

Department of Economics presents

## David S. Saurman Provocative Lecture Series 2018



### Adam Andrzejewski

CEO and Founder of OpenTheBooks.com

#### “Knowledge is Power”

Social Entrepreneurship takes many forms. After a successful private venture, Andrzejewski decided to pursue a passion and a promise to post “every dime, online” of all local, state, and federal government spending. While some firms track the clicks and locations of private individuals, Adam’s firm turns the tables by empowering individuals to track public sector spending. Adam’s social entrepreneurship gives individuals easy access to detailed knowledge of how government entities spend taxpayer dollars. Knowledge is power; come hear a dynamic, funny, and often shocking presentation about what you can learn about government spending when you OpentheBooks.

A national leader in bringing transparency to government spending, Adam the eldest of seven children, was born in rural Herscher, IL, a small town and hardworking family farm community. After graduating from Northern Illinois University, Adam and his brother successfully built a \$20 million-dollar business. After selling his share of the business to his brother in 2007, Adam began to focus on a life of public service. In 2010, Adam ran for Governor of Illinois in the Republican primary and promised he would post “every dime, online, in real time.” After a credible performance on election day, Adam founded OpenTheBooks.com to fulfill his campaign pledge. Today, OpenTheBooks.com contains nearly 4 billion lines of government spending and is the largest private repository of public spending in the world.

**Wednesday,  
October 10th**

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

*Free and open  
to the public*

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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