

The Fazlur Rahman Khan Distinguished Lecture Series

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Honoring a legacy in structural engineering and architecture

2022

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Fazlur Rahman Khan
1929 - 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 efficient high-rise construction in the 1960s and 1970s 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 by Engineering News Record, is commemorated on a plaque in Onterie Center, Chicago: "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
1917 - 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.



2022 SPEAKERS



Stephen J. Ressler

Professor Emeritus from the U.S. Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, NY; Current President of the Lehigh Valley Section, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Bethlehem, PA

The Ashtabula Bridge Disaster and the Advent of Civil Engineering Professionalism

February 18, 2022 (virtual event)



Adrian D. Smith

Partner

Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture
Chicago, IL

Supertall Towers + Green Cities

March 25, 2022



Mitsuyoshi Akiyama






Professor and Chair of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering
Waseda University

Tokyo, Japan

Increasing the Resilience of Highway Bridges Under Multiple Hazards Including Earthquake, Tsunami, Corrosion and Climate Change

April 29, 2022




SPEAKERS - 2021

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|  Jeanne Gang Founding Principal and Partner Studio Gang Chicago, IL <i>Crossing Domains</i> February 18, 2021 (virtual event) |  Jack Moehle Professor of the Graduate School University of California, Berkeley, CA <i>Performance-based Seismic Design of Tall Buildings</i> March 11, 2021 (virtual event) |  P. Benson Shing Professor, Department of Structural Engineering University of California, San Diego, CA <i>Understanding the Seismic Performance of Structural Systems through Large-scale Experiments and Computational Simulations</i> April 15, 2021 (virtual event) |  Phillip L. Gould Distinguished Adjunct Professor, St. Louis University and Senior Professor, Washington University, St. Louis, MO <i>From Slide Rule to FEA: Some Highlights Along the Way</i> October 27, 2021 |  Richard Sause Professor of Structural Engineering, Director, Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems (ATLSS) Center; Director, Institute for Cyber Physical Infrastructure & Energy, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA <i>A Research Perspective on Seismic Performance of Steel Building Structures</i> November 17, 2021 |
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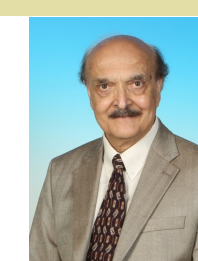


SPEAKERS - 2020

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|  Jon Pickard Principal, Pickard Chilton, New Haven, CT <i>Gracing the Sky, Enriching the City</i> February 28, 2020 |  Aftab A. Mufti Emeritus Professor, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada <i>Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures: Development of the New Discipline of Civionics</i> October 22, 2020 (virtual event) |  Gregory Deierlein John A. Blume Professor, School of Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, CA <i>From Performance-based Engineering to Urban Resilience</i> November 19, 2020 (virtual event) |
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SPEAKERS - 2019

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|  Kishor Mehta P. W. Horn Professor of Civil Engineering, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX <i>Evolution of Assessment of Wind Speeds in Tornadoes</i> February 22, 2019 |  SawTeen See President, See Robertson Structural Engineers, LLC, New York, NY <i>Some Long-Span and Some Tall Buildings</i> March 29, 2019 |  Karl H. Frank Consultant and Professor Emeritus, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX <i>The Role of Quality Control in Some Notable Bridge Problems</i> April 12, 2019 |
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SPEAKERS - 2018

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|  Surendra P. Shah Walter P. Murphy Professor of Civil Engineering (Emeritus), Northwestern University, Evanston, IL <i>Sustainability in Concrete Construction Based on Nanotechnology</i> February 23, 2018 |  Robert Sinn Principal, Thornton Tomasetti, Chicago, IL <i>From Bilbao to Jeddah: An Engineer's Journey</i> March 23, 2018 |  Yoizo Fujino Distinguished Professor, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Yokohama, National University — Yokohama, Japan <i>Lessons Learned from 30 Years of Experience in Dynamics, Monitoring and Control of Bridges</i> April 13, 2018 |
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SPEAKERS - 2017

