

# THE HOWARD T. MCMYLER MEMORIAL LECTURE

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### *“Why Are There Still So Many Jobs? The Past and Future of Workplace Automation”*

What implications does the growing power of artificial intelligence and robotics have for the American workforce of the future? Professor David Autor will explore what we can learn about this important question by examining how machines have displaced human labor in past and present, particularly through the contemporary role played by computer technology in creating today's polarized labor market, marked by simultaneous growth in the both low-wage/low-skill jobs and high-wage/high-skill jobs. Professor Autor explores what the concept of polarization can and cannot explain about the contemporary labor market and what our current knowledge of the relationship between jobs and technology leads us to expect for the future.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

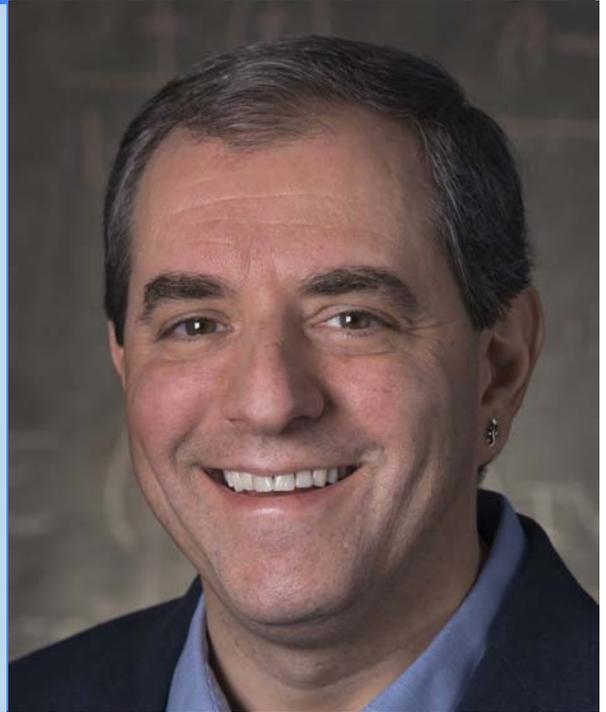
**4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**Reception to follow**

Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation Ballroom  
Tinkam Veale University Center  
Case Western Reserve University  
11038 Bellflower Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

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David Autor is Professor and Associate Head of the MIT Department of Economics, and Faculty Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. His research analyzes the labor market impacts of technological change and globalization, earnings inequality, and disability insurance and labor supply. Autor is an elected Fellow of the Econometrics Society, the Society of Labor Economists, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He received an NSF Career award, an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship, the Sherwin Rosen Prize for outstanding contributions in the field of Labor Economics, and MIT's James A. and Ruth Levitan Award for excellence in teaching. Autor earned a B.A. in Psychology from Tufts University and a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in 1999. Prior to graduate study, he spent three years directing computer skills education for economically disadvantaged children and adults in San Francisco and South Africa. Autor is the co-captain of the MIT Economics hockey team, which is reputed to be one of the most highly cited teams in the MIT intramural league.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the preeminent economists in the world!