

JAMES KOLKER, AIA, LEED® AP, Principal

James Kolker joined Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates in 1986. His experience encompasses planning and design for a great variety of academic projects, with scales ranging from individual buildings to complexes, precincts, and entire regions. He has developed particular expertise planning and designing educational and medical research facilities. He is leading master planning and design projects for Lehigh Valley Hospital's clinical, medical office, and parking facilities and recently oversaw construction administration for the California NanoSystems Institute at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Mr. Kolker was recently Principal-in-Charge for Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg's master planning and new hospital in Bethlehem, project manager for Berry/Baker Library and Carson Hall and the Rauner Special Collections Library at Dartmouth College, project manager for master planning of a new campus precinct at the University of Kentucky, and principal-in-charge for the design of UK's new Biomedical / Biological Sciences Research Laboratory.

Mr. Kolker was previously Project Manager for the Trabant University Center at the University of Delaware and project architect for facilities programming for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian. He led master planning for the University of Michigan's Health System, consulted to the South African Department of Trade and Industry on planning for their new consolidated headquarters in Pretoria, and consulted for a regional plan in the Kingdom of Morocco. He was also a member of the team that designed the Sainsbury Wing of the National Gallery in London, for which he coordinated and managed the computer drawings.

In 1991 Mr. Kolker worked at Arkkitehtitoimisto Pekka Salminen in Helsinki, Finland, where he was Project Designer for a new parking facility at Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport.

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Master of Architecture, 1986

Columbia College, Bachelor of Arts, Architecture Major, 1984

ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION

Pennsylvania, 1992

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards Certified, 2003

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Accredited Professional, U.S.

Green Building Council, 2006

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Member, American Institute of Architects

Member, Society for College and University Planners

Member, Society for Environmental Graphic Design

TEACHING

Thesis Juror, Pennsylvania State University, 2007
University of Oregon, Rome Program, Guest Critic, 2006
Helsinki University of Technology, Department of Architecture, Lecturer, 1991, 2003
University of Oregon, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, Guest Critic, 2003
Lehigh University, Department of Art and Architecture, Lecturer and Guest Critic, 2002
Temple University, Guest Critic, 1998-1999
Dartmouth College, Guest Critic, 1997
Drexel University, Guest Critic, 1991-present
Philadelphia University, Guest Critic, 1991-present
Tampere Technical University, Tampere, Finland, Lecturer, 1991, 1992
University of Pennsylvania, Guest Juror and Lecturer, 1988, 2005
Columbia University, Guest Critic, 1986

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Juror, International Masonry Institute Mid-Atlantic Golden Trowel Awards, 2002
Lecture and Tour on the University of Kentucky's New Research Building, AIA East
Kentucky Chapter, 2005
Lecture on VSBA's Recent Work, New Zealand Institute of Architects Lecture Series,
Wellington, New Zealand, 2005
Speaker, Allentown Chapter Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), 2005
Speaker, Pennsylvania Planning Association Annual Conference, 2004
Speaker, The American Institute of Architects National Convention, 2002
Lecturer, Scientific Equipment and Furniture Association (SEFA), 2002
Presenter, Society for College and University Planning, Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference,
2000
Lecturer, Dartmouth Club of Philadelphia, 2000
Juror, The Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, International Illumination
Design Awards, 1997, 1999, 2005
Lecturer and Panel Member, A/E/C Systems, Architectural Information Technology
Conference, 1994
Lecturer, Finnish-American Society of the Delaware Valley, 1993

AWARDS

Kinne Traveling Fellowship, France, Columbia University, 1985
Who's Who in America, 2004-present