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Human rights and displacement specialist with roughly a decade of work at the intersection of homelessness, public health, and human rights. Executive Committee member of the UN NGO Working Group to End Homelessness (ECOSOC-accredited) and co-author of peer-reviewed research on integrated care for people experiencing homelessness. Her direct knowledge of homelessness runs through the work rather than beside it, from guiding university research and building resource tools to advising public agencies and carrying civil-society advocacy from King County to the United Nations. Seeking remote international roles advancing the right to housing and health equity for displaced people.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY · RIGHT TO HOUSING · HEALTH EQUITY & ONE HEALTH · DISPLACEMENT & HOMELESSNESS POLICY · UN / ECOSOC CIVIL-SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT · HARM REDUCTION · COALITION BUILDING · RESEARCH & PEER-REVIEWED PUBLISHING · PUBLIC SPEAKING & TRAINING · AI-ASSISTED RESEARCH & TOOLS · APP DEVELOPMENT · SOCIAL MEDIA, CONTENT & GRAPHIC DESIGN · GRANT WRITING & REPORTING · TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE · COC / PSH SYSTEMS

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER — 2022 – Present

UN NGO Working Group to End Homelessness · ECOSOC-accredited

- Serve on the Executive, Advocacy, and Voluntary National Review (VNR) sub-committees of a coalition of ~30 civil-society organizations in ECOSOC consultative status with the UN.
- Authored formal outreach to UN Permanent Missions (including South Africa, China, and Uganda) toward the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2026; former Chair of the Member State Outreach Committee.
- Collaborate with international NGO partners across the Global South and Europe to advance the right to housing.

DISPLACEMENT CONSULTANT — 2018 – Present

One Health Research, University of Washington · Seattle / Remote

- Advise interdisciplinary research and clinical teams on engaging and centering displaced and unhoused populations.
- Co-author peer-reviewed research evaluating integrated human–animal health care for people experiencing homelessness.
- Translate frontline expertise into program design, communications, and policy recommendations across partner organizations.

Selected clients & engagements: U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness · National Alliance to End Homelessness · University of Washington · City of Seattle · Urban Institute.

BOARD MEMBER — 2025 – Present

National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC)

- Member, National Consumer Advisory Board (NCAB) Steering Committee; serve on hiring and interview panels.
- Provide national governance and policy guidance on health care for people experiencing homelessness.

CO-FOUNDER — 2018 – Present

ShelterApp, Inc.

- Co-founded a resource-navigation platform connecting people experiencing homelessness to services.
- Designed the platform's early empathetic chatbot (2019), building empathy into the backend response logic, not just the wording.
- Lead resource-database development and regional gap analyses (Washington State, Florida) and digital communications.

COMMUNITY LIAISON FOR UNHOUSED COMMUNITIES & NGOS — 2018 – May 2024

City of Seattle, Department of Neighborhoods · Independent Contractor

- Advised the City on reaching displaced communities and mitigating barriers to access.
- Consulted for other public agencies and nonprofits on human-rights-centered engagement.

ADVISORY & GOVERNANCE — 2021 – Present

Housing Narrative Lab · Seattle Public Utilities · HCHN

- Advisory Board, Housing Narrative Lab: reframing public narratives about housing and homelessness.
- Advisory Board, One Health Clinic.
- Chair (formerly Co-Chair), Seattle Public Utilities Consumer Review Panel.
- Former Chair, Governance Council, Seattle/King County Health Care for the Homeless Network (2022–2023).

Earlier service: Seattle Human Rights Commission (co-authored a policy paper on budget allocation to end homelessness) · National Alliance to End Homelessness: Lived Experience Advisory Committee & Homelessness Research Network (2020–present) · National Coalition for the Homeless · Seattle Harm Reduction Coalition (volunteer, 2019).

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Rejto N, Ramirez V, Fenelon HT, Xie M, Kuehl K, Terry A, Tin AH, Tabor E, Schneier K, Nee A, **Richer A**, Rabinowitz P, Meisner J. *The One Health Clinic: Care for Young Adults and Companion Animals Experiencing Homelessness.* Journal of Primary Care & Community Health. 2025;16. doi:10.1177/21501319251345973

SELECTED SPEAKING & TRAINING

- United Nations: Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70), 2026; UNITAR (UN Institute for Training and Research).
- U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH): contracted contributor on federal encampment guidance; invited panelist, national webinar "19 Strategies to Reduce Encampments" (2024, ~2,000 registrants).
- The Urban Institute: invited speaker to research teams (2022).
- National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH): presenter since 2020.
- National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC): repeat presenter and trainer; Ellen Dailey advocacy sessions (HCH 2026, Orlando).
- National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH): presenter.
- Washington State Department of Ecology: invited presenter.
- University of Washington: trainings for medical residents on serving displaced patients.
- Ignite Project Homeless: The Seattle Times / Seattle University, 2018.

Topics presented include aging in place, harm reduction, traumatic brain injury, lived-experience leadership, One Health, environmental contaminants, climate change, disaster response, and advocacy.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- **Rights World** : a gamified human-rights education platform covering the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the SDGs, and the UN system.
- **ShelterApp** : a mobile resource-navigation tool for people experiencing homelessness, with a browser-based resource-audit agent.

TECHNOLOGY & AI

- Direct AI coding tools (Claude Code) to architect, test, and ship production software (React/Vite front ends, Python automation, Firebase real-time backends, and browser-automation agents) deployed live on Cloudflare and Netlify.
- Build AI-powered tools and educational platforms, including Rights World, End Homelessness, and ShelterApp's resource database and audit agent.
- Apply large language models to research synthesis, policy analysis, data work, and content production; also work across no-code / low-code platforms (Base44), data visualization (Power BI), and digital campaigns.

FELLOWSHIP

- ACOM Friday Briefing Fellow: Runta News; mentor to incoming fellows.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & LANGUAGES

CONTINUING ED	Johns Hopkins & Emory: Psychological First Aid; Infectious Disease Transmission Models for Decision-Makers; Communicating During Global Emergencies; COVID-19 Contact Tracing; PATH Diagnosis & Documentation of SMI (JBS International, 2020)
CERTIFICATION	AHA CPR & First Aid (2024)
LANGUAGES	English (native)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.