



## **ROB FISCHER, Ph.D.**

### Faculty Biographical Sketch



**Robert L. Fischer** is the Grace Longwell Coyle Professor in Civil Society at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University. He is the Director of the Center on Poverty and Community Development at the Mandel School where he leads a team of researchers pursuing a range of evaluation and community-engaged research studies. Dr. Fischer is faculty chair of the Master of Nonprofit Organizations (MNO) degree program and teaches courses in evaluation methods, data use and program design.

Dr. Fischer's research focuses on nonprofit accountability, outcomes measurement, and the use of integrated data. He regularly presents his research at national and international conferences in the evaluation, social work and nonprofit research fields and has published his work 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.

Dr. Fischer currently serves on the Board of the Saint Luke's Foundation and the Steering Committee of the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition. He is the 2016 recipient of the Evaluation Recognition Award from the Ohio Program Evaluators' Group and a 2018 and 2006 recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award from the MNO program. 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.

#### Interests

- 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

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