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### Faculty Biographical Sketch

**Mark G. Chupp** is Visiting Assistant Professor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University. He teaches community development and is Research Associate with the Center on Urban Poverty and Social Change.

Dr. Chupp is interested in systems design that increases citizen participation, social inclusion, and democratic decision-making. He has extensive experience in intervening in inter-group conflict and facilitating Appreciative Inquiry in organizations and communities. For example, he designed and facilitated an Appreciative Inquiry processes for a racially diverse neighborhood of over 30,000 residents. In the area of community development, Dr. Chupp has conducted community assessments on the role of local community development corporations. He also co-developed a community organizing training program for local community development corporations. He previously founded and directed nonprofit organizations in community mediation and violence prevention.

Dr. Chupp is an international consultant and trainer in civic engagement and conflict transformation, having worked in Northern Ireland, Egypt, Columbia, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and El Salvador. Examples of his work include international election monitoring in Nicaragua, lectures at the National Police Academy in Nicaragua and at the Inter-American Defense College at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., training in citizen participation for public officials from Croatia on behalf of USAID. Dr. Chupp 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.

Dr. Chupp's research interests focus social capital formation, neighborhood race relations and intergroup conflict. He was the principle investigator for a qualitative analysis of 3,500 citizen interviews in the civic engagement initiative for Northeast Ohio called Voices & Choices. He has published numerous theory and practice oriented articles, manuals and book chapters. Dr. Chupp is also an adjunct faculty at the Summer Peacebuilding Institute of Eastern Mennonite University, which is an international training program drawing human rights workers, NGO leaders, and peacebuilders from over 50 countries around the world. He is also an adjunct faculty in the School for International Service at American University, where he teaches at their Summer Peacebuilding and Development Institute. His scholarly interests include:

- Community building and social capital 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