



MARK G. CHUPP, MSW, Ph.D.

Faculty Biographical Sketch

Mark G. Chupp is Assistant Professor and Chair of the Community Practice for Social Change concentration at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University. Mark's research and practice over the past 30 years has focused on community building, community development and conflict transformation. In 2009, he initiated and continues to direct the East Cleveland Partnership. He has conducted numerous action research projects, including a survey of vacant housing in East Cleveland by over 100 MSASS students that lead to a \$2.2 million federal grant. In 2013, he initiated a community engagement and planning process for the redevelopment of vacant land in East Cleveland. In his early career, he founded nonprofit organizations in restorative justice, community mediation and violence prevention.

Mark initiated Appreciative Inquiry for Community and Social Change, one of the first systematic efforts to adopt appreciative inquiry for nonprofit and community contexts. Mark designed an appreciative inquiry process on race relations in a traditional Polish American neighborhood in Cleveland that was experiencing a large increase in African American residents. He was the principal investigator for conducting 3,500 appreciative citizen interviews for Voices & Choices, the civic engagement initiative for Northeast Ohio. In 2009, Mark facilitated a Manufacturing Summit sponsored by WIRE-Net and MAGNET that brought together 165 manufacturing leaders to generate business by tapping new markets and helping firms develop and retain talent. In 2014, Mark initiated the Community Innovation Network, a strength-based resource network for practitioners and communities. In 2016, he was appointed to the faculty of the Asset Based Community Development Institute.

Dr. Chupp also carries an international portfolio. In 2015, he was named Director of International Programs for the Mandel School, He is an international consultant and trainer and has worked in Northern Ireland, Israel, Columbia, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and El Salvador. He regularly collaborates with Bridge to the Future, an NGO committed to comprehensive community change in marginalized communities in Northern Israel. Examples of his previous work include accompanying Peace and Reconciliation Commissions during the civil war in Nicaragua, training in citizen participation for public officials from Croatia on behalf of USAID. He provided leadership in the establishment of the Culture of Peace Program as part of an effort to create a UN Local Zone of Peace in post-war El Salvador. He has published numerous theory and practice oriented articles, manuals and book chapters. Mark is a founding trustee of the National Peace Academy and adjunct faculty at the Summer Peacebuilding Institute of Eastern Mennonite University.

Dr. Chupp's scholarly interests include:

- Community building and social capital formation in community development
- The transformation of inter-group conflict, especially across identity groups
- Citizen participation in democratic decision-making and public deliberation
- Appreciative Inquiry in nonprofit organizations and communities