



# CASE

MANDEL SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES

## **GERALD A. STROM**

### Faculty Biographical Sketch

**Gerald Strom** is the Director of the Intensive Weekend Program and maintains the faculty rank of Senior Instructor for the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University. He has been a faculty member since 1989. He teaches courses in child abuse and family violence, The DSM, and child, adolescent, and adult development. He held the position of Director of Field Education at MSASS for fourteen years. His professional experience included thirteen years as Social Work Supervisor at MetroHealth Medical Center. In this role he had been responsible for developing the social work program in the department of emergency medicine, and in 1982 organized and administered Metro Health Medical Centers nationally recognized sexual abuse program. He has remained actively involved in the analysis, validation, and treatment of child sexual abuse. He has presented at numerous conferences and training seminars on the recognition, validation, and treatment of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and family violence both locally and nationally. He has served as sexual abuse and clinical consultant to numerous social service agencies and private practitioners. He served as Chair of the Cuyahoga County Intra-Family Sexual Abuse Council for two years, was appointed to the American Bar Association Task Force on Sexual Abuse, and was a member of the executive committee of the Council on Children, Youth, and Families for the Cleveland Federation for Community Planning. He served as president of the Board of Directors of Bellflower Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, a member of the clinical advisory board of the West-Side Ecumenical Ministry, and is presently serving as chair of the professional advisory board to the Social Work Department of Ursuline College. He is presently serving as the first vice-president of the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Work. He has maintained a private clinical practice for the past 25 years.

Mr. Strom received his bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio University and his Master of Social Work from Howard University. He had been a clinical instructor for the Smith College School for Social Work and the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers. He is a Licensed Independent Social Worker in the State of Ohio, and is ACSW certified and is a Qualified Clinical Social Worker.

He has co-authored two articles on the investigative aspects of sexual abuse; one in the International Journal of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the other in the Journal of Child Clinical Psychology. He is the co-author of two chapters in a book on the Comprehensive Management of Cerebral Palsy. His other two publications in national journals are dedicated to the issues of male victims of sexual abuse, and the changing context of Social Work practice. He served as a contributing author of the training Manual: Responding to Sexual Abuse.

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- Clinical social work practice
- Child Development