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The Khan Lecture Series honors Dr. Fazlur Rahman Khan's legacy of excellence in structural engineering and architecture

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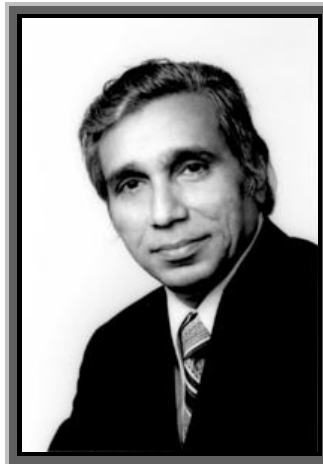
1st Lecture: LESLIE E. ROBERTSON, Leslie E. Robertson Associates, R.L.L.P., New York, NY
"The Architect and the Structural Engineer – Partners in Design" - **Friday, February 20, 2009 – 4:10 pm**

2nd Lecture: WILLIAM F. BAKER, Partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago & London
"Engineering the World's Tallest: Burj Dubai" - **Friday, March 20, 2009 – 4:10 pm**

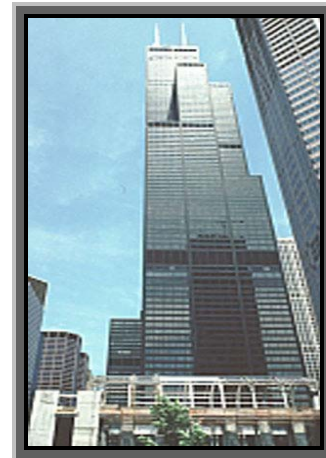
3rd Lecture: BRUCE R. ELLINGWOOD, Distinguished Professor & Raymond Allen Jones Chair, CEE,
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
"Abnormal Loads & Progressive Collapse – Assessment & Mitigation of Risk" - **Friday, April 17, 2009 – 4:10 pm**
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John Hancock Center



Fazlur Rahman Khan



Sears Tower

In step with the abounding vitality of the time, structural engineer **FAZLUR RAHMAN KHAN** (1929 — 1982) ushered in a renaissance in skyscraper construction during the second half of the 20th century. Fazlur Khan was a pragmatic visionary: the series of progressive ideas that he brought forth for efficient high-rise construction in the 1960s and '70s 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). One of the foremost structural engineers of the 20th century, Fazlur Khan epitomized both structural engineering achievement and creative collaborative effort between architect and engineer. Only when architectural design is grounded in structural realities, he believed — thus celebrating architecture's nature as a constructive art rooted in the earth — can "the resulting aesthetics ... have a transcendental value and quality." His ideas for these sky-scraping towers offered more than economic construction and iconic architectural images; they gave people the opportunity to work and live "in the sky." Hancock Center residents thrive on the wide expanse of sky and lake before them, the stunning quiet in the heart of the city, and the intimacy with nature at such heights: the rising sun, the moon and stars, the migrating flocks of birds. Fazlur Khan was always clear about the purpose of architecture. His characteristic statement to an editor in 1971, having just been selected Construction's Man of the Year by *Engineering News-Record*, is commemorated in a plaque in Onterie Center (446 E. Ontario, 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.**" For more information on Fazlur Rahman Khan please visit: <http://www.fazlurkhan.com>

DAN M. FRANGOPOLO came to Lehigh University in August 2006 from the University of Colorado at Boulder where he taught since 1983. He received his doctorate in applied sciences from the University of Liège, Belgium. He also holds honorary doctorates from the University of Liège, Belgium, and the Technical University of Civil Engineering, Bucharest, Romania. Before joining the University of Colorado, he worked for four years in structural design with A. Lipski Consulting Engineers in Brussels, Belgium. Frangopol is an experienced researcher and consultant to industry and government agencies both nationally and abroad. His main areas of expertise are structural reliability, structural optimization, bridge engineering, and life-cycle analysis, design, maintenance and management of structures and infrastructures. Frangopol is the Founding President of the *International Association for Bridge Maintenance and Safety (IABMAS)* and the *International Association for Life-Cycle Civil Engineering (IALCCE)*. He is the recipient of several prestigious national and international awards including the 2007 Ernest Howard Award, the 2006 T. Y. Lin Medal, the 2006 Munro Prize, the 2006 IABSE OPAC Award, the 2005 Nathan M. Newmark Medal, the 2004 Kajima Research Award, the 2003 Moisseff Award, the 2001 Croes Medal, and the 2001 IASSAR Research Prize. Frangopol is also the Founding Editor-in-Chief of *Structure and Infrastructure Engineering* an international peer-reviewed journal included in the Science Citation Index.

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