

Massachusetts Office on Disability

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MOD

Summit 2017

Topic: Employment Opportunity

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Program Book



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Program

- 10:00AM** Welcome and Introduction
- 10:20AM** History of Education & Training:
Dave Manzo, *President, Cotting School*
- 10:35AM** Trends in Disability Employment Data:
Matthew Brault, *Independent Researcher currently working with New England ADA Center*
- 11:00AM** Current Employment Initiatives in State Government:
David D'Arcangelo, *Director, MOD*
Jabes Rojas, *Deputy Chief for Access and Opportunity, Office of the Governor of Massachusetts*
Toni Wolf, *Commissioner, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission*
- 11:15AM** Entrepreneurship:
Rick Fiery, *Co-founder, InventiveLabs*
- 11:40AM** Thomas P. Hopkins Access Award:
William E. Kiernan, PhD., *Dean, UMass School for Global Inclusion and Social Development*

Post Summit Program

- 12:15PM** Campus to Careers Reception:
National Organization on Disability, Career Opportunities for Students with Disabilities and Work Without Limits

Thomas P. Hopkins Access Award Recipient

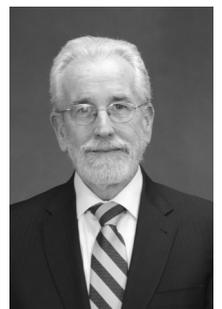
William Kiernan

William Kiernan is the dean of UMass Boston's School for Global Inclusion and Social Development. For the past 40 years, Kiernan has served in a variety of capacities at the Institute for Community Inclusion, as well as a senior staff member of Boston Children's Hospital. He has been a member of the UMass Boston faculty for more than 20 years.

Kiernan has served as an international consultant in seven countries in the development of adult service systems for people with disabilities, and has provided training and technical assistance in more than 45 states. He is the author of more than 130 articles and reports in the field of disabilities, covering topics such as transition from high school to adult life, employment, public policy development, workforce development, and systemic change.

Kiernan has been a member of several national boards, and has served as the president of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, as well as the president of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities.

In addition to holding a PhD in rehabilitation and special education from Boston College and a master's in rehabilitation counseling from Boston University, Kiernan holds a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in health care management from Boston University.



Speaker Profiles



David Manzo, President, Cotting School David W. Manzo became the sixth president of Cotting School in 2004. Since 1893, Cotting School has served students with a broad range of disabilities. From 1984 to 2004, David was the president of COMPASS, a private educational and social service organization serving high-risk, inner-city children and their families struggling with the effects of violence and multi-generational poverty. David has served on the faculty of Boston College since 1980 and teaches Values in Social Services and Health Care and Boston: An Urban Analysis for the PULSE Program. In 2008, Manzo co-authored *Cotting School: A Pictorial History*, published by Arcadia Publishing. David received his Master of Education in administration, planning, and social policy from Harvard University.

Matthew Brault, Independent Researcher Matthew Brault is currently working with the New England ADA Center on a project to estimate the size and characteristics of the population of people living in the New England Region who might assert rights or accommodations under the ADA. Prior to coming to Boston, Mr. Brault worked as a survey statistician and primary subject matter expert on disability statistics for the U.S. Census Bureau in Washington, DC. In this capacity, he has authored official Census Bureau reports about disability in the U.S. and has been involved with the development, testing, and evaluation of disability survey questions in the American Community Survey and the Survey of Income and Program Participation. Mr. Brault holds a Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University and is currently working towards his PhD in Health Care Policy at Harvard University.



David D'Arcangelo, Director, MOD Legally blind from a young age, David D'Arcangelo has built successful careers in both the public and private sectors. As the Director of the Massachusetts Office on Disability, David is working to bring about full and equal participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. David has extensive experience in government, which includes serving in the administrations of four governors. As a current Malden City Councilor At-Large, David is one of only a handful of elected officials who has disclosed a disability. David has also served on the Board of Directors for the Arc of Middlesex East, Board of Directors for Resource Partnership, Board of Directors for Tailored for Success, a member of the Braille Literacy Advisory Council, and as Chair of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind Rehabilitation Council.



Jabes Rojas, Deputy Chief for Access and Opportunity and Community Affairs, Office of the Governor of Massachusetts Jabes was appointed in early 2015 by Governor Baker to serve as Deputy Chief for Access and Opportunity as part of the Governor's Office senior team. In this capacity, Jabes leads the strategic diversity efforts on personnel and procurement for the Commonwealth. In early 2017, Governor Baker expanded Jabes' scope of responsibilities to include Community Affairs. Previously, Jabes held various senior management roles at Year Up and ALPFA, where he led both organizations' transformational revenue growth in millions of dollars, increased the engagement with Fortune 1000 companies and expanded the outcomes-based efforts of these premier national organizations. Jabes holds a MBA from Boston College, and a Masters of Science in Policy, Planning and Finance from the London School of Economics.



Toni Wolf, Commissioner, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Toni Wolf has joined MRC as Commissioner as of 7/17/17. She previously served as Executive Director of Employment Options, a Marlborough-based "clubhouse" organization empowering individuals and families in mental health recovery to thrive in their communities since 1986. She has received an Advocacy Leadership Award from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, the Inman Award from the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, the Woman of Vision and Leadership Award from the United Way of Tri County, and Business Person of the Year Award from the Department of Economics and Business Administration from Framingham University. Commissioner Wolf identifies as a change agent, seeking to provide innovative services within an organizational development context.



Rick Fiery, Co-founder, InventiveLabs InventiveLabs, located in Amesbury, MA, is a research lab and business incubator that helps people with learning differences find their passions and create new businesses in an all-accepting environment. Rick has a passion for helping young adults with learning differences find alternative paths to success and believes with the right environment and supports, people with learning differences can achieve substantial success. Prior to InventiveLabs, Rick was the CEO of several startup companies that he created and grew before selling them to strategic buyers. One of his software companies grew to have subsidiaries in 6 countries and products sold in over 60 countries. Rick has a Bachelors and Masters in civil engineering from the University of Virginia and an MBA from the Wharton School of Business.



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Dear Esteemed Guest:

Welcome. Today's program was designed to inspire leaders, advocates, and persons with disabilities to continue the conversation around employment opportunities. Successful employment outcomes foster dignity, self-determination, and independence, which are goals at the core of MOD's mission.

You will hear about the history of employment training in Massachusetts, the current initiatives the Commonwealth has created to address employment for persons with disabilities, and about an innovative approach to self-employment for persons with diverse learning profiles right here in our state. You are also invited to attend the Campus to Careers Reception following the conclusion of our program.

Your support and interest in issues that impact persons with disabilities in the Commonwealth mean a great deal to me, MOD staff, and to the Administration. Thank you for attending.

Sincerely,

David D'Arcangelo
Director

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The **Massachusetts Office on Disability** was created in 1981 under M.G.L. Chapter 6 Section 185. The primary mission of MOD is to ensure the full and equal participation of all people with disabilities in all aspects of life by working to advance legal rights, maximum opportunities, supportive services, accommodations and accessibility in a manner that fosters dignity and self determination.

