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Faculty Biographical Sketch

Kathleen J. Farkas is an associate professor at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She has extensive clinical and research expertise in assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders. She holds an Ohio independent social work license with supervisory designation. Dr. Farkas is chair of the Curriculum Committee and the Direct Practice Concentration at the school. She served as the vice-chair of the university's social and behavioral sciences IRB for the protection of human research participants for over twenty years.

Dr. Farkas has been the recipient of a National Research Training Award from the National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse (NIAAA), a Faculty Development Award from NIAAA/National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)/Center on Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), as well as research grants from NIDA. She was the Project Director for the Mandel School's Master's Advanced Curriculum Project funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation and the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and was chair of a national panel of experts on substance abuse and older adults. In 2015 and again in 2017 she served on the steering committee for the Task Force on Advanced Social Work Practice in Trauma sponsored by the Council on Social Work Education and the National Center for Social Work Trauma Education and Workforce Development. Dr. Farkas was one of sixty professionals invited to participate in a 2013 national conference to develop training competencies in trauma-informed practice. Her most recent publications appear in *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*, *The International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, *The Community Mental Health Journal*, and *The Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*. Dr. Farkas is the book review editor for the *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*.

Internationally, Dr. Farkas co-leads annual travel study courses to Poland and has been invited to professional conferences in Gdansk (2013), Poznan (2012-2017) and Warsaw (2014), Poland to speak about substance abuse treatment and education for substance abuse treatment professionals. In 2017 she was selected as the visiting scholar by Erasmus Mundus Social Work ADVANCES for the summer term, University of Warsaw. She was a keynote speaker at Adam Mickiewicz University in May 2017 for a series of open lectures and, was recently elected president of the Ohio Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation, which promotes educational and cultural exchanges between the U.S. and Poland.

Dr. Farkas was a member of the 2012 social work delegation for the CSWE China Collaborative for the development of social work education in China.

Her professional interest include the following:

- Substance abuse, mental health and trauma assessment and treatment with special interests in older adults and in adults involved in the criminal justice system;
- Intervention research and service development; and
- International Social Work