

Kyle Francis Stewart Bio

As the first Texan to achieve the title of *Certified Tea Specialist* (CTS), Kyle has served as an Advisory Board member for the *Specialty Tea Institute* (STI), a division of the *Tea Association of the USA*, and teaches for the STI Tea Certification Program. He serves as a Community Advisory Board member for the Crow Museum of Asian Art and has given numerous tea talks for Dallas Museum of Art, SMU, TEDxSMU, TEDxKids@SMU, the Crow Museum of Asian Art, TEXSOM, Exxon/Mobil Headquarters, Toyota's North American Headquarters, and World Tea Expo. Kyle is currently collaborating with Jason McDonald, Timothy Gipson, and Virginia Utermohlen Lovelace on *The US Tea Experience, From Seed to Cup*, an online tea educational curriculum exploring the American tea culture and history. In 2019, The Cultured Cup was named *Best Retail Tea Shop, Cafe, Bar* by World Tea Awards. The Cultured Cup, which is co-owned by Phil Krampetz and Kyle, will celebrate its 25th year of business in November of 2020.