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Inaugural Distinguished Lecture in Economics

December 5th, 2019 | McNally Auditorium at 140 W 62nd
6 pm - 8 pm | Talk followed by Q&A and Reception

Featured Speaker

Dr. Janet Currie

Henry Putnam Professor of Economics and
Public Affairs at Princeton University

Co-director of Princeton's Center for Health
and Wellbeing at Princeton University

presenting

“Child Health and Human
Capital”



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All welcome: Feel free to forward this invitation to others who might be interested

Title of presentation: “Child Health and Human Capital”

Abstract: Child health is increasingly understood to be a critical form of human capital, but only recently have we begun to understand how valuable it is and how better to support its development. This presentation provides an overview of recent work demonstrating the key role of public insurance in supporting longer-term human capital development, and pointing to improvements in child mental health as an especially important mechanism.

About the speaker: Janet Currie is the Henry Putnam Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University and the Co-director of Princeton’s Center for Health and Wellbeing. She also co-directs the Program on Families and Children at the National Bureau of Economic Research. She is the President of the American Society of Health Economics, has served as the Vice President of the American Economics Association, and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Medicine, and of the American Academy of Art and Sciences. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the Society of Labor Economists, and of the Econometric Society, and has honorary degrees from the University of Lyon and the University of Zurich. She was named a Nomis Distinguished Scientist in 2018. She has served on the Board of Reviewing Editors of Science, as the Editor of the Journal of Economic Literature, and on the editorial boards of many other journals. Currie is a pioneer in the economic analysis of child development. Her current research focuses on socioeconomic differences in health and access to health care, environmental threats to health, and the important role of mental health.