SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS A FREE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE



Louis H. Sullivan

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Frank Lloyd Wright

Charnley-Persky House Rethinking Middens for the 21st Century

A 2003 construction project unearthed a 19th century *midden* — the word used by archaeologists worldwide to describe any kind of feature containing waste products relating to day-to-day human life. The midden behind the offices of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) was a rich collec-



collaboration trying to make sense of it through student digs in 2010 and 2015. The speaker will discuss the findings of the two digs, the types of materials unearthed, and what the artifacts tell us about the lives of residents of the Gold Coast neighborhood where Charnley-Persky House is located.

tion of more than 26,000 artifacts from the late 19th century. It was adjacent to the back wall of the storied Charnley-Persky House, built for Helen and James Charnley. Designed by Louis H. Sullivan and his draftsman Frank Lloyd Wright, the house was built in 1891-92 when the Adler and Sullivan architectural office was at the height of its success. The midden led SAH Executive Director Pauline Saliga and Sociologist/Archaeologist Rebecca Graff of Lake Forest College, on a 9-year

Trained as an architectural historian, Saliga organized dozens of exhibitions in her curatorial work, first at the Museum of Contemporary Art and later in the Department of Architecture at the Art Institute of Chicago, including the permanent installation of Chicago building fragments around the Institute's Grand Staircase. She came to the Society of Architectural Historians in 1995 and became the steward of Charnley-Persky House.

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