

# **Eric Rice**

**Associate Professor and Co-Director of the USC Center for Artificial Intelligence in Society at USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work**

Los Angeles, CA, US

Social work expert, focusing on community outreach, network science, and the use of social networking technology by high-risk youth

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## **Biography**

Eric Rice is an associate professor and the founding co-director of the USC Center for Artificial Intelligence in Society, a joint venture of the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work and the USC Viterbi School of Engineering. Rice received a BA from the University of Chicago, and an MA and PhD in Sociology from Stanford University. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, Los Angeles. He joined the USC faculty in 2009. In 2012 he received the John B. Reid Early Career Award through the Society for Prevention Research. He specializes in social network science and theory, as well as community-based research. His primary focus is on youth experiencing homelessness and how issues of social network influence may affect risk-taking behaviors and resilience. For several years he has been working with colleague Milind Tambe to merge social work science and AI, seeking novel solutions to major social problems such as homelessness and HIV. Rice is the author of more than 100 peer-reviewed articles in such publications as the American Journal of Public Health, AIDS and Behavior, the Journal of Adolescent Health, Pediatrics, Child Development, and the Journal of the Society for Social Work Research. He is the recipient of grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, the California HIV/AIDS Research Program, the Army Research Office and other agencies. Since 2002 he has worked closely with homeless youth providers in Los Angeles and many other communities across the country. He is the creator of the TAY Triage Tool to identify high-risk homeless youth for prioritizing them for supportive housing which was incorporated into Orgcode's Next Step Tool for homeless youth. Along with Robin Petering, Rice is the co-chair of the West Coast Convening, a policy and practice working group of homeless youth providers, advocates, researchers and funders. With Megan Blondin, he created the Coordinated Entry Learning Collaborative, a national project involving nine communities working to vet best practices for the creation and implementation of coordinated housing referral systems. Rice's primary collaborators in Los Angeles are the LGBT Center, My Friend's Place and Safe Place for Youth. To reference the work of Eric Rice online, we ask that you directly quote their work where possible and attribute it to "Eric Rice, a faculty at the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work" (LINK: <https://dworakpeck.usc.edu>)

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## **Industry Expertise**

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

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Artificial Intelligence for Social Good, Homelessness, HIV Prevention, Application of social networking methods to social work research, Social Network Theory, Social Network Analysis, Homeless youth, Suicide Prevention, Artificial Intelligence

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## **Education**

**University of California Los Angeles**

Postdoctoral Fellow NIMH AIDS Research Training Program

**Stanford University**

PhD Sociology

**Stanford University**

MA Sociology

**University of Chicago**

BA Sociology

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## **Accomplishments**

**Sterling C. Franklin Award for Distinguished Faculty**

Awarded by the USC School of Social Work

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