

# NATIONAL PUBLIC ISSUES WEBINAR SERIES—2018

## ECONOMIC VULNERABILITY AND POVERTY

**Wednesday, September 12th – 1 PM, EST**

### **Extension Professionals Building Relationships in Impoverished Populations**

Research shows that when we dissolve social, economic, and cultural barriers among ourselves, communities become unified, and its members stand together in times of conflict, disaster, and other threats. When communities unify, safety increases, conflict decreases, and families thrive. The lines that separate us begin to blur. This webinar targets those professionals who wish to increase their understanding and their work in populations where poverty is endemic and persistent. Together we will build our own self-awareness about why we may turn away from people who are not like us. The more we understand about ourselves, the closer it brings us to learn about those who are different on many levels: rich or poor, young or old, with different educational backgrounds, or from different origins. Find more information [here](#).

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**Debra J. Bolton**  
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**Wednesday, September 19th – 1 PM, EST**

### **Lessons From a Three-State Community Review Program to Help Communities Achieve Diverse Goals**

Community Reviews are comprehensive assessment programs that provide information and tools to help communities address priority issues and enhance quality of life for their residents. This webinar provides an overview of a three-year USDA-funded collaboration among Extension faculty and partners in three states to understand, evaluate, and improve how Community Reviews work and help participating communities see greater success in achieving their goals, specifically addressing economic vulnerability. Find more information [here](#).

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**Wednesday, September 26th – 1 PM, EST**

### **\$21 Trillion in Unsupported Adjustments in the Departments of Defense and Housing and Urban Development: Implications for Extension and Citizens**

On July 26, 2016, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) issued a report "Army General Fund Adjustments Not Adequately Documented or Supported". The report indicates that for fiscal year 2015 the Army failed to provide adequate support for \$6.5 trillion in journal voucher adjustments. This is not the only report with large adjustments; the webinar presenter, Dr. Skidmore compiled official government reports between years 1998-2015, which indicate \$21 trillion in unsupported adjustments. According to the GAO's Comptroller General, journal vouchers are summary-level accounting adjustments made when balances between systems cannot be reconciled. Often these journal vouchers are unsupported, meaning they lack supporting documentation to justify the adjustment or are not tied to specific accounting transactions. The learning outcomes for this webinar are to explore these adjustments, discuss potential impacts on economically vulnerable populations, and the implications for citizens in general and Extension, specifically related to personnel benefits and federal retirement. Find more information [here](#).

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**Wednesday, October 3rd – 1 PM, EST**

### **Exploring Partnerships to Address Economically-Vulnerable Populations: A New Anchor Partnership Program Between Extension and Everyday Democracy**

Engaging people across their community in dialogue and community change with an equity lens can directly address issues of economic vulnerability and poverty. Everyday Democracy, a national organization leading in the field of dialogue and deliberation to promote stronger communities, has recently partnered with several state Extension programs with its new "Anchor Partners" Project. This webinar will explore this new partnership program and the role it can play in addressing structural racism, engaging all different kinds of people in public dialogue, and linking dialogue to action and positive change, specifically for those who are economically-vulnerable. Find more information [here](#).

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