

3 Experts Available for Timely Analysis on SCOTUS Homelessness Decision

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As the Supreme Court wraps up its term, there are a number of major decisions to come. Among them is a decision in the case *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*, with implications on whether the Eighth Amendment prevents a city from enforcing a ban on public camping against homeless individuals. For reporters covering the case, the following experts are available to provide commentary and analysis on the case and its implications.

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Nations studies inequality and the distribution of public and philanthropic resources in multiple domains, from higher education to city finances to homelessness services. Nations leads multiple research studies at Homelessness Hub, where she focuses on applied research that supports policy and program change. This includes grant-funded studies about housing instability, affordable housing, transportation, evictions, and health. It also includes philanthropy-funded research on homelessness service availability and accessibility and the government processes that structure program design and implementation.

CURTIS SMITH

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Smith's research focuses on homelessness, inequality, social policy, immigration, and social movements. Smith's writings include detailing how complex it is for social service workers to house their homeless clients, methodological issues related to "point-in-time" homeless counts, health issues among Hispanic immigrants in low-income housing, public policy, social movements, and activism related to the homeless. His research is informed by his previous experiences employed as a homelessness street outreach worker in the Midwest, South, and Mountain West.

MEGAN WELSH CARROLL

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Welsh Carroll teaches and writes about homelessness, health, and the criminalization of poverty. Her research uses a community-driven framework in which she partners with individuals and organizations to understand local community needs, design and execute research, and produce data-informed recommendations to solve problems.