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Exiting Homelessness in Two Global Cities with Dr. Matthew Marr

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In *Better Must Come*, Matthew D. Marr reveals how social contexts at various levels combine and interact to shape the experiences of transitional housing program users in two of the most prosperous cities of the global economy, Los Angeles and Tokyo. Marr, who has conducted fieldwork in U.S. and Japanese cities for over two decades, followed the experiences of thirty-four people as they made use of transitional housing services and after they left such programs. This comparative ethnography is groundbreaking in two ways – it is the first book to directly focus on exits from homelessness in American or Japanese cities, and it is the first targeted comparison of homelessness in two global cities.

Matthew Marr is associate professor of Sociology in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies at FIU. He combines street-level qualitative research with comparative, macro-sociological analysis to contribute to debates on inequality about the effects of globalization, welfare states, urban regimes, culture, organizations, neighborhoods, families, and individual agency.