

## Scott Frank, Brief Biography, 2024

Dr. Scott Frank is a Public Health and Family Medicine educator, researcher, and practitioner. He graduated from the Integrated Premedical-Medical (Inteflex) program with degrees in Creative Writing and Medicine and was part of the first Residency class in Family Medicine ever at the University of Michigan. He received a Master of Science in Family Medicine and Fellowship training in Addiction Medicine, both at Case Western Reserve University. He is the founding Director of the Master of Public Health Program at CWRU School of Medicine and served in that role for 18 years until 2017. Throughout that time, Dr. Frank also served as Director of Health for the City of Shaker Heights, a small municipal health department that facilitated deep and broad connections into the community and public health practice. In 2017, he began the role of Director of Public Health Initiatives in the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences. He served as Co-Director of the Health Data Matters online resource which emphasizes open data, public health innovation, and data visualization across socioeconomic, geographic, and health domains. He maintained a clinical family practice and was named annually among the “Best Doctors in America” from 2002 until his retirement from clinical practice in 2018.

Dr. Frank has served as Residency Director and Director of Predoctoral Education in Family Medicine, and as curriculum leader for Population Health at the CWRU School of Medicine. In the School of Medicine, he has served as faculty for the Humanities Pathway and Wellness Pathway. He is involved in research and teaching domains such as social justice, public health services and systems, public health information technology, adolescent health, tobacco control, substance abuse prevention, violence prevention, suicide prevention, health equity, racism as a public health crisis, public health and medicine, assessment of stress, and the role of spirituality and religion in health. He is an author on many peer-reviewed articles and national presentations on these topics and more. Dr. Frank was Co-PI and Creative Director of the Neighborhood Immersion for Compassion and Empathy Virtual Realty Simulation for teaching about health equity and social determinants of health. He was an investigator on the HEALing Community Study, the nation’s largest clinical trial to reduce opioid overdose death. Recently, he joined with current MPH Program Director Daniel Tisch, PhD, MPH and Peter Zimmerman PhD and many student interns to lead a team of Public Health scientists from CWRU to support the Cleveland Department of Public Health in its Covid Pandemic Response.

Dr. Frank is an award-winning teacher of residents, medical, and public health students. Awards include the Templeton Award for his medical school curriculum in Faith and Medicine; Voices Against the Silence Award from the AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland for his whitepaper on Abstinence-Only-Until Marriage Educational Programs in Ohio; the Martin Luther King Jr. Human Relations Award by the City of Shaker Heights as part of the South Shaker MyCom Leadership Team; a Recognition Award from the Student National Medical Association; Youth Voice Award, Cleveland Foundation, MyCom Initiative, for Civic Leadership; a Pioneers of Tobacco Cessation Award; and most recently the National Public Health honor of the Duncan Clark award, among other honors. Dr. Frank is also a 2-time Hopwood Award winning writer, a husband, father of five and grandfather of seven. He and his wife Jean recently adopted a mixed-breed Treeing Walker Hound rescue dog.