



*The Inclusion Committee & Mary Anne Siderits Speakers Series on Cultural Diversity present*

# EVICTED: Seeking Safe Space within Us and through Us

**Friday, July 10, 2026**  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM

**Summit Place**  
6737 W. Washington St.  
West Allis, WI 53214

**AUDIENCE:** Psychologists, Graduate Students, Mental Health Professionals  
Skill level: Intermediate

**Attendees may join in person or virtually  
(Link will be sent after registration)**



WSPP is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. WSPP maintains responsibility for the program and its content. This program earns 6 CE credits for those who complete the program in its entirety.

Schedule	
8:45-9:00am	Check-In and Welcome
9:00-10:30am	Housing Scarcity and its Ecological Impact
10:30-10:45am	Break
10:45-12:15pm	Mental Health First Aid
12:15-12:45pm	Lunch (Provided)
12:45-2:15pm	Vicarious Encounters of Housing Scarcity on Providers
2:15-2:30pm	Break
2:30-4:00pm	Calling of the Community - Collaborative Responding to Housing Insecurity

**Registration and payment must be received by July 6th**

### FEES

WSPP Students: \$15  
WSPP Faculty: \$25  
WSPP Alumni & Other Students: \$60  
Professionals: \$160

**Register and pay online at:** [www.wspp.edu/events](http://www.wspp.edu/events)

**OR** Submit registration and fee (make check payable to WSPP) via postal mail to: Hydiza Hassan, 9120 West Hampton Ave. #212, Milwaukee WI, 53225

**Refund/Cancelation Policy:** WSPP must be notified at least 3 business days prior to the workshop to qualify for a refund, less a \$20.00 fee

For additional information or special accommodations, please call (414) 464-9777

### Session Description

In this compelling workshop, psychologist R. Kweku Akyirefi Amoasi will be presenting on the promotion of health and wellbeing in both clients and service providers, as it pertains to the plight of housing insecurity, and the broad and multifaceted impact this has on society. This presentation will combine insights from Mathew Desmond's Pulitzer Prize winning *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* which was selected this year by the school as the school's annual Diversity Equity and Inclusion reading with perspectives from Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), a targeted initiative designed to train community members in effective response to mental health crises that occur in the community.

The workshop will include a didactic component, as participants consider the ecological impact of housing scarcity on individuals and communities, before being introduced to principles and perspectives from Mental Health First Aid in considering how we as community members and providers can respond to hardships experienced on account of housing insecurity.

In the second half of this dynamic and interactive workshop, participants will gain experience and practice in applying MHFA firsthand to understanding their own subjective and personal response to the ramifications of housing insecurity, and how vicarious exposure to occurrences of housing insecurity affects us all. Participants will be actively engaged in creating a list of community resources for addressing the ramifications of housing insecurity. All participants will walk away with practical skills for addressing mental health crises stemming from housing insecurity, and a list of resources to access in addressing these concerns in the community.

### Presenter: R. Kweku Amoasi, Ph.D., LP



R. Kweku Akyirefi Amoasi, PhD is the President and CEO of BLAQUESMITH Psychological Consultative Services, Inc. He earned his Doctorate in the area of Urban Education with an emphasis in School Psychology from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in 2003. Amoasi has worked as a clinical psychologist at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin- Trauma Department, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and has served as a negotiator for the SWAT Team.

A clinical psychologist by trade, Dr. Amoasi has had the opportunity to develop his skill set in varying arenas through out his career. Amoasi served as the full-time Team Psychologist for the Milwaukee Bucks where he provided clinical services to the players and coaching staff; conducted assessments and interviews for the Combine and Draft and served as a general mental health resource for the organization. Amoasi is used regularly for Nike's EYBL to provide training for players, coaches and parents. He's contracted with NFL teams to help address multiple topics for the Rookie symposium and served on the NFL Clinical Advisory Team. Recently, Amoasi worked with the University of Wisconsin Badgers as a Senior Clinical and Sport Psychologist and served as the Director, Sport Psychology & Elite Artist Coaching (SPEAC). In his current position with the USOPC, Dr. Amoasi supports our US athletes in their individual pursuits of Olympic gold.

Since 2007, Dr. Amoasi has been the President of BLAQUESMITH Psychological Consultative Services, LLC. As a consultant, over the past 18 years, Amoasi has worked with multiple companies and organizations ranging from school districts to the federal governments on a plethora of issues (e.g., workplace performance, diversity and inclusion, mental health). His work in these areas, has resulted in features on several news outlets such as ESPN.com, Time.com, CNN, and PBS News Hour.

A fierce advocate for social justice and community empowerment; Dr. Amoasi is regularly asked, to provide commentary on issues of mental health. In addition to his work nationally, Dr. Amoasi strives to make an impact locally through providing training and support to area schools and agencies on the topics of violence prevention, trauma informed care, social justice and human trafficking.

Dr. Amoasi strives to speak truth in a manner which informs and empowers his community to make positive changes that will ultimately result in better outcomes for all.

#### Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this program:

1. Participants will be able to identify at least five distinct ways that housing insecurity impacts individuals in the form of clinical concerns and presenting symptoms.
2. Participants will be able to identify core components of the Mental Wheel of Wellness as utilized in Mental Health First Aid and to adapt these to clinical work with community members.
3. Participants will acquire introductory knowledge about Mental Health First Aid as a community intervention, and how it is being utilized to better equip communities in responding to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
4. Participants to promote greater self-awareness of the personal, emotional, psychological impact that housing insecurity has on us as providers, and strategies for dealing with these ramifications in terms of basic self-care
5. Participants to acquire a list of relevant community resources, to be better equipped in dealing with housing insecurity in populations they are serving.
6. Participants will gain awareness of housing insecurity as a public health concern, and to be able to identify at least three different demographic groups across the state of Wisconsin that are disproportionately affected by housing insecurity.