



Education Session
Saturday, October 28, 2017
Sarasota Fairgrounds
Ken Clark Auditorium

**Housing Possibilities:
Exploring Options**
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Innovative housing options that support aging in community are emerging throughout the nation. Learn about universal design features, cooperative householding, and a network to connect with others for home sharing.

MODERATOR:

Kathy Black, Ph.D.

Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee

PANELISTS:

Karen Bush

President
On Track Sarasota

Tracy Lux

Vice Chairperson
Universal Design Coalition

Jeannette Watling-Mills

Co-Facilitator
Living in Community Network

About the Speakers



Kathy Black, Ph.D. – kblack@sar.usf.edu

[@kblackphd](#)

www.usfsm.edu

Dr. Kathy Black is a Professor of Aging Studies at USFSM. She obtained her Ph.D. from SUNY, Albany, master's degrees in social work and gerontology from USC, and a master's degree in public health from UCLA. She is a Next Avenue Top 50 Influencer in Aging, Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar, Fellow in the Gerontological Society of America, and The Patterson Foundation Initiative Consultant for Age-Friendly Sarasota. She has 40 years of experience in the field of aging as a gerontological researcher, educator, geriatric case manager, medical social worker, and geriatric nurse throughout the continuum of care.



Karen Bush – karen@shadowlawn.us

Karen Bush has over a decade of experience in cooperative householding. In this model, unrelated adults co-own and share a home. With Louise Machinist and Jean McQuillin, she wrote *My House Our House: Living Far Better for Far Less in a Cooperative Household* — a great resource for anyone interested in shared housing. In 2015, Karen and Louise formed a new cooperative household in Sarasota using the principles of universal design. Karen has had careers in higher education, corporate consulting, and public speaking. Semi-retired, she now travels extensively with her camera in hand but always is happy to return to Sarasota.



Tracy Lux – tracylux126@gmail.com

[@lux_tracy](#)

www.easyuniversaldesign.com

Tracy Lux is currently Vice Chair of the Universal Design Coalition. For twenty-five years she was president and owner of Trace Consulting Group, a firm focused on marketing to the mature audience. They specialized in market research, advertising, public relations, and sales training targeted to the retirement and active adult housing industry. Prior to that, Tracy was vice president of the Hyatt Corporation's retirement real estate division and also served as vice president of marketing for Sun City Center. Her special interest is in providing education on accessible housing to those who wish to "age in place" and remain in their homes, rather than having to move prematurely to institutional living accommodations.



Jeannette Watling-Mills

www.livingincommunity.net

Jeannette Watling-Mills has lived full time in Sarasota for over 30 years. She is a small business owner. On the non-profit side, Jeannette is a certified SCORE mentor, providing advice to small businesses. She is co-facilitator of Living in Community Network and treasurer of Universal Design Coalition. She also has been active with many other non-profits including the Woman's Exchange (past president) and Friends of Selby Library (past president). Jeannette has focused on Aging-In-Place and Senior Housing issues ever since she realized that she would become a senior — and didn't want to live in a "facility."