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Faculty Biographical Sketch

Scott Wilkes is the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs at the Jack Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, CWRU. He previously held the position of the Director of Field Education at the Mandel School from 2011 to 2015. He has more than 15 years of experience working in the area of child welfare. He received his BSW from the City University of New York, Lehman College and his MSW from Columbia University. He is also a graduate of the CWRU, School of Law and received his PhD from the CWRU.

Prior to coming to MSASS he served as the Director of a 5.6 million dollar managed care pilot project with Beech Brook and the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services. He also held the position as Vice President of Outpatient Services at Beech Brook. He also served as the Vice President of Corporate Development with a national foster care agency. In that capacity he was responsible for national program development and created satellite offices in Kentucky, Missouri and Alabama.

Prior to returning home to Cleveland to attend law school, he worked as a social worker with the Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division in Manhattan Family Court. There he developed an interest in forensic social work. Recently, Scott served as a faculty member at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania where he taught both undergraduate and graduate courses and serves as a field advisor. Scott currently teaches Social Policy Service and Delivery, Legal Issues in Social Work and has taught Social Work Ethics, Theories of Oppression and Social Justice, Research Methods in Social Work and the Field Education Seminar.

Scott Wilkes teaches the following courses:

- Social Policy Service and Delivery (SASS 470)
- Theories of Oppression and Social Justice (SASS 484)
- Supervision and leadership (SASS 521)
- Legal Issues in Social Work (SASS 574)

His scholarly interests include the following:

- Child Welfare
- Field Education
- Forensic Social Work
- Social Service Funding and Management