

J. Gregory Dees is Professor of the Practice of Social Entrepreneurship and the founding Faculty Director of the Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship (CASE) at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. He has played a leading role in developing the academic field of social entrepreneurship. In 2007, the Aspen Institute and Ashoka recognized his pioneering work with their first Lifetime Achievement award in Social Entrepreneurship Education. An earlier Aspen report described him as "the father of social entrepreneurship as an academic field." Greg has produced over 60 cases, articles, chapters, and concept notes related to this topic, as well as editing two books with Jed Emerson and Peter Economy: *Enterprising Nonprofits* (Wiley, 2001) and *Strategic Tools for Social Entrepreneurs* (Wiley, 2002). His work bridges the gap between business and the social sector, and between theory and practice, making knowledge useful for social entrepreneurs, as well as the funders, consultants, and educators who work in this field. He has also published in the *Harvard Business Review*, *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, *Innovations*, and *Society*.

Greg started his academic career at the Yale School of Management, where he taught a highly regarded course on "New Ventures," singled out for praise in *Business Week's* review of business schools. He later moved to Harvard Business School, where he helped launch the Initiative on Social Enterprise and created a path-breaking course on "Entrepreneurship in the Social Sector," receiving Harvard's Apgar Award for Innovation in Teaching. After a two-year leave in which he worked on entrepreneurial development in central Appalachia with the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development, Greg returned to academia as the Miriam and Peter Haas Centennial Professor in Public Service at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, where he also served as founding Co-Director of the Center for Social Innovation. At Stanford, in addition to his MBA course, Greg developed two undergraduate courses, team-taught a Law School seminar, and launched a short program for philanthropists called "High Impact Philanthropy." At Duke, he worked with co-founder Beth Battle Anderson to create CASE and build it into one of the premier academic centers in this emerging field.

Greg serves on the board of directors of the Bridgespan Group and chairs the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council for Social Innovation. He is on numerous advisory boards including Volans, REDF, Aflatoun, Management Leadership for Tomorrow, the Limmat Foundation, and the Social Innovation Award Competition of the China Centre for Comparative Politics and Economics. He is on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Social Entrepreneurship* and the *Social Enterprise Journal*. He has previously served as an Entrepreneur in Residence advising the Kauffman Foundation on social entrepreneurship, as a member of the design team and faculty of an innovative educational program for social entrepreneurs called the Denali Initiative, as a final judge for the first Yale-Goldman Sachs Foundation Nonprofit Business Plan Competition, and as a methodology advisor and judge for *Fast Company's* Social Capitalist Awards. He speaks widely and regularly advises social entrepreneurs, foundations, academics, and others interested in social entrepreneurship.

Prior to his academic career, Greg was a management consultant with McKinsey & Company. He holds a PhD in philosophy from The Johns Hopkins University, a Masters in Public and Private Management from Yale, and a BA with high honors in philosophy from the University of Cincinnati, where he has received a 2007 James C. Kautz Alumni Master Award.

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