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PERKINS Seminar Series

and

Raine Visiting Professor Lecture Series

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER



Dr James J. O'Connell

President, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

"Healthcare for people who are homeless: reflections
from the Boston experience"

Dr O'Connell graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1982, and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). In 1985, Dr O'Connell began fulltime clinical work with homeless individuals as the founding physician of the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, which now serves over 13,000 homeless persons each year in two hospital-based clinics and in more than 60 shelters and outreach sites in Boston. With his colleagues, Dr O'Connell established the nation's first medical respite program for homeless persons – this innovative program now provides acute and sub-acute, pre- and post-operative, and palliative and end-of-life care for people who are homeless. Working with the MGH Laboratory of Computer Science, Dr O'Connell also designed and implemented the nation's first computerized medical record for a homeless program in 1995. From 1989 until 1996, Dr O'Connell served as the National Program Director of the Homeless Families Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Dr O'Connell is the editor of *The Health Care of Homeless Persons*, and his articles have appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of the American Medical Association, Circulation, the American Journal of Public Health, the Journal of Clinical Ethics, and several other medical journals.

His insights from Boston are timely for WA, with over 9000 people homeless in this State on the 2016 Census night, and the WA Government's Sustainable Health Review highlighting the need to better address the health needs of vulnerable population groups.

12:00noon till 1:00pm

followed by a light lunch

For more information, please contact Amanda Cleaver on amanda.cleaver@rainefoundation.org.au

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