

Department of Economics presents

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Provocative Lecture Series 2018

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CEO and Founder of PayActiv



**“Helping Low-Income Workers Get Ahead:
A Market Solution”**

Students will hear how an entrepreneur searched for and found a private sector way to ease financial burden on low income workers. His talk on PayActiv demonstrates the effectiveness of private market solutions to poverty issues and also the rigors of entrepreneurship!

**Thursday,
September 27th**

SJSU, Student
Union Theatre
5:15-6:45pm

*Free and open
to the public*

As PayActiv’s founding CEO, Safwan is inspired every day by the transformative impact that PayActiv can bring to the lives of millions of people living paycheck to paycheck. An engineer by training, payments expert by experience and entrepreneur by accident, Safwan’s last job was at TSYS, a credit card service company, after the acquisition of Infonox, a payments company he founded and bootstrapped. His previous stints include being a rocket scientist at a NASA Center where a number of his experiments were part of the space program. Besides science and entrepreneurship, Safwan has also taught at Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley and Baskin School of Engineering at UC Santa Cruz. Safwan is a graduate of the distinguished Stanford Executive Program (’09) and has an MS/PhD from Colorado University at Boulder.

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The Department of Economics invites students, faculty, and the general public to consider intellectual arguments on controversial topics. Presenters are noted for outstanding scholarship and public speaking ability. This series fosters the tradition of higher education to challenge ideas and develop critical thinking in an environment of respect for intellectual discourse. Our goal is that you engage critical thinking skills to reach your own informed position on controversial issues. We invite you to attend, to relax, to ponder, and to enjoy the thought process.

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