

Katherine Ahern McGuinness

EDUCATION

Certificate: Accessibility and Barrier Free Design
Harvard University Graduate School of Design 1980

Master of Architecture
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University 1975

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Brown University 1970

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999 – Present

Managing Principal

Kessler McGuinness & Associates, LLC

Direct *Americans with Disabilities Act* compliance planning and training projects for public and private sector clients. Projects include ADA/504 Self Evaluation and Transition Plans, Readily Achievable Barrier Removal compliance plans, master plans for overall ADA compliance, technical research, regulatory guidelines, and training seminars. In addition, Ms. McGuinness provides expert witness services for ADA litigation and training on accessibility and universal design. Representative clients include:

Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management
Massachusetts Port Authority
Office of the Attorney General
Portland International Airport
San Diego International Airport
Berklee College of Music
Phillips Andover Academy
Harvard University
Wellesley College
Needham High School
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Middlebury College
The Technical Assistance Center
Fidelity Real Estate Management
Equity Office
Equity Residential
CBT Architects
HMFH Architects
Elkus-Manfredi Architects
Gary Wolf Architects
Sasaki Associates

1996 – 1999

Senior Associate

TAMS Consultants, Inc.

Direct *Americans with Disabilities Act* compliance planning and training projects for public and private sector clients. Projects include readily achievable barrier removal compliance plans, master plans for overall ADA compliance, technical research, regulatory guidelines, and training seminars. Representative clients include:

Massachusetts Port Authority
City University of New York
Wellesley College
Museum of Fine Arts Boston
First Merchant Properties, LLP
Fidelity Properties, Inc.
Project ACTION
Bentley College
Berklee College of Music
Fessendon School
Phillips Andover Academy
John Bapst Memorial High School
Fay School
Gettysburg College
Governor Baxter School Trustees of Reservation
First Church of Christian Science
Ripley's Sea Aquarium
Boston Aquarium
Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Project
Cole Hersee Manufacturing
Spaulding & Slye
Boston Stock Exchange
Equity Office
Wightman Tennis Club
Hill & Barlow
Charrette Corporation
Christy's Market
Bradlees
Stop & Shop

1984 - 1996

President

Katherine McGuinness and Associates, Inc.

Direct *Americans with Disabilities Act* compliance planning and training projects for public and private sector clients. Projects include 504/ADA compliance plans, master plans for overall ADA compliance, technical research, regulatory guidelines, and training seminars. Direct access audits and plan reviews of public and private facilities for

compliance with state and federal architectural accessibility requirements for people with disabilities. Representative clients include:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Brown University
Williams College
Rhode Island School of Design
Harvard Observatory
The Talbots, Inc.
Stone and Webster, New York
Massachusetts Port Authority
Baltimore/Washington International Airport
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company
The New England
Fidelity Properties: The Fidelity Block
Harvard University: Freshman Dormitories,
Harvard Yard
Massachusetts Port Authority
Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority
Faneuil Hall
Harold Donahue Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
Edward T. Gignoux United States Courthouse
City of Somerville Municipal Buildings
New England Home for the Deaf
Boys and Girls Club of Boston
Salem Public Schools
Boston City Club
Stride Rite Intergenerational Day Care Center
Boston State House: Governor's Office of H.R.
Center for Applied Special Technologies (CAST)
Fall River Public Schools
Hyams Foundation
IMG - Educators
Learning Center for Deaf Children

1984 - 1988

**Chairperson and Member
Massachusetts Architectural Access Board**

Chaired a seven person regulating board that holds weekly hearings on compliance with the Board's Rules and Regulations. Helped develop and pass legislation to broaden the Board's jurisdiction and strengthen its enforcement powers. Quadrupled the agency's budget to hire professional staff, develop management information systems, and equip the office with computers and furnishings.

1981 - 1984

**Associate Director
Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.**

Developed and implemented the “Access Audit,” a comprehensive tool for planning for architectural accessibility in public buildings, businesses, and homes.

Developed and designed the Adaptive Housing Project for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to design and construct adaptations to 28 homes for children with physical disabilities.

Directed participatory space planning and design for non-profit clients.

Directed educational programs and materials development. Developed and directed a mid-career design internship certificate program at Massachusetts College of Art. Taught graduate design courses at Massachusetts College of Art and Wheelock College. Supervised graduate students and independent study projects. Wrote and produced design training materials. Conducted design workshops for colleges, universities, and professional associations.

1978 - 1981

**Research and Design Facilitator
Adaptive Environments Center, Inc.**

Developed and directed a public design library. Managed library budget and staff. Initiated and coordinated design information and assistance systems. Collaborated on the design and construction of the Adaptive Environments Center.

1977 - 1978

**Educational Design Consultant
Teacher Corps: Wheelock College**

1976 - 1978

**Community Arts Facilitator/Acting Director
Cambridge Arts Council**

1973 - 1975

**Design Facilitator
Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Division of Mental Retardation**

1971 - 1972

**Project Assistant
Research and Design Corporation**

FEDERAL ADVISORY BOARDS

U.S. Access Board: Recreation Access Advisory Committee
U.S. Access Board: Courthouse Access Advisory Committee-
Courthouse Sub-Committee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AIA Associate Member
BSA Associate Member
Chair: BSA Access Committee
Member: BSA Membership Committee
Advisory Board Member: CAST: Center for Applied Special
Technologies
Board Member: Senior Citizen Fund of Newton

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University GSD Summer Program
Independent Study Program, Lesley College
Wheelock College
Beacon College
Massachusetts College of Art
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Boston Architectural Center

PUBLICATIONS & SEMINARS

A complete list of publications and seminars is available on request.