

Position Announcement

**Begun Professor in Violence Prevention and Director of the Begun Center
Senior Professor/Associate Professor in Community and Social Development
Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University**

The Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences (MSASS), Case Western Reserve University's graduate school of social work, has a long-standing interest in building stronger communities. The school and its research centers, including the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development and the Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, have a long history of involvement in community- and agency-based research, much of which responds to critical local and national policy issues.

The curriculum at MSASS emphasizes skill-building and evidence-based practice. The school integrates its education, research, and service in ways that enable social work practice to promote social justice and community empowerment locally, nationally, and internationally.

Case Western Reserve University is located in Cleveland, Ohio. This area has one of the most well-established networks of community development organizations in the U.S., offering MSASS faculty and students a unique environment for community development research and training. Additionally, the school's growing international education program offers faculty and students exciting opportunities for teaching and learning abroad.

MSASS is currently expanding its research, teaching, enrollment, and community engagement in violence prevention and community and social development. The school seeks two tenured or tenure-track professors, the Dr. Semi J. and Ruth W. Begun Professor in Violence Prevention and an associate or full professor in Community and Social Development, to join its multi-disciplinary faculty and help lead this growth.

The Begun Professor in Violence Prevention will lead and manage the Begun Center and its activities, including research, training, advocacy, and technical assistance; key goals include forming interdisciplinary academic partnerships, promoting community-based strategies for violence prevention, and conducting research/interventions that address the social stressors associated with youth violence. Secondary responsibilities include teaching and service in the master's and doctoral programs and securing funding for center programs and initiatives. The professorship will be coterminous with the directorship of the Center.

The senior faculty member in Community and Social Development will assume a leading teaching, research, and service role and help lead the school's growth in the community and social development arena.

Candidates for both positions must have:

- an earned doctorate in social work or other relevant field;
- a strong record of relevant teaching, scholarship, and service commensurate with a tenured appointment at the rank of associate or full professor, including a record of community-based research;
- demonstrated interest in building strong communities and demonstrated commitment to applied research.

For the Begun professorship, administrative experience will be a strong plus; a degree in psychology, criminology, or a related social science, would also be welcomed.

Candidates for the senior faculty position in Community and Social Development must have a demonstrated commitment to applied research relevant to issues of social and economic disparities and to the possibilities of promoting social change through community-based strategies. Those whose ongoing research would benefit from the collegial, institutional, and civic support available for this work will be of particular interest.

Selection will be made by July, 2008.

In employment, as in education, Case Western Reserve University is committed to Equal Opportunity and Diversity.

Further information about MSASS is available at <http://msass.case.edu>.

*Those interested in these positions may call with questions or e-mail a cover letter and c.v. (indicating position of interest in subject line) to: **cw@himmelfarbgroup.com**, to the attention of Susan Himmelfarb.*

Those wishing to nominate candidates may call or contact us using the same contact information.

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