

The Experience of Poverty Amid Plenty in the Bay Area

A virtual conference on **Tuesday July 28, 10:30am–noon (PST)**

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The coronavirus pandemic and economic fall-out have exacerbated longstanding inequalities in the Bay Area. The region where the next app might make overnight millionaires is also the place where minimum wage jobs cannot cover sky-high rents and families struggle to make ends meet.

This panel shares research on Bay Area residents' struggle to get adequate housing, secure workplace protections, and pay the bills when hardship hits, drawing in part on unique data from the Taking Count survey of six Bay Area counties. It also examines what Bay Area residents do and where they find support when they need help. The data show that race and immigrant background play an especially important role in affecting residents' well-being, and that even as local cities try to address homelessness and economic hardship, a lot still needs to be done.

Academic experts will join in a conversation with a local nonprofit that is fighting poverty, Tipping Point Community, to discuss the problems in our own backyard.

Speakers

Irene Bloemraad, UC Berkeley

Sam Cobbs, Tipping Point Community

Danny Schneider, Harvard/UC Berkeley

Dani Carrillo, UCSF

Ryan Finnigan, UC Davis

Kim Voss, UC Berkeley

