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Universal Design: An Investment for Aging in Place, in the Workplace and in Play

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 10:30 AM–6:00 PM

A Special Program of the 2006 NCOA-ASA Joint Conference presented by ASA's Network on Environments, Services and Technologies for Maximizing Independence (NEST)

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Visionaries from many fields are redefining independence, from a singular focus on functional performance to a broader view of participation in, and full access to, community life. Universal design—the design of products and environments usable by all people, without the need for adaptation or specialized design—provides the mechanism for integrating these often competing ideas into a unified, holistic approach to strengthen families, communities and ourselves. Through the lens of research, policy and practice, this program will examine the relationship between universal design and the continued independence and participation of older adults as they age in place, in the workplace and in play.

Presentations by leading authorities will specifically discuss the latest research outcomes that link universal design to healthy aging and participation, the implications of universal design on policy decisions, and best practices of integrating universal design into service delivery systems.

10:30–11:10 AM

Universal Design: An Investment in Aging (Keynote)

The aging of the population is an important part of the rationale for adoption of universal design. By insuring that our built environment is usable to people with the broadest range of abilities possible, we are investing in the future. The value of this investment will increase significantly as the boomer generation matures. The promise of universal design will be illustrated through best practice examples. A new research and development program will be described that seeks to address important gaps in our knowledge with the help of end users and professionals.

Moderator: **Jon A. Sanford**, MArch, Senior Research Scientist and Co-Director, RERC on Workplace Accommodations, Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Architecture, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA.

Keynote Speaker: **Edward Steinfeld**, ArchD, AIA, Director, IDEA Center and Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Universal Design in the Built Environment, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.



11:10 AM–NOON

Universal Design: An Investment in Aging in Play (Symposium)

This session will examine the relationship between universal design and the continued independence and participation of older adults as they age in play. Two leading authorities in public spaces and livable communities will explore the contributions of universal design through an analysis of current research, policy and practice.

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Presenters: **Maurizio Antonietti**, MCP, Department of Geography, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA; **Andrew S. Kochera**, PhD, Senior Policy Advisor, AARP Public Policy Institute, Washington, DC.

2:00–4:00 PM

Universal Design: An Investment in Aging in Place (Symposium)

This session will examine the relationship between universal design and the continued independence and participation of older adults as they age in place. Four leading authorities in housing and home modifications will explore the contributions of universal design through an analysis of current research, policy and practice.

Presenters: **Margaret A. Christenson**, MPH, OTR, FAOTA, President, Lifease, Inc, Minneapolis, MN; **Joy Hammel**, PhD, OTR/L, Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy & Disability Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL; **Jon Pynoos**, PhD, Director, National Resource Center on Supportive Housing and Home Modifications and Co-Director, Fall Prevention Center of Excellence, Andrus Gerontology Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA; **Rebecca Stahr**, ASID, CAPS, CSP, President & CEO, LifeSpring Environs, Inc., Atlanta, GA.

4:30–6:00 PM

Universal Design: An Investment in Aging in the Workplace (Symposium)

This session will examine the relationship between universal design and the continued independence and participation of older adults as they age in the workplace. Three leading authorities in work environments and workplace accommodations will explore the contributions of universal design through an analysis of current research, policy and practice.

Presenters: **Paul M.A. Baker**, PhD, AICP, Director of Research, Center for Advanced Communications Policy (CACP), Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA; **Kenneth Mitchell**, PhD, Vice President, Corporate Return to Work Development, UnumProvident Corporation, Chattanooga, TN; **Michael Williams**, PhD, Research Scientist, RERC on Workplace Accommodations, CATEA, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA.

6:00–7:30 PM

Network on Environments, Services and Technologies for Maximizing Independence (NEST) Networking Reception

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