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Faculty Biographical Sketch

Francisca Richter is a Research Assistant Professor at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. A native of Peru, she earned an undergraduate degree in statistics from the Universidad Católica del Perú (1994). Her M.S. in statistics (1997) and Ph.D. in agricultural economics (2000) are both from Oklahoma State University. Prior to coming to CWRU, she was a Research Economist in Community Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Dr. Richter's research focuses on the analysis of social processes, policy interventions, and the environments in which they operate. She aims to integrate quantitative and qualitative methodologies to understand and identify possible causal mechanisms embedded in the interactions between people, places, and programs.

Her recent work has included prediction and causal modeling of infant mortality risk, estimating the economic burden of early exposure to domestic violence, upward mobility from low income neighborhood, and the evaluation of a social investment experiment that aims to improve outcomes for families in the foster care system.

Dr. Richter is also associate director of the [Math Corps Cleveland](#), a branch of Wayne State University's highly successful program for middle and high-school students, providing academic enrichment and mentorship in a community-oriented setting.