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|  Eugen Brühwiler Professor and Dr. Structural Engineer, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland <i>Getting More Out of Existing Bridges</i> February 17, 2017 |  Lawrence G. Griffis Senior Principal/Senior Consultant, Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc., Austin, TX <i>Design and Construction of Cowboys Stadium</i> March 31, 2017 |  Peter A. Weismantle Director of Supertall Building Technology, Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture, Chicago, IL <i>Architectural Technical Design of the New Generation of Supertall Buildings</i> April 21, 2017 |
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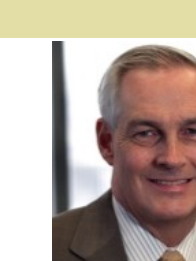

SPEAKERS - 2016

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|  Ronald O. Hamburger Senior Principal, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc., San Francisco, CA <i>Performance-based Design: What, How, When, Why, and Why Not to Use It</i> March 4, 2016 |  John Zils Senior Structural Consultant, Skidmore Owings & Merrill, LLP, Chicago, IL <i>Lessons Learned</i> April 15, 2016 |  Jin-Guang Teng Chair Professor of Structural Engineering, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China <i>Structural Use of FRP Composites in Construction: Past Achievements and Future Opportunities</i> April 22, 2016 |
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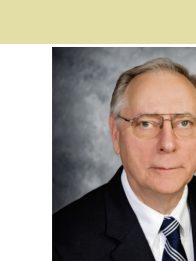

SPEAKERS - 2015

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|  William Pedersen Founding Design Partner, Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates, New York, NY <i>Balancing</i> February 20, 2015 |  Glenn R. Bell Chief Executive Officer, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Waltham, MA <i>Structural Engineering at Mid-21st Century: Reengineering Our Roles</i> March 20, 2015 |  Peter Marti Professor of Structural Engineering, ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland <i>Science and Art of Structural Engineering</i> April 17, 2015 |
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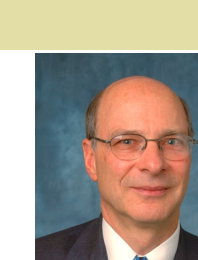
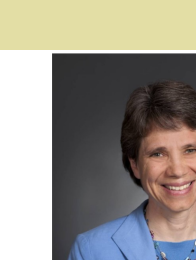
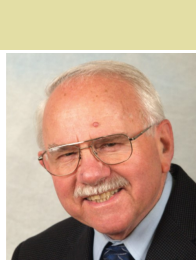
SPEAKERS - 2014

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|  James R. Harris Principal, J.R. Harris & Company, Denver, CO <i>The Evolution of Building Design to Resist Earthquakes</i> February 15, 2014 |  Jon D. Magnusson Senior Principal, Magnusson Klemencic Associates, Seattle, WA <i>Structure Becoming Architecture: Case Studies of Aesthetics, Form and Efficiency</i> March 22, 2014 |  Charles H. Thornton Chairman, Charles H. Thornton & Company, LLC, New York, NY <i>Renaissance, Rebirth and Disruptive Innovation</i> April 19, 2014 |
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SPEAKERS - 2013

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|  R. Shankar Nair Senior Vice President, exp US Services Inc., Chicago, IL <i>The Evolution of the Skyscraper</i> February 15, 2013 |  John M. Kulicki Chairman/CEO, Modjeski and Masters Inc., Mechanicsburg, PA <i>Observations on AASHTO Bridge Design</i> March 22, 2013 |  Alfredo H-S. Ang Research Professor, University of California, Irvine, CA <i>Minimizing the Effects of Uncertainties in Developing Reliability-Based Design Criteria</i> April 19, 2013 |
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SPEAKERS - 2012

