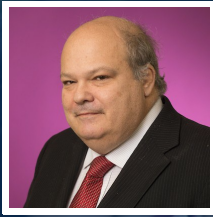


Increasing Education and Employment Accessibility for Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses



Kenneth Gill

CURRENT RESEARCH

Helping People with Mental Illness Earn a Living Wage and Develop a Career

Many people living with serious mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression are living lives of "quiet desperation". At least 5/6th of those affected are not in the workforce -- dooming them to a life of poverty -- which is associated with a wide range of other negative outcomes including social isolation, poor overall health, and reduced longevity. Dr. Kenneth Gill, Associate Dean of Faculty Development and Chair of the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Department at Rutgers University, studies the ways to sustainably empower individuals to get their education or job training, to enter and remain in the workforce from a young age, and earn a living wage. His work brings awareness to the true issues facing individuals with serious mental illness while developing solutions to improve their quality of life.

With the strong belief that "we must find a means of improving quality of life, reducing suffering, and increasing life span" for those affected by serious mental illness, Dr. Gill has devoted his career to creating opportunities for individuals with serious mental illness and developing trainings for healthcare professionals who aid them in their employment searches. Dr. Gill's unique approach brings breadth and depth to issues affecting persons with serious mental illness and their overall community integration and quality of life. Additionally, by working closely with experienced providers of psychiatric rehabilitation services, Dr. Gill's work always has an aim of application. Therefore, his research works to create practical solutions to pressing problems. In so doing, he also is able to create sustainable interventions for people with serious mental illness so that problems...

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AFFILIATION



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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Measurement Evaluation, and Statistics 1996, Columbia University

AWARDS

- Jerry Dincin Fellow, 2014
- Outstanding Research Award, 1996, 2013
- Mort Gati Award, "Embodiment of the Principles of Psychiatric Rehabilitation", 2001
- John Beard Award, outstanding contributions to Psychiatric Rehabilitation, 2005
- Proclamation of New Jersey General Assembly, May 21, 2008

RESEARCH AREAS

Humanities, Veteran's Causes, Poverty & Equality, Psychology

FUNDING REQUEST

Your contributions will support the continued research of Dr. Kenneth Gill, at Rutgers University, as he studies successful interventions for individuals with serious mental illness. Donations will fund the necessary \$200-250K/year required for each study and supports personnel, and equipment as well as local travel. Help individuals in need find sustainable employment while receiving personalized and effective treatment: fund Dr. Gill.