

Department of Economics

Second Annual

# Betty Blecha Memorial Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series



**Raj Chetty**

Professor of Economics, Stanford University

Recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship and the John Bates Clark medal, given by the American Economic Association to the best American economist under age 40.

## Improving Equality of Opportunity in America:

### **NEW LESSONS FROM BIG DATA**

*How can we improve economic opportunities for children growing up in low-income families?*

Raj Chetty discusses findings from the Equality of Opportunity Project, which uses big data to develop new answers to this important policy question. The presentation shows how children's opportunities to climb the income ladder vary substantially depending upon where they grow up in the United States—with a specific focus on our community. Raj identifies factors that contribute to this geographic variation in opportunities for upward mobility. The talk concludes by offering specific policy lessons for how the promise of the American Dream can be restored for America's next generation.

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**6:00–7:30 p.m.**

**McKenna Theatre**

**San Francisco State University**

**Free Admission**

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