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IV. INTRODUCTION

A. DEAN STEVEN SMITH

Today's conference is sponsored by the Law and Public Policy Program of the law school and the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs. I would like to thank Professor Alan Weinstein, who became the program's first full-time director last summer, and Professor Dennis Keating, who was our interim director last year, for the superb job they've done in planning this Conference.

One of the joys of being here at Cleveland State has been the opportunity to work with David Sweet, the Dean of the Levin College of Urban Affairs. The fact that there is a social problem to address and that we're here to address it means only that Dean Sweet has not put his mind to it! It is my great pleasure to introduce the Dean of the Levin College, David Sweet.

B. DEAN DAVID SWEET

Dean Smith, thank you. I also want to bring greetings from my colleagues at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs. It is our College's commitment to engage in teaching, research and service programs dedicated to the public service, and when one moves into the arena of public service programming, one clearly must engage with the legal profession because of our shared concerns in this area. That is why we are so pleased to be able to sponsor jointly with the law school both this conference and the Law and Public Policy Program. It was indeed our good fortune that we were able to establish this program as one that has instructional, research, and public service objectives. As we structured the program, we sought to recruit an individual who bridged the areas of law, planning and public policy. We found that person in Alan Weinstein, and I welcome him to our campus. Alan Weinstein came to Cleveland State from the faculty of Touro Law School in New York. In addition to a law degree, he also has a degree in planning and policy analysis. So, along with welcoming you to this conference, I want to indicate that, in the future, it will be our objective and Alan's responsibility, to plan other instructional, research, and public service programs related to critical public policy issues confronting this community and, therefore, your suggestions and comments and critiques will be most welcome. It is a pleasure to welcome to the rostrum to initiate this first Conference of the Law and Public Policy Program, Professor Alan Weinstein.

C. ALAN WEINSTEIN

Thank you very much, David, for those very generous remarks. I won't say much now, but I will have some concluding remarks to make at the end of the day. I would like to move forward to our first speaker, Robert E. Eckardt, Senior Program Officer of the Cleveland Foundation. Bob, who has been with the Foundation for seven years, has a Masters in Public Health from the University of Michigan and is currently pursuing his Doctorate in Health Policy at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health.

