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## **LAURA A. VOITH, Ph.D., MSW** Faculty Biographical Sketch

**Laura A. Voith**, MSW, Ph.D., joined the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences as an Assistant Professor in the summer of 2016. Laura earned her doctorate from the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. After receiving her Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Dr. Voith served as an assistant researcher on a NIH-NIMH funded R01 grant examining the intersection of low-income women's experience of violence, substance use, and trauma. She then returned to school and completed her MSW as part of a joint MSW-PhD degree in 2012. Dr. Voith has direct-practice experience in counseling adolescents who have experienced abuse and facilitating groups with men in batterer intervention programs. Her macro-practice experience includes coordinating community-based sexual assault services and community-based advocates, and conducting a program evaluation of a school-based violence prevention program. With the support of the Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP) Fellowship and the Dr. Tomas Garrett-Rosas Research Award, Laura conducted a mixed-methods dissertation examining neighborhood effects on intimate partner violence, and explored violence throughout the lifespan from the perspective of men who have used violence against their partners. Her over-arching research agenda focuses on violence prevention, particularly violence against women and children. Laura is excited to carry out her goals with the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, including (1) establishing a program of research that lends itself to the development and improvement of violence prevention and intervention programs and (2) conducting implementation science on the delivery of violence prevention programs nationally and internationally. Ultimately, Dr. Voith's efforts aim to aid in violence prevention policy, practice, and research.