

## The Economic Club of Indiana Welcomes World-Renowned Economist Roland G. Fryer Jr., to its May 14 Luncheon

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Roland G. Fryer Jr., a world-renowned economist, founder of Education Innovation Laboratory at Harvard University, and Robert M. Beren Professor of Economics at Harvard University, will be the featured luncheon speaker at The Economic Club of Indiana's Wednesday, May 14 program. The Club's series of luncheon forums begin at noon, and take place at the Indiana Convention Center (100 South Capital Ave., Indianapolis 46225). For ticket information, visit <a href="https://www.economicclubofindiana.org">www.economicclubofindiana.org</a>

Listed as one of the top eight young economists in the world by *The Economist*, Fryer is one of the youngest academics to receive tenure at Harvard University. As founder of Harvard's Education Innovation Laboratory, a research and development laboratory devoted to closing the racial achievement gap, he is a recognized leader in transforming education.

From 2007 to 2008, Fryer served as chief equality officer at the New York City Department of Education, where he helped develop and implement several innovative ideas on student motivation and teacher pay-for-performance concepts. In his role as Robert M. Beren Professor of Economics at Harvard University, he's published several articles about the racial achievement gap, including papers on affirmative action, the impact of the crack cocaine epidemic, and historically black colleges and universities. Fryer has received numerous honors for his work, including a MacArthur "Genius Grant" from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Calvó-Armengol Prize — one of the most prestigious prizes recognizing young economists and social scientists. A graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, Fryer earned his Ph.D. in economics from Penn State.

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