

Curriculum Vitae

Kyle Thomas Murphy
Founder and Executive Director

Biography

Prior to founding KATO, Kyle worked with HKS Architects on NFL, MLB, and collegiate stadium and arena projects. He founded KATO as a response to the tremendous need for Architects and Engineers to engage in public interest design. He leads design efforts in seven countries where KATO is currently active. Kyle is a graduate of the School of Architecture + Design at Virginia Tech and is a licensed Architect.

Professional Experience

+ HKS, Inc. (June 2012- June 2014)

Designer

Project designer for NFL, MLB, CFL, and collegiate sports franchises. Worked on design and production phases for stadiums, arenas, ballparks, and practice facilities, as well as construction documentation for hospital facilities.

+ KATO (March 2014 – Present)

Founder and Executive Director
Chief Architect

Founded architecture practice to target international need for social interest design projects. Since founding, led design and documentation for 12 projects, built international network of professionals from 7 countries, engaged and managed student design teams from 25 universities (US and International), and created donor base of individuals, private foundations, and corporations.

+ Projects

HKS, Inc.

US Bank Minnesota Vikings Stadium, Minneapolis, MN
Falcons NFL Stadium (international competition 2nd place), Atlanta, GA
Washington Nationals Training Facility, Kissimmee, FL
New Mosaic Stadium, Saskatchewan, Canada
Virginia Military Institute Indoor Training Facility, Lexington, VA
Virginia Tech Indoor Training Facility, Blacksburg, VA
Guangzhou Rugby Stadium, Guangzhou, China
Children's Hospital of Richmond Pavilion, Richmond, VA

KATO

U.S. National Stadium and Development, Washington D.C., USA
Founders Hall, Burr and Burton Academy, VT, USA
Garibaldi at Squamish Resort Masterplan, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
FUCPE School and Health Clinic, La Romana, Dominican Republic
Playa Gigante School, Puntarenas, Costa Rica
Pavones School, Buenos Aires, Costa Rica
San Mateo School, Lima, Peru
San Lucas School, Arequipa, Peru
San Francisco Community Center, Monterrey, Mexico
Chilca Home for Children, Chilca, Peru
San Francisco School System, Monterrey, Mexico
Vista Bella Community Center, Monterrey, Mexico
India Pakistan Center for Peace, India/Pakistan Border

Chief Architect role on all KATO projects

Academic

+ Education

Virginia Tech
College of Architecture and Urban Studies
Professional degree program, Diploma May 2012

+ Lectures/Exhibitions

Drawing as Construction
Virginia Tech, Spring 2012

Pedagogical Transparency, Inverting Educational Typologies
Burr and Burton Academy, Fall 2013

Revitalizing Central Business District
Dallas, Fall 2013

Thoughts and Things
Universidad de Monterrey, Spring 2015

The Role of Architecture in Foster Care
Catholic University of Peru, Fall 2017

KATO – Empowering Communities through Architecture
Environments for Aging National Conference, Spring 2018

Founders Hall – A Hybrid Typology
Manchester, VT, Fall 2021