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Richard B. Freeman, the Herbert Ascherman Professor of Economics at Harvard University, will deliver the Arthur M. Okun Lecture Series Oct. 13-15.

The series, which will focus on the outlook for careers in science and engineering, is titled "Working at the Endless Frontier: The Job Market for Scientists and Engineers." His first lecture, titled "What is Different about the Science and Engineering Job Market," will be held on Monday, Oct. 13. His second lecture, "Producing and Using Knowledge," will follow on Tuesday, Oct. 14. The final lecture, "Who Owns Science and Engineering," will be presented on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

All lectures will be held at 4 p.m. in the Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Ave. Sponsored by the Department of Economics and Yale University Press, the lecture series is free and open to the public.

Freeman holds the positions of faculty co-chair of the Harvard University Trade Union Program, director of the Labor Studies Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research, co-director of the London School of Economics' Centre for Economic Performance and visiting professor at the London School of Economics.

Considered to be one of the country's most distinguished labor economists, Freeman is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and is currently serving on the National Needs for Biomedical and Behavioral Sciences Panel of the United States National Academy of Science.

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Economist to lecture on scientists' obstacles

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NEW HAVEN — Harvard economist **Richard B. Freeman** will speak next week at Yale University on the outlook for careers in science and engineering.

Freeman will give a series of three lectures — Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday — entitled Working at the Endless Frontier: The Job Market for Scientists and Engineers.

Freeman said he will focus on the plight of young scientists, some of whom are trying to form unions in a quest for higher salary and status.

"Young scientists are not rewarded well and are unhappy," Freeman said in an interview. "They seek grants but they cannot get them."

Freeman said established scientists tend to monopolize the financial and social rewards in the field.

The three-day series is open to the public. The lectures will take place at 4 p.m. each day at the Luce Hall Auditorium, 34 Hillhouse Ave.

Freeman is Ascherman Professor of Economics at Harvard University, co-director of the Labor and Worklife Program at Harvard Law School, and director of the Labor Studies Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

He is also co-director of the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The event is part of the annual Arthur M. Okun lecture series, which started in the early 1980s. It is dedicated to the memory of Yale economics professor Arthur M. Okun, who was at the university in the late 1950s.

The lecture series aims to recognize economists who make practical policy recommendations that improve the quality of life, said John Kulka, a senior editor at the Yale University Press.