



Oregon Public
Health Association

OPHA 2016 Book Discussion

*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the
American City*

Facilitated by Ken Rosenberg & Kathleen Anger

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Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City
By Matthew Desmond (2016)

Housing is an important Social Determinant of Health especially for low-income Americans. The aim of this discussion is to explore collaborations between public health and housing advocates.

Introduction below provided by Jason DeParle, *New York Review of Books*, March 10, 2016 Issue. Read the full review at <http://www.nybooks.com/articles/2016/03/10/evicted-kicked-out-in-america/?printpage=true>

“Seeking distraction one winter afternoon, a Milwaukee boy takes to some old-fashioned mischief and hurls snowballs at passing cars. A driver gives chase and kicks in the door of the house where the boy lives with his mother and younger brother. The landlord puts the family out. Thus begins an odyssey that in Matthew Desmond’s gripping and important book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, exposes the harrowing world of the ten million or so low-income households that pay half or more of their income for rent and utilities, a long-overlooked population whose numbers have recently soared.

Evicted tells this and other disturbing stories in spellbinding detail in service of two main points. One is that growing numbers of low-income households pay crushing shares of their incomes for shelter...leaving inadequate sums for items as basic as medicine and food. Their numbers were rising for decades but soared to record levels during the Great Recession. The book’s second point is that the evictions aren’t just a consequence of poverty but also a cause. Evictions make kids change schools and cost adults their jobs....

Desmond, a Harvard sociologist, cites plenty of statistics but it’s his ethnographic gift that lends the work such force. He’s one of a rare academic breed: a poverty expert who engages with the poor.”

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Monday, October 10, 2016

TIME: 5:00 - 6:30pm

LOCATION: Johnson Library
OSU Alumni Center
725 SW 26th Street
Corvallis, OR 97331

OPHA is hosting a group book discussion during the 2016 OPHA Annual Conference & Meeting. The book selected this year is *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, by Matthew Desmond (2016).

Ken Rosenberg and Kathleen Anger will facilitate the discussion.

❖ **Hors d’oeuvres will be served.**

Conference attendees are welcome to participate in the discussion even if they have not read the book - Please refer to the Jason Parle NYRB review for a complete summary of the book.

Questions? Contact Ken Rosenberg:
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