

Kira Kinsman

Professional Biography

Kira Kinsman is a Pennsylvania registered architect practicing in both Northeastern Pennsylvania and Philadelphia. Her work focuses on complex institutional and multi-use projects in higher education and healthcare, and also includes a varied portfolio in commercial, industrial, housing, and residential projects. She is a past member of the Pennsylvania State Architects' Licensure Board (2000-2005); a past President of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (2001-2002) ; a former member of the Wilkes Barre City Board of Appeals (2007-2010), a former Planning Commission Member for Nuangola Borough (1997-2001), and a current member of the American Institute of Architects (1992-2017). Her 15-person firm, WKL Architecture, has been recognized numerous times in the last 15 years for design excellence by the AIA.

Ms. Kinsman is a graduate of Brown University with degrees in Civil Engineering and Art & Architectural History, and attended both M.O.M.A.'s Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies and Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, both in New York City. Her work experience prior to starting her own practice included design, production, and management expertise acquired at Caudill, Rowlett, Scott, in Houston, TX, and Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, in Pennsylvania. She has been a regular visiting critic on student juries for 4 years at the Marywood University School of Architecture in the greater Scranton, PA area. A fiddler and composer of photographic images of historic buildings and barns, she has exhibited her architectural photography in a one-person show at the Wyoming Valley Art League.

Ms. Kinsman has an interest in helping to develop or sustain living facilities and shelters for LGBTQ adults and youth, and hopes to be a contributor to existing programs in both Scranton and Philadelphia. Kira is the proud parent of three wonderful young adults, and a fondest friend of their mother. Much of Kira's family, including two of her children, her own mother, and her own sister's family, all live in the Philadelphia area now. When not shepherding building design projects with her amazing staff and incredible business partner, she can be found thinking about yoga classes while in Philadelphia's coffee shops or bookstores - while talking, and talking, and laughing.