



2016 - 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

*Building a more
just world*



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MANDEL SCHOOL
OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES



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Dean in Applied Social Sciences

*2017 Honorary Fellow of
the American Academy of
Social Work and Social Welfare*

From the Dean

2017 was a year of unprecedented growth and accomplishment for the Mandel School on all fronts—research impact, student enrollment, curricular innovation, and community outreach and engagement—exemplifying the best efforts and far-reaching vision of our faculty, researchers, students, and alumni.

We advanced leadership in social work and nonprofit education, scholarship, and service—and set exciting new milestones to achieve in the years to come, no matter how challenging they may be. For more than 100 years, we have proven one thing: We're up for the challenge, and we are committed to our mission to build a more just world.

Grover C. Gilmore



MANDEL SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

731

Fall 2017 student enrollment in Master's and Doctoral programs, a record high

12%

International student enrollment

5

Dual degrees, an option pursued by 20% of on-campus Master's students

30%

Short-term study abroad courses at Case Western Reserve are offered by the Mandel School, to nearly every continent; 37% of faculty engaged in international activity

8,000+

Alumni in all 50 states and 41 countries

92%

Employment rate after graduation (2016 Master's Student Survey)

240,599

Hours of social work provided by MSSA on-campus and online students in field placements at more than 350 agencies throughout the United States, an economic value of \$6,338,982

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Research BY THE NUMBERS

\$11,678,402

Total external research and training funding in 2016-2017

24%

Increase in external funding in 2016-2017

155%

Increase in external funding since 2006

56%

Funding for research and program evaluation

44%

Funding for training, technical assistance, and consultation

41%

Funding from federal sources

Top 5 FUNDING SOURCES

Accounting for 47% of research funding and 15% of awards

- Cuyahoga County
- Ohio Department of Mental Health
- City of Cleveland
- National Institutes of Health
- District of Columbia

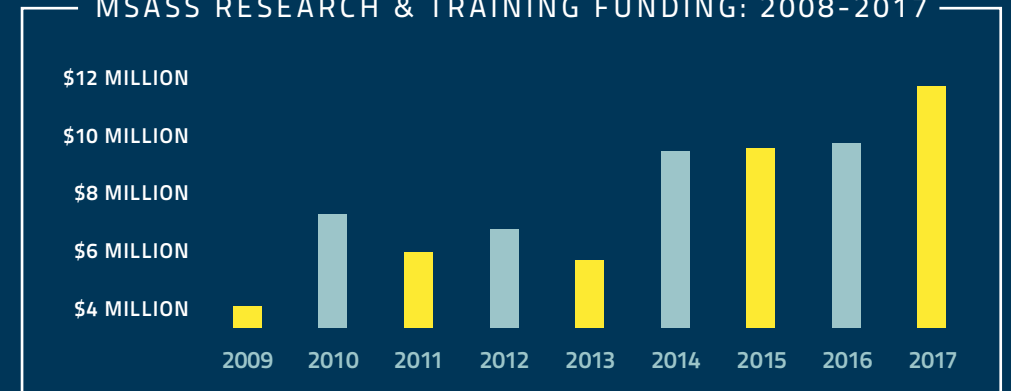
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New and continuing awards in 2016-2017

71

Publications in 2016-2017 (a 29% increase over previous year)

MSASS RESEARCH & TRAINING FUNDING: 2008-2017



MSASS PERCENTAGE OF RESEARCH & TRAINING AWARDS BY STUDY AREA: 2017



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CELEBRATING NEW CHAIR APPOINTMENTS



Mark L. Joseph, PhD
Leona Bevis/Marguerite Haynam Associate
Professor in Community Development



Aloen L. Townsend, PhD
Ralph S. and Dorothy P. Schmitt Professor

WELCOMING NEW FACULTY



Marjorie Edguer, PhD
Assistant Professor



Robert L. Fischer, PhD
Associate Professor



Adrienne M. Crawford Fletcher, PhD
Assistant Professor



Ann W. Nguyen, PhD
Assistant Professor



Brad Tucker, PhD
Assistant Professor

CONGRATULATIONS NEW DOCTORAL ALUMNI

- **Jamie Cage**, PhD 2016, Assistant Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work
- **Chia-Ling Chung**, PhD 2017, Research Scientist at New York State Office of Mental Health
- **Kelly Davis**, PhD 2017, Chief Organizational Development & Research Officer at SAFY of America
- **Michael Gearhart**, PhD 2016, Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri in St. Louis School of Social Work
- Plus many others in the U.S. and around the world: msass.case.edu/doctorate



Amy Vaughters

MSSA Candidate: A Peace Corps veteran of Mali, China, and Ethiopia, Amy connected the dots from her federal work experience at the Smithsonian and the U.S. Department of Transportation to the field of social work, where every aspect of the profession is concerned with well-being, empowerment, and social justice for all.

Edmund Kwame Botchway

MSSA Candidate: A 2013 graduate of the University of Ghana, Kwame co-founded an NGO to empower rural youth in Ghana, has worked as a broadcast journalist to amplify the voices of the oppressed, and is driven to research, to innovate, and to provide solutions to change the world.



Leigh Taylor

PhD 2017: Now a Postdoctoral Fellow at Yale University School of Medicine, findings from Leigh's dissertation "Resiliency Constructs in Recovery: The Mediating Role of Social Support and Self-Efficacy on the Relationship Between Trauma and Post-Treatment Substance Use Among Low-Income Women" may inform capacity-building frameworks rooted in the development of gender-informed and trauma-focused SUD interventions.



Impact on Society's Most Pressing Problems

- **Sexual Assault Kit Initiative:** Research in the national news that's changing the way rape is investigated and prosecuted | begun.case.edu/SAK
- **Cleveland Effective Neighboring Project:** Laying the groundwork for diverse neighbors to live and thrive together | msass.case.edu/effective-neighboring
- **Impact of Domestic Violence Exposure:** Statewide study finds one-quarter of Ohio's children will be exposed before the age of 18 | msass.case.edu/impact-domestic-violence
- **Collective Action Towards Social Justice:** Activating and connecting social justice efforts at the Mandel School and beyond | msass.case.edu/CATSJ
- **Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development:** Research and data innovations to strengthen families and communities | povertycenter.case.edu | neocando.case.edu
- **Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education:** Solutions for a safer and healthier tomorrow | begun.case.edu
- **National Initiative on Mixed Income Communities:** Research and consulting to address urban poverty and the segregation of the poor | nimc.case.edu

Award-Winning Ways

Claudia J. Coulton, PhD

2017 Fellow of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) | Co-Lead, Grand Challenge for Social Work "Harness Technology for Social Good"

Megan R. Holmes, PhD

Appointment to National Advisory Committee of the National Quality Improvement Center on Child Welfare Involved Children and Families Experiencing Domestic Violence

Mark L. Joseph, PhD

2017 Best Book in Urban Affairs Honorable Mention Award for co-authoring *Integrating the Inner City: The Promise and Perils of Mixed-Income Public Housing Transformation*

Sonia Minnes, PhD

2017 Patricia Rodier Mid-Career Award in Research and Mentoring from the Teratology Society

Elizabeth M. Tracy, PhD

Co-Lead, Grand Challenge for Social Work "Eradicate Social Isolation"