

Alex Krieger

At Water's Edge a Town Endures and Transforms

Alex Krieger has combined a career of teaching and practice, dedicating himself in both to understanding how to improve the quality of place and life in our major urban areas.

Mr. Krieger is a principal at the Boston-based architecture and urban design studio of NBBJ, a global architecture firm. The studio has served a broad array of clients in major cities worldwide, focusing primarily on planning, educational, institutional, healthcare and public projects in complex urban settings.

Mr. Krieger is a frequent advisor to mayors and their planning staffs, and serves on a number of boards and commissions. Among these: Director of the NEA's Mayor's Institute in City Design, Founder and co-director of the Big City Planners Institute, Joseph Riley Institute, Charleston and as a Design Excellence Peer for the U.S. General Services Administration. In 2012, he was appointed by President Obama to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

Mr. Krieger is a professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, where he has taught since 1977. He served as Chairman of the Department of Urban Planning and Design, 1998-2004 and 2006-2007, as Director of the Urban Design Program, 1990-2001, and as Associate Chairman of the Department of Architecture, 1984-1989. In addition to design studios and seminar courses at the GSD, he teaches a general education class on the evolution of American cities at the College. In 2003, 2005, and 2007, he was honored as one of the outstanding teachers at Harvard University. Design Intelligence Magazine annual national survey named him one of seven "2007 Architectural Educators of the Year."

Mr. Krieger's major publications include: Co-editing Urban Design (University of Minnesota Press, 2008) two volumes of Harvard Design Magazine, (focusing on the evolution of urban design as a discipline), 2005-06; Remaking the Urban Waterfront, 2004; Mapping Boston, 1999; Towns and Town Planning Principles, 1994; A Design Primer for Towns and Cities, 1990; and Past Futures: Two Centuries of Imagining Boston, 1988. He has also authored more than two-dozen essays on American urbanization for various publications. He lectures frequently at national conferences and universities.

Since co-founding Chan Krieger Sieniewicz in 1984, Mr. Krieger led many award winning projects, including four AIA Honor Awards for Regional and Urban Design for waterfront planning in New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Dallas and Washington, DC. and received various awards for architectural design for projects at major institutions such as Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Mr. Krieger received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University and a Master of City Planning in Urban Design degree from Harvard. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

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