

## Access and Design

The Design profession tackles pressing issues with creative solutions regardless of boundaries. This Pecha Kucha will explore instances where education and design have challenged the status quo resulting in extraordinary understanding and design feats. Regarding education, this presentation illustrates two examples where design students experienced different disabilities walking through a college campus. Students were asked to identify inaccessible areas, then, design equal opportunity solutions through a seamless accessible design. These exercises exposed students to the importance of inclusive design, way finding, and a resonant sensitivity of how inclusive design can level the playing field. The presentation then exhibits a sixty foot sailboat, designed based on the circulation of a wheelchair. The blurred lines in this design grants the user freedom and independence in great style. Lastly, we explore the importance of design in our daily lives. Designing a kitchen that complements a person's handicaps can enable the user to rely solely on their abilities to prepare food, in turn gaining a higher level of independent, quality living. This Pecha Kucha attempts to demonstrate how the lines between access and design begin to blur when design is one that includes all persons without compromising its aesthetic.