

# **Leslie Martin**

**Associate Professor of Sociology at University of Mary Washington**

Fredericksburg, VA, US

Dr. Martin specializes in urban sociology, race/ethnic relations, welfare and poverty issues.

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## **Biography**

More than 600,000 Americans live without homes. The general public often believes that the homeless themselves are to blame. Leslie E. Martin, University of Mary Washington associate professor of sociology, would disagree. A specialist in urban sociology, Dr. Martin studies neighborhood and community change and housing-related attitudes, including public debate and media coverage of affordable housing in growing urban areas. Dr. Martin won a 2011-2012 faculty development grant for the project "Making Sense of Need: Organization Constructions of Homelessness and Solutions." In addition to housing and society, her specialties include ethnic relations, welfare and poverty, the sociology of education and social welfare. A member of the Urban Affairs Association, Dr. Martin has served as a counselor for fair housing and AIDS service organizations, and consulted on housing issues with city leadership in Boise, Idaho. She has served as secretary and on the executive committee of Fredericksburg Continuum of Care, a regional coalition of homeless service organizations and on George Washington Regional Commission's Affordable Housing Task Force.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Training and Development, Education/Learning, Public Policy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Urban Sociology, Race / Ethnic Relations, Welfare and Poverty, Sociology of Education, Public Housing, Social Welfare & Social Policy, Housing and Society

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## **Affiliations**

American Sociological Association : Member, Urban Affairs Association : Member, Fredericksburg Continuum of Care : Member, Executive Committee

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## **Education**

**Emory University**

Ph.D. Sociology

**Temple University**

M.A. Urban Studies

## Accomplishments

### Faculty Development Grant

Awarded by the University of Mary Washington for the project "Making Sense of Need: Organization Constructions of Homelessness and Solutions".

### Sabbatical 2014-15

Sabbatical awarded for the 2014-15 academic year for a project titled "Constructing the Neighborhood School: Gentrification, Parents and Schools.?"

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