



## Design for Healthy Aging: Solutions Across the Continuum of Care

### Faculty

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Addie Abushousheh is a gerontologist, researcher, and consultant for organizational and environmental development in long-term care. She explores cultural and bio-psycho-social perspectives, organizational structures and processes, physical environments, workforce models, and regulatory and financial frameworks in relation to decision making, resource management, and quality improvement. With combined expertise in architecture, organizational development, aging and applied research, Dr. Abushousheh advances comprehensive and translational agendas related to quality assessment and performance improvement. Addie is a Research Associate with The Center for Health Design, an Adjunct Faculty member at Kent State University, and a Senior Living Advisor for Abacus Institute.



Margaret Calkins, PhD, EDAC, FGSA

Board Chair, IDEAS Chair

Dr. Calkins is nationally recognized as a creative, dynamic leader, trainer and researcher in the field of environments for elders. She is Board Chair of IDEAS Institute, an independent research institute dedicated to exploring the therapeutic potential of the environment--social and organizational as well as physical--particularly as it relates to frail and impaired older adults. She is a highly sought after speaker for conferences in the US and abroad. She has published extensively and received over \$6m in grant funding from the National Institutes of Health and foundations to develop training resources and explore the impact of the environment on people with dementia. She has served on numerous board, both local and national, including the Pioneer Network, Green House, Advancing Excellence, and the Cleveland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. She was a founding member of SAGE- Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments, and is on the Editorial Board for The Gerontologist, Journal of Housing and the Elderly, Journal of Clinical Psychology and Health Environments Research & Design Journal among other journals.





**Tama Duffy Day, FACHE, FASID, FIIDA, LEED BD+C**  
Senior Living Leader, Principal, Gensler

Tama is a Principal, global leader of Gensler's Senior Living practice, and an advisor to the Health Sector. A leader in the healthcare industry for decades, she challenges conventional design and develops solutions to reimagine longevity in an age-inclusive world. Actively leading projects across all regions, she is a frequent speaker at national events and conferences, and her work has been published in Forbes, Interior Design magazine, Fast Company, and The McMorro Reports. Active in the healthcare community, she is a member of Women in Healthcare and on the Washington, DC Mayor's Age-Friendly Task Force. Tama serves on the boards of the Capitol Hill Village and The CARITAS Project, and on Advisory Boards for the Healthcare Facilities Symposium, Marymount University and Medical Construction & Design Magazine.



**Vassar T. Byrd**  
CEO, Rose Villa Senior Living

Equipped with a master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics, Vassar began her career as an economist, working in Washington, DC and Portland, Oregon. After ten years in the field, she chose to change her career entirely for the opportunity to work in nonprofit senior living. She obtained a master's degree in gerontology from Naropa University and became CEO of Rose Villa, a not-for-profit CCRC, in 2006.

Bringing both financial rigor and resident-directed perspective to her work, she focuses on building partnerships with residents to create vibrant, emotional, social and physical environments. She is passionate about the way we age, working to break down negative stereotypes and visioning senior living in new and innovative ways. Vassar brings a broad base of experience, facilitating new development and senior living initiatives which are key to the financial success and renewed strength of the Rose Villa community today.



**Dodd Kattman, AIA, LEED AP**  
Principal, MKM Architecture + Design

As a founding principal of MKM in 1989, Dodd offers over 30 years of senior living and long-term care project experience. He has assisted in building the firm into a nationally recognized leader in the fields of healthcare and community wellness. Through his efforts MKM was named one of the "Top 100 Healthcare Architects" by Modern Healthcare Magazine for the fifteenth consecutive year in 2021. In his role as senior living managing partner, he dedicates time to designing, researching, publishing, and presenting topics that elevate the expectations of supportive environments that promote the process of aging with dignity within communities.





Jennifer Brush, MA, CCC/SLP  
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Jennifer Brush, MA, CCC/SLP is a Fulbright Specialist, researcher, award-winning dementia care author and healthcare consultant located in northeast Ohio. Jennifer also serves as Program Director at Montessori Education for Dementia St. Nicholas Montessori College Ireland. Jennifer is an inaugural member of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Advisory Board for Montessori for Dementia and Aging. She was one of the first three AMI Certified Trainers for Montessori for Dementia and Aging in the world, as well as the first in the US.



Jennifer is the author of numerous research articles and several nationally recognized books on dementia including her latest book, *Montessori for Elder and Dementia Care*, published by Health Professions Press. Jennifer is widely known for her innovative work in the Spaced Retrieval memory intervention, pioneering this area of study in speech-language pathology and co-authoring two books on the subject.

Terri Peters, PhD, Architect ARB, WELL AP, LEED GA  
Assistant Professor, Toronto Metropolitan University

Terri Peters is an Assistant Professor at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson) in the Department of Architectural Science. She teaches and supervises graduate students in both the architecture and building science programs. Dr. Peters is a registered architect in the UK, holds the WELL AP designation, and is a member of the 2021 WELL Concept advisory for Lighting. Her current research focuses on building performance in health environments, pre- and post-occupancy evaluations, and intersections between architectural quality and inhabitant quality of life in long term care homes.

She is an affiliated researcher at Institut du Savoir Monfort in Ottawa, Canada. She is co-author of the publication *MURB Design Guide: Enhancing the Liveability and Resilience of MURB* (with Ted Kesik and Liam O'Brien, v2., 2019), co-author of the book *Computing the Environment: Digital Design Tools for Simulation and Visualization of Sustainable Architecture* (with Brady Peters, John Wiley and Sons, 2018) and editor of *Design for Health: Sustainable Approaches to Therapeutic Architecture* (John Wiley and Sons 2017). She has authored more than 20 peer reviewed publications about sustainable housing. Her recent paper "Biophilic Design Strategies in Long-Term Residential Care Environments for Persons with Dementia" was published in 2021 in *Journal of Aging and Environment* with co-author Dr. Stephen Verderber.





Philippe Saad, AIA, LEED AP  
Principal, DiMella Shaffer Associates

Philippe Saad, AIA, is a principal with DiMella Shaffer Associates, a Boston based architecture and planning firm. He has over 15 years of architectural experience contributing to a wide variety of projects focused on community design. Both an advocate and proponent of quality community housing, Philippe's experience has focused on both affordable and senior housing throughout New England. Philippe is a frequent speaker at LeadingAge and The Global Aging Network. He is a founding board member of LGBTQ Senior Housing, Inc. and Project Q Communities, with missions focused on LGBTQ aging. He was recently awarded EFA Design Champion for 2021.



Michael Bollinger  
Captain, Federal Bureau of Prisons

Captain Michael Bollinger, a captain in the federal Bureau of prisons for over 33 years, is a global leader in correctional personnel dementia training and correctional personnel dementia unit consulting. His mission is to promote, encourage, and enhance the knowledge, skills and practice of all correctional workers by means of requiring excellent standards of training, dementia and correctional specific training.

Tami Kendall, NHA

Tami Kendall, NHA has invested her entire career in long-term care; first as a CNA, then social worker, and now as a NHA. Tami is a behavioral expert, advocate, and person-centered long-term care leader. Her systems-based approach has resulted in exceeding compliance requirements for current and future regulations, reducing the burden and workload of her staff, and improving resident care.