Lehigh University endowed a chair in structural engineering and architecture in Khan's honor and in August 2006 appointed Professor Lynn S. Beedle as its inaugural holder of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Endowed Chair of Structural Engineering and Architecture. Dr. Beedle is the initiator and organizer of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Distinguished Lecture Series.

**2017 SPEAKERS**

**Eugen Brühwiler**  
Professor and Dr. Structural Engineer  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology  
Lausanne, Switzerland

*Getting More Out of Existing Bridges*  
February 17, 2017

**Lawrence G. Griffis**  
Senior Principal/Senior Consultant  
Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.  
Austin, TX

*Design and Construction of Cowboys Stadium*  
March 31, 2017

**Peter A. Weismantle**  
Director of Supertall Building Technology  
Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture  
Chicago, IL

*Architectural Technical Design of the New Generation of Supertall Buildings*  
April 21, 2017

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**Fazlur Rahman Khan**  
1896 - 1982

Fazlur Rahman Khan ushered in a renaissance in skyscraper construction during the second half of the 20th century. Khan was a pragmatic visionary: the series of progressive ideas that he brought forth for especially high-rise construction in the 1950s and 1960s were validated in his own work, notably his efficient designs for Chicago’s 100-story John Hancock Center and 110-story Sears Tower (the tallest building in the United States since its completion in 1974).

His characteristic statement to an editor in 1971, having just been selected Construction’s Man of the Year, typifies his vision: “The technical man must not be lost in his own technology. He must be able to appreciate life; and life is art, drama, music, and most importantly, people.”

**Lynn S. Beedle**  
1927 - 2003

In July 1947, Lynn joined Lehigh University as Research Instructor and rose to Full Professor in 10 years. In recognition of his professional and research achievements, he was appointed to a University Distinguished Professorship in 1978.

Following the premature death of Fazlur Khan in 1982, Beedle organized the establishment at Lehigh University of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Endowed Chair.