**THE FARAJOLLAH & MARYAM BADIE ARFAA LECTURE SERIES**

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The first Arfaa Lecture of the 2016-2017 academic year focuses on the development of Schuylkill Yards, a 3.5 billion dollar collaborative development that will serve as a national and international model for urban revitalization and 21st century economic development. The dynamic collaboration combines creative urban design with market-based and university-driven urban development strategies to create a sustainable visionary plan for the 14-acre site that will act as a catalyst for future West Philadelphia growth and development.

Presenting and discussing Schuylkill Yards will be three key players in its development: **GERARD SWEENEY**, President and Chief Executive officer of Brandywine Reality Trust, the master developer of the projects; **HARRIS STEINBERG**, FAIA, Director of the Lindy Institute for Urban Innovation at Drexel University; and **RYAN LOVETT**, Senior Associate at SHoP Architects, an internationally renowned architecture and planning firm.

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GERARD SWENNEY, RYAN LOVETT, AND HARRIS STEINBERG
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016

TOWN AND GOWN: CREATING SCHUYLKILL YARDS
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JUDITH GURA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

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CRAIG DYEHER AND ELIZABETH MODERN, OF LEHMANN ARCHITECTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017

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