Understanding Philanthropy:
What you need to know about the field

The history of Cleveland is replete with the names of philanthropists who have made a lasting impact on the face of our community and beyond. As home to the world’s first community foundation and the precursor to United Way movement, Cleveland claims an historic role in the philanthropic sector. Today, philanthropy looks much different than it did 100 years ago. This session will explore the landscape of the philanthropic sector and the important role it has in social change in today’s world.

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From Program Operator to Program Officer:
What practitioners bring to the world of philanthropy

Philanthropy, from the Greek meaning “love of humanity,” has its roots in the simple notion of individuals helping others. Today, the staff at foundations do the hard work of executing the mission of the foundations, which involves grantmaking. Who are these individuals and what qualifies someone to take on this role? In this session we hear from two Mandel School alumni who made the transition from nonprofit agency to foundation officers, to learn what practitioners can bring to this important work.

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Philanthropy is a Big Tent:
Making philanthropy part of your lifelong commitment

Many of us may think that philanthropy has nothing to do with us or that it is only for the wealthy. The reality is that philanthropy intersects with virtually all dimensions of modern society and is relevant to us all. This session will explore philanthropy’s relevance to a broad range of interests and initiatives. Beyond that, it will suggest that each of us can integrate a philanthropic spirit into our lives as part of our commitment to the civic good.

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