

Zoë Breen Wood, PhD, MSW

Faculty Biographical Sketch

Dr. Zoë Breen Wood is an Associate Professor and member of the faculty and at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University with over 30 years' experience in social work as a practitioner and consultant. She received her BA from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, her MSW from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA and her PhD from the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. Her research focuses on factors that contribute to positive adoption outcomes for children placed through the child welfare system.

Her teaching areas include direct practice methods, trauma informed social work practice with children and families, adoption practice and policy, and she coordinates international travel and study tours. She has also provided training and consultation on child welfare issues in Guatemala, Romania, Ethiopia, Zambia and Belize.

In addition to her extensive child welfare background, Dr. Wood has worked for much of her career on the development, implementation and evaluation of competency based social work education. Recently she has been involved in developing an innovative generalist curriculum in online and on-campus formats, and piloting the use of virtual reality programs in teaching direct practice methods. In addition to her teaching responsibilities at the School, she has also served as the Director of Field Education, Director of the School's Ability Based Learning Program and the CoDirector of the Center for Public Sector Leadership and Service. Currently, Dr. Wood serves as the Director of Educational Outcomes Assessment.