious mental illness, as well as in the integration of primary and behavioral health care. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (including the National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and National Institute on Aging). He is a co-author of a book on Housing First published by Oxford University Press, and is the co-lead the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare's Grand Challenge to End Homelessness. Dr. Henwood is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. To reference the work of Benjamin Henwood online, we ask that you directly quote their work where possible and attribute it to "Benjamin Henwood, a faculty at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work" (LINK: <https://dworakpeck.usc.edu>)

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## **Industry Expertise**

Program Development, Health Care - Services, Health Care - Facilities, Education/Learning, Research, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Providers, Public Policy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Serious Mental Illness, Housing First, homelessness, permanent supportive housing, Integrated behavioral and primary healthcare

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## **Affiliations**

Joint Appointment, USC Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Faculty Affiliate - USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging, Director of the Center for Homelessness, Housing and Health Equity Research

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## **Grand Challenges**

### **Grand Challenge to End Homelessness**

Launched in 2016, the Grand Challenges for Social Work initiative sponsored by the American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare (AASWSW) represents a dynamic social agenda focused on solving this nation's toughest problems. The grand challenge to end homelessness (GC2EH) was adopted as part of this initiative as a way to orient the social work profession and advance innovation and evidence-based solutions.

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## **Education**

**New York University**  
PhD Social Work

**New York University**  
MSW Social Work

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**  
MA Philosophy

**Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania**  
BA Philosophy

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## **Accomplishments**

**Sterling C. Franklin Award for Distinguished USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Faculty**  
Award by USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

**Fellow of the Society for Social Work and Research**  
Awarded by the Society for Social Work and Research

**New Investigator Award,**  
Awarded by the National Institute of Mental Health

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