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Keynote Address

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**“Shattering the Homeless Policy Echo Chamber:
What We Can Learn from Other Social Justice Movements”**



Jeff Olivet is the Principal and Founder of jo consulting and has worked in homelessness, behavioral health, and public health for more than two decades. As a teacher, writer, and policy leader, he shapes new directions for organizations across the United States and internationally. He specializes in creative approaches to promoting best practices for large and small organizations. Jeff has worked as a street outreach worker, case manager, coalition builder, activist, national trainer and technical assistance provider, as well as a curriculum developer, writer, and inspirational public speaker. From 2010 to 2018, he was CEO of the Boston-based Center for Social Innovation, where he led the growth and development of this dynamic social policy company.

Jeff is Principal Investigator on multiple research studies funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health, and he conceived of and leads the SPARC Initiative (Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities), a multi-city effort to address racism and homelessness in the United States. His blogs and podcasts are widely circulated, providing thought leadership for the field.

Jeff is deeply committed to social justice, racial equity, gender equality, and inclusion for all. With a BA from the University of Alabama and an MA from Boston College, he divides his time between Cambridge, Massachusetts and Washington, DC.