A HISTORY OF HARVARD HALL

One of Harvard's oldest and most prominent buildings, Harvard Hall is believed to be the first college building in the United States to be designed solely for non-residential, academic functions. The present Harvard Hall was built in 1766. The design is attributed to Sir Francis Bernard, Royal Governor of Massachusetts and Thomas Dawes, revolutionary war era politician and architect. There were subsequent renovations to the building in 1842 by Richard Bond and in 1870 by Ware and Van Brunt. The project under consideration would preserve the exterior of this iconic 18th/19th century building while transforming the interior to support 21st century teaching and learning.

THE EVOLUTION OF HISTORIC HARVARD HALL

GOALS

- Increase flexibility to support a range of classroom activities
- Maintain seating capacity in general-use classrooms
- Maintain a variety of classroom formats to support diverse teaching and learning styles
- Promote student and faculty engagement with improved site lines and movement throughout space
- Restore the historic dignity of the space, making the most of windows, historic finishes, and high ceilings

CHALLENGES

- Establish stakeholder priorities
- Maximize project scope while minimizing project downtime
- Preserve notable interiors while modernizing a 17th-century building
- Modernize aging infrastructure and building systems
CLASSROOMS OF THE FUTURE

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ON YOUR CAMPUS?

WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE FOR THESE CLASSROOMS?

HOW DO YOU INCORPORATE NEWER PEDAGOGIES IN OLD BUILDINGS?

HOW DOES YOUR INSTITUTION GET FACULTY PERSPECTIVES ON EVOLVING PEDAGOGY?