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**Call for Papers: A Special Issue of the Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless**  
*Food and Housing Insecurity and Homelessness in Higher Education*

**Submission Deadline: September 4, 2018**

(June 2018) -- While the number of college students experiencing food and housing insecurity in the United States is on the rise (Ellis, 2013; Ringer & Bombyk, 2015), there is little research on the social and structural factors driving this trend and its impact on student retention, graduation and the everyday lived experience.

This special volume of the [Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless](#) seeks manuscript submissions from scholars and practitioners working on issues of food and housing insecurity among college students.

The journal's editors are particularly interested in submissions that examine the lived experiences of students at the intersections of gender, race/ethnicity, class, culture, age, family status and patterns of residence.

The editors also invite discussion regarding implications for educational equity and access as we work to build more innovative and responsive systems of higher education to meet student needs and foster student success across social location.

Low-income college students face a number of barriers to academic success and have comparably lower bachelor's degree completion rates than their middle- and higher-income counterparts (National Center for Homeless Education, 2016). Independent students, including those who are at least 24 years old; married; a graduate or professional student; a veteran; an orphan, in foster care, or ward of the court; a member of the armed forces; someone who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; or having legal dependents other than a spouse,

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now make up just over one half of all U.S. college students (Institute for Women's Policy Research, 2018).

The food and housing challenges faced by this "new college majority" play a significant role in shaping success in college and promoting future family economic security and opportunity.

***PLEASE consider submitting your work and share with your interested colleagues!***

**Authors:** [Here's how to submit your paper.](#)

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