

John C. Calhoun

Jack lives in Harrisville, NH and currently serves as Interim Dean of Continuing Education and Community Outreach at the Antioch University New England (AUNE) in Keene. He has been associated with Antioch University New England since 1999 and has served in a variety of roles. Initially he was a Project Director with the Antioch New England Institute where his work focused on leadership training as well as engaging citizens. He worked with over 50 municipalities and local organizations, throughout New England as well as Eastern Europe and has conducted over 25 community visioning and public participation forums in New England as well as the Transylvanian region of Romania. His work with communities encourages that they look for solutions locally, and seeks to assist people to find creative ways to address their own needs.

Before assuming his current position to establish a Division of Continuing Education at AUNE, Jack served as Assistant to the President for Community and Government Relations. In this capacity he developed agreements with businesses, municipalities and non-profit organizations to address needs in the community through partnerships that drew upon the expertise of faculty and provided learning experiences for Antioch students.

He serves as director of the NH Selectman's Institute, a year-long training program for local elected officials, a program that he helped to establish at AUNE in 1999. The program has trained more than 500 locally elected officials over the years.

Prior to his time at Antioch, Jack served as Executive Director of the New Hampshire Lakes Association for 7 years. In addition he has worked in management positions in a variety of sectors including industrial wood energy systems, maintenance engineering services, real estate sales, as well as constructions services and basket manufacturing. During college, he worked on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC for New Hampshire 2nd District Congressman, James C. Cleveland.

Jack served 15 years on his town's planning board, including 7 years as Chairman. In that capacity he helped to organize a Future Search™ effort that resulted in several significant initiatives that re-energized the community. He also served nearly 12 years on the Harrisville School Board, including 7 years as chair as well as one year as chair of the SAU 29 School Board that includes the Keene, Chesterfield, Westmoreland, Marlborough, Harrisville, Nelson and Marlow school districts.

Active on non-profit boards, Jack was a trustee of the Monadnock Conservancy (a regional land trust) for nine years, including 2 years as President of the Board. A member of the Board of Trustees for the Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music, he served 7 years, including two as Board President. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

Jack's education includes a Masters of Business Administration from the Whittemore School of Business & Economics at the University of New Hampshire, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of New Hampshire. He is a graduate of Leadership New Hampshire - Class of 1995, as well as the Giving Monadnock certificate program. ☺