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8:00 am  **Coffee and Registration**

8:30 am  **Welcome and Opening Remarks by Organizers**
- Dhruv Kazi and James G. Kahn, UCSF
- Douglas Owens, Stanford University
- William Dow, UC Berkeley
- Carol Levin, University of Washington

8:45 am  **Hunger & Health: Case Studies in Food Insecurity**
Moderator: Carol Levin, University of Washington
- Food Insecurity in the US, Hilary Seligman, UCSF
- Food Insecurity among HIV-affected families in Kenya, Sheri Weiser, UCSF

9:30 am  **Keynote: The Compelling Economics of Improving the Health of Vulnerable Populations**
Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Vice Dean for Population Health and Health Equity, UCSF

10:30 am  **Break**

10:45 am  **Quantitative Methods for Vulnerability and Health**
Moderators: Rita Hamad and James G. Kahn, UCSF
- Assessing the effects of social safety-net programs on health disparities, Sanjay Basu, Stanford University
- Conjoint analysis for measuring family planning provider bias against youth clients, William Dow, UC Berkeley
- Pitfalls in modeling targeted strategies for infectious diseases, Joshua Salomon, Stanford University
- Instrumental variables to estimate heterogeneous treatment effects, Anirban Basu, University of Washington

12:15 pm  **Networking Lunch** (Indian buffet)

1:15 pm  **The Economics of Preventing Chronic Disease**
Invaluable or unaffordable? Determining the societal value of cardiovascular prevention, Dhruv Kazi, UCSF

1:40 pm  **What can Global Health Learn from Business Best Practices?**
Moderator: Adams Dudley, UCSF
- Learning from Netflix: a new drug licensing model to enable universal treatment access, Jean Manuel Izaret and Dave Matthews, Boston Consulting Group
- Cost-effective use of social media to deliver health interventions at scale, Urmimala Sarkar, UCSF

2:30 pm  **Keynote: Improving the Health of The World’s Poor – Is Universal Health Coverage the Right Strategy?**
Ashish K. Jha, Director, Harvard Global Health Institute, and Senior Associate Dean, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

3:45 pm  **Break**

4:00 pm  **The Economics of Universal versus Targeted Interventions for Improving the Health of Vulnerable Populations**
Moderator: Colin Boyle, UCSF
- The economics of housing interventions for the homeless, Margot Kushel, UCSF
- Medicare-for-all, James G. Kahn, UCSF
- Cost-effectiveness of a polypill for secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease in LMICs, John Lin, Stanford University

5:00 pm  **Reception** (hor d’oeuvres and wine)
Live Music: Zev Marx-Kahn & friends
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