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# David Kessler

## EDUCATION

M.A., Social Gerontology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 1991  
M.A., Industrial Design, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, 1982  
B.A., Political Science, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, 1969

## EXPERIENCE

Mr. Kessler brings expertise in architectural accessibility, industrial design, and social gerontology to his oversight of Universal Design and ADA compliance planning projects for university, corporate, and public sector clients. He has managed precedent-setting research on access to water transportation as well as emergency preparedness and evacuation of people with disabilities from rapid transit systems.

### 1999 - Present

Managing Principal – Kessler McGuinness & Associates, Newton, MA

### 1996 - 1999

Manager, Accessibility Planning and Universal Design - Katherine McGuinness and Associates, a Division of TAMS Consultants, Inc., Boston, MA. Projects include:

- **City University of New York, NY:** Managed the accessibility review for three CUNY colleges.
- **Transitway Tunnel, Boston, MA:** Reviewed the impact of construction of a Transitway tunnel on accessibility at a historic facility for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.
- **Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA:** Managed the development of a comprehensive campus wide accessibility plan and implementation strategy.
- **Dallas Area Regional Transit Authority, TX:** Reviewed ADA compliance issues prior to opening day of a new light rail system. Recommended strategies for responding to citizen complaints about transit cars and station interface.
- **Access Massport:** Managed major revisions to the Massachusetts Port Authority's accessible design guidelines.
- **University of San Francisco Faculty Housing, San Francisco, CA:** Analyzed and made recommendations regarding accessibility for a housing project planned on an extremely steep site.
- **Au Bon Pain, Boston, MA:** Managed the accessibility review of representative properties and the development of Universal Design Guidelines.

### 1989 - 1996

Principal - Katherine McGuinness and Associates, Inc., Waltham, MA. Managed ADA compliance planning projects for public sector, corporate, and other private sector clients with complex, multi-use facilities. Projects included:

- **Light Rail Accessibility Program, Boston, MA:** Conducted access audits and played a major role in the development of accessible design guidelines, criteria,

and standards for the three station design consultant teams for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority.

- **Accessibility to Commuter Boat Facilities, Boston, MA:** Researched and made recommendations for ship-to-shore access for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority. Managed this project, including research on international state-of-the-art accessible facility design, development of accessibility guidelines and criteria, and access system alternatives for the MBTA's Hingham Commuter Boat Terminal.
- **Blue Line Rapid Transit Station Modernization, Boston, MA:** Coordinated access audits and developed barrier free removal recommendations for several Blue Line Stations for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority. Reviewed plans for compliance with accessible design standards.
- **Massachusetts Port Authority ADA Compliance Study, Boston, MA:** Supervised the assessment of all Massport facilities, including Logan International Airport and Hanscom Civil Air Terminal, as part of the development of an ADA Self-Evaluation Report and Transition Plan. Included review of all transportation programs, access audits of airport and other facilities, and recommendations on programmatic and architectural barrier removal.
- **Baltimore/Washington International Airport, Baltimore, MD:** Project supervisor for developing recommendations for ADA compliant signage and strategies for accessible boarding and disembarking from commuter aircrafts at the Baltimore/Washington International Airport and the Martin State Airport.
- **Stride Rite Intergenerational Day Care Center, Cambridge, MA:** Managed development of nation's first corporate based intergenerational day care center.
- **Newton Senior Center, Newton, MA:** Managed furniture selection for new consolidated center.
- **Lahey Clinic, Burlington, MA:** Reviewed and analyzed a multi-volume audit report prepared for the clinic to differentiate and prioritize the recommended access improvements.
- **Shattuck Hospital, Boston, MA:** Managed the identification of jurisdictional issues related to state and federal accessibility codes triggered by alterations planned in employee areas and public portions of the state hospital.
- **City of Medford, Medford, MA:** Managed development of an ADA Transition Plan. Supervised access audits of all municipal facilities, including schools, parks, library, senior center, theater, fire stations, and city sidewalks.
- **Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI:** Provided technical expertise to enable RISD to develop its ADA Readily Achievable Access Plan, and trained college personnel to conduct access audits.
- **John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, Boston, MA:** Managed development of an ADA Access Master Plan for the 5,000,000-square-foot home office complex. A multi-use complex, it includes corporate and leased offices, restaurants, health club, theater, conference center, training center, retail space and hotel.

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**1984 - 1989** Project Manager - Marc Harrison Associates, Portsmouth, RI: Managed projects to develop products and environments for people with disabilities. Managed the evaluation of products involved in liability litigation.

**1983 - 1984** Senior Industrial Designer - J.H. Ladd Center, Exeter, RI: Directed the development and production of adaptive products for persons with severe physical disabilities. Evaluated accessibility needs and established guidelines for fifteen group homes for people with multiple disabilities.

**1974 - 1981** Furniture Designer - South Bay, Inc., Boston, MA.

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society on Aging  
Aging - Human Factors Society, Technical Group Member  
Environments - Human Factors Society, Technical Group Member  
Consumer Products - Human Factors Society, Technical Group Member

**FACULTY**

Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA, Instructor of Industrial Design,  
1984 - 1990