

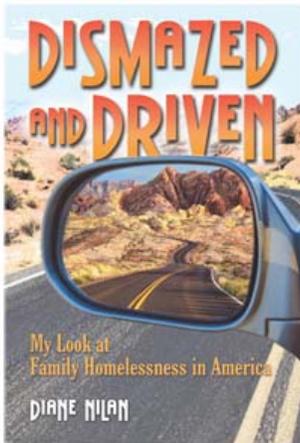
**Award-Winning USF Alumna, Author, Filmmaker**

**Diane Nilan** (USF '73, founder of Daybreak Shelter)

***Shining a Light:  
What We Need to Know About  
Family Homelessness\****

**Oct. 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**University of St. Francis, Joliet, San Damiano Hall**  
Free, Open to the Public



**Homelessness impacts millions.  
Few understand it.**

**Diane's decades working with and on behalf of  
people experiencing homelessness  
give her candid insights to foster  
understanding and compassion.**

**\*Ideal event for students, educators, social workers,  
health care providers, and people who care.**

***WHEN FORMER SHELTER DIRECTOR Diane Nilan sold her Illinois townhouse and most of her possessions in 2005, she set out to do what no one had ever done: travel the backroads of America to record the stories of the women, men, and children living doubled and tripled up, in cars, campgrounds, motels, shelters, and storage facilities throughout the country.***



***Her latest book, Dismazed and Driven: My Look at Family Homelessness in America (Charles Bruce Foundation), is part memoir, part social narrative, and part activist manual about what she calls "the plight and promise" of the 10 million undomesticated people she estimates have no permanent home.***

***Deeply personal — Nilan coined the word "dismazed" to capture her despair and amazement — the book is both inspiring and infuriating, a deep dive into the failure of US policymakers to tackle poverty and meaningfully address the affordable housing crisis...The book is also prescriptive, with clear recommendations about what needs to be done.***

Eleanor J. Bader, LA Review of Books, 12/23/20

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