



MICHAEL RATNER, PHD

CCC: Community Conversations Coordinator

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📌 Objective

Social science investigator desiring to take a professional in-depth look at the inner workings of our society, from politics and economics to family dynamics and interpersonal human interactions. I seek to expand my scope of study within behavioral, social, and civic sectors that will maximize vocational, educational, and life enrichment engagement particularly assisting those groups and individuals with unhealthy belief systems.

🧰 Work Experience

Community Conversations Coordinator

Graduate Research Mar / 2008 - Ongoing Developments

- Developed and coordinated Community Conversations programs that encouraged open participation.
- Observed, co-hosted and engaged in numerous deliberative dialogues across four cities.
- Responsible for data collection, group analysis, coding, follow-up reports, activity summaries, and surveys.
- Aided in the research gathering, event planning and implementation of facilitator training.

Communications and Group Theory Course Instructor

ITT Corporation May / 2014 - Jul / 2017 Albany, NY

- Prepared curriculums, lecturing, group projects, counseling students and administrating course website
- Setup student work-study assignments and field research projects
- Gave education lectures to adult learners and corporate clients
- Arranged internships with local PR agencies and community groups

Media Consultant

US News Bureau 2010 - 2016 Shanghai, China & Los Angeles, CA

- Managed World Expo press room with outreach to 192 international country PR representees
- American greeter for foreign officials and dignitaries posting daily updates and event listings
- Expertise in media and public relations, interviewing, interpersonal and organizational communication.

Program Channel Director

World Talk Radio 2005 - 2009 San Diego, California

- Conducted extensive (market) audience research, and listener studies on program preferences.
- Developed studio technique to enhance mic sound, talk show interviews and host performance.
- Implemented, managed, and maintained a full spectrum of operational broadcast software and hardware.
- Proficient in most aspects of both radio show & podcast program development

Education

Doctorate in Higher Education (PhD)

- Western Institute for Social Research • Sep / 2009 - Feb / 2018 • Berkeley, California

I graduated from a highly intensive interdisciplinary doctoral program in higher education and social change for adults involved in education and community work. My research centered on how citizens can raise awareness of social issues through a meaningful dialogue process that empowers participatory action and locality rights.

Masters in Education (M.ED)

- Cambridge College • 2006 - 2007 • Boston, MA

My major included curriculum and instruction, counseling, school psychology, and administration. The learning experience was exceptional for myself and my study group who were interested in the development of children and adults as well as corporate training for employees. The ideas can be applied to varying educational issues.

Bachelors in Marketing Communication (BA)

- Northeastern Illinois University • 1993 - 1995 • Chicago, IL

Kaskaskia Program Graduate

This integrated marketing communications degree program taught me to use research, strategic thinking, and creativity to develop and promote innovative print, television, and virtual advertising campaigns which in various subsequent employment was able to bring to a variety of corporations and organizations internationally.

Associates of Arts & Science (AA)

- Wilbur Wright College • 1991 - 1993 • Chicago, IL

Sociology major: I learned about the structures and systems that govern how people interact with each other including the diversity of social behaviors and interactions, and how institutions affect the human perspective.

Skills

Proposal Writing



Evaluation & Reporting



Community Outreach



Communications



People Skills



Conflict Resolution



Active Listening



Critical Thinking



Program Leadership



Marketing



Negotiation



Presentations



Accomplishments

CVM, Certified Volunteer Mediator (Dispute Resolution Program) within the Los Angeles City Attorneys Office

The Office of Los Angeles City Attorney provides free Community Mediation and Public Safety Mediation services to residents and businesses in Los Angeles through the Dispute Resolution Program (DRP).

Co-Founder: LA Shorts Festival

Best of West Awards

New Book Awards