CHRISTOPHER P. RATCLIFF, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP | Principal & Chairman of the Board

EDUCATION
B. Architecture, cum laude
University of California, Berkeley, 1968

REGISTRATION
California, #C-8321, 1975

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS
- Fellow, American Institute of Architects
- Advisory Board Member, Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement, Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley, 2016
- AIA Legacy Committee, San Francisco Chapter, 2009 (Co-Chair)
- Co-Founder, BALSA (Bay Area Leaders in Sustainable Architecture), 2006
- Former Board Member, Stiles Hall Board of Trustees
- Berkeley Parks and Recreation Commission
- Berkeley Private Industry Council
- Opus Novum

AWARDS & PUBLICATIONS
- Author, "Green Action Plan Framework for Existing Built Environments", 2009
- Author, "Designing the 'Right' Facility", *DesignIntelligence,* 2007
- Creator, Green House Gas Calculator for Facility Operations, 2010
- Green Matrix, a web-based decision support tool, 2002

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS
- Panelist, "Building a Sustainable Future: How Architects and Designers Connect with Politics, Practice and Action", AIA National Convention, 2009
- Featured Speaker, Society of College & University Planners Conference
- Featured Conference Speaker, California Association of College and University Housing Officials

Kit carries on a three-generation family tradition in the practice of architecture and is the Chairman of the Board of the firm his grandfather founded in 1906. As the visionary thought leader of the firm for over 30 years, Kit continues to expand the ways the firm can bring value to their clients and beyond. He brought LEAN thinking to the firm 20 years ago, which has since become a mainstream technique, and developed a number of tools for sustainable design. Kit spent most of his career designing non-living systems - architecture - for living communities, with the goal of improving their lives in a sustainable relationship with the earth. In the last ten years, he has found a more profound and powerful way to accomplish this goal: working with people in their places from a living systems perspective, to develop ways they can add value to human, social, natural, built and financial capitals.

Typically, people maximize one or more of these capitals in their endeavors, at the expense of other capitals. In the living systems approach, there is a commitment to lifting up all five capitals - one identifies and develops new ways which lift up the living systems which certainly includes architecture and the built environment, but sees them as supporting systems whose function is to contribute to vitality and viability in the living systems that use them. Kit has studied Regenerative Design with the Regenesis Group, an internationally known alliance of interdisciplinary experts from around the world, practicing within the living systems approach.

SELECTED PROJECTS

Academic
- New Campus, Berkeley City College | Peralta Community College District | Berkeley, CA
- University of California, Berkeley:
  - Bancroft Library (Doe Annex) Renovation
  - Valley Life Sciences Building Renovation and Addition
  - Foothill Student Housing Complex
- Master Plan, Campus Sustainability Plan and Miscellaneous Projects | The College Preparatory School | Oakland, CA
- Master Plan | Marin Academy | San Rafael, CA
- University of California, Davis:
  - New Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory
  - Western Human Nutrition Research Center, USDA
- Music and Dance Building | Santa Clara University | Santa Clara, CA
- New Science Complex | University of Oregon | Eugene, OR
- New Computer Technology Center | Laney College | Oakland, CA
- University of the Pacific | San Francisco, CA
  - Recital Hall and Rehearsal Center | Stockton, CA
  - School of Dentistry Lecture Halls and Classroom Renovations | San Francisco, CA
- Master Plan and Expansion | Pentland Hills Undergraduate Student Housing | University of California, Riverside
- Master Plan, New Student Center and Renovation Projects | De La Salle High School | Concord, CA
- Prospect-Sierra School, El Cerrito, CA:
  - Master Plan, New Library & Art/Science/Music Building | Tapscott Campus
  - Multi-Purpose Facility and New Fine Arts Building | Avis Campus

- The Seven Hills School, Walnut Creek, CA:
  - Master Plan
  - K-1 Classroom Building
- Polk Street Campus, K-4 School | Blue Oak School | Napa, CA:
- Master Plan | Sage Ridge School | Reno, NV

Healthcare

- Acute Tower Replacement Project, Highland Hospital | County of Alameda | Oakland, CA
- Facilities Master Plan & Evaluation Services | Sonoma Valley Hospital | Sonoma, CA
- Master Plan, Expansion and Remodel | John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek Campus | John Muir Health | Walnut Creek, CA
- Master Plan, Space Program & Conceptual Design | John Muir Medical Center, Concord Campus | John Muir Health | Concord, CA
- Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.:
  - New Cancer Center | South San Francisco, CA
  - NPC3 Upgrades | San Rafael, S. San Francisco, San Francisco, Santa Rosa, CA
  - New Medical Center | Fresno, CA
  - Hospital Phase II Addition | Walnut Creek, CA
  - Medical Office Building | Martinez, CA

Civic

- Living Systems Approach - Development of a Citizens' Coalition | City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, NM
- Master Plan and Terminal II Expansion | Metropolitan Oakland International Airport | Oakland, CA
- Conceptual Design and Master Plan | St. Perpetua Church | Lafayette, CA
- Master Plan Code Analysis, Sanctuary/Chancel and Multi-Purpose Room Renovations | First Congregational Church | Berkeley, CA