Serving Veterans: Research and Policy

September 30, 2015, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
~Reception Follows~

Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Community Studies Center Room 115

Research on Military Families and Deployment: Hero Stories and Horror Stories

Mark Chapin, MSW, PhD 1995, LISW, BCD
For the last 14 years, families of military members have experienced deployment into the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq as a “normative crisis” which most military families will experience at least once if not several times. This presentation will discuss how McCubbin’s model of family resilience can be applied to research on the unique stressors and adaptations that families make during three phases of deployment.

Mark Chapin currently serves as Team Leader, Annapolis Vet Center, U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs where he specializes in Addictions, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Marital/Family Therapy, Mind-Body Medicine, and Community Outreach. He has an MSW from the University of Maryland and a PhD from the Mandel School.

Policy Perspectives on Serving Homeless Veterans

Lisa M. Pape, MSSA 1990, LISW
The Department of Veteran Affairs has made ending Veteran homelessness a top priority and has taken an unprecedented campaign to dramatically increase successful outcomes for Veterans and their families. This presentation will discuss the importance and influential impact that research has on the implementation of policies.

Lisa M. Pape, LISW, earned her MSAA degree from the Mandel School. Currently, she serves as the Executive Director, VHA Homeless Programs Office for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Pape’s focus is on operationalizing plans and approaches designed to most effectively meet the needs of the nation’s veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Students: Join the speakers for “Advice from Mandel School Alumni,” an informal session at 1-2 p.m. in the Mandel Center Lounge prior to the colloquia.