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.”

Fazlur Rahman Khan
1929 - 1982

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.

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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 first 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.