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Robert L. Fischer is Associate Professor at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University. Since 2007 he has served as Co-Director of the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development at the Mandel School. Dr. Fischer leads a range of evaluation research studies and teaches evaluation methods to students in social science administration and nonprofit management. Dr. Fischer is also faculty director of the Master of Nonprofit Organizations (MNO) degree program at the Mandel School.

Dr. Fischer has presented the findings from his research at national and international conferences in the evaluation, social work and nonprofit research fields and has published these results in a range of peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Fischer is an active member of the American Evaluation Association (AEA) and served for six years as president of the Ohio Program Evaluators' Group, a state-wide organization of evaluation professionals. He has served as an evaluation consultant in such areas as social work and community-based intervention, organ donation promotion, faith-based programming, and minority health programming. He is the 2016 recipient of the Evaluation Recognition Award from the Ohio Program Evaluators' Group and a 2006 recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award from the Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations. Dr. Fischer received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in policy development and program evaluation and holds a master degree from Vanderbilt's Peabody College of Education, and a bachelor degree from Duke University, both in public policy studies.

His professional interests include the following:

- Evaluation of social/behavioral interventions in regard to delivery and effectiveness
- Nonprofit program research and outcome measurement
- Integrated data to inform social policy
- Policy context and using data to inform research and practice in social welfare field