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|  Ross B. Corotis Denver Business Challenge Professor of Engineering, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO <i>Natural Hazard Risk: Public Perceptions & Political Perversities</i> February 17, 2012 |  Sharon L. Wood Robert L. Parker, Sr. Professor in Engineering and Chair, Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX <i>Opportunities and Challenges for Infrastructure Monitoring</i> March 23, 2012 |  Ted V. Galambos Professor Emeritus, Structural Engineering, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN <i>The Safety of Bridges</i> April 20, 2012 |
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SPEAKERS - 2011

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|  David Scott Practice Leader, Arup, Americas Building, New York, NY <i>Extreme Engineering</i> February 18, 2011 |  Chris D. Poland Chairman & CEO, Degenkolb Engineers, San Francisco, CA <i>Building Disaster Resilient Communities</i> April 8, 2011 |  David Billington Gordon Y.S. Wu Professor of Engineering, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ <i>Personal and Professional Recollections of Fazlur Khan</i> September 9, 2011 |  Masayoshi Nakashima Professor, Kyoto University, Disaster Prevention, Research Institute, Kyoto, Japan <i>Safeguarding Quality of Life: The Role of Large-Scale Testing</i> September 23, 2011 |
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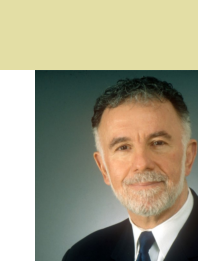
SPEAKERS - 2010

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|  Zdeněk P. Bažant McCormick Institute & Walter P. Murphy Professor, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL <i>Progress Engendered by Collapses of Record Setting Structures: Malpasset Dam, World Trade Center Towers and KB Bridge in Palau</i> February 26, 2010 |  Ron Klemencic President, Magnusson Klemencic Associates, Seattle, WA <i>OUTRAGEOUS!</i> March 19, 2010 |  John E. Breen Professor/Nasser I. Al-Rashid Chair in Civil Engineering, The University of Texas, Austin, TX <i>The ABCD's of Bridge Building: Affordable, Beautiful, Constructible, Durable</i> April 16, 2010 |
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SPEAKERS - 2009

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|  Leslie E. Robertson Leslie E. Robertson Associates, R.L.L.P., New York, NY <i>The Architect and the Structural Engineer - Partners in Design</i> February 20, 2009 |  William F. Baker Partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago & London <i>Engineering the World's Tallest: Burj Dubai</i> March 20, 2009 |  Bruce R. Ellingwood Distinguished Professor & Raymond Allen Jones Chair, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA <i>Abnormal Loads & Progressive Collapse - Assessment & Mitigation of Risk</i> April 17, 2009 |
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SPEAKERS - 2008

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|  Richard Tomasetti Thornton Tomasetti, Inc., New York, NY <i>Engineering of Major Architecture, Then and Now</i> February 15, 2008 |  Jeremy Isenberg Past-President and CEO, Weidinger Associates, Inc., New York, NY <i>Structural Design for Security—Past Accomplishments and Future Directions</i> March 14, 2008 |  John W. Fisher Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA <i>Overcoming Barriers to Durable Steel Bridge Systems</i> April 18, 2008 |
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|  Mark Sarkisian Partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, San Francisco, CA <i>Khan's Vision</i> February 9, 2007 |  Man-Chung Tang Chairman of the Board, T.Y. Lin International, San Francisco, CA <i>Why? Why Not? What If?</i> March 16, 2007 |  W. Gene Corley Senior Vice President, CTLGroup, Skokie, IL <i>Learning from the Attacks on an American Icon - World Trade Center Building: Performance Study</i> April 20, 2007 |
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Fazlur Rahman Khan Endowed Chair of Structural Engineering and Architecture <http://www.lehigh.edu/~dmf206>

Lehigh University endowed a chair in structural engineering and architecture in Khan's honor and in August 2006 appointed Professor **Dan M. Frangopol**, an expert in structural reliability, optimization, civil infrastructure systems, and life-cycle engineering, as the university's inaugural holder of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Endowed Chair of Structural Engineering and Architecture. **Dr. Frangopol** is the initiator and organizer of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Distinguished Lecture Series.