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SOCCAM 2026

April 10, 2026

All sessions: Freeberg Forum (LC62), Kravis Center, CMC

Format: 17 min presentation | 8 min discussant | 10 min Q&A (35 min per paper)

8:00–8:45 AM Registration & Breakfast

8:45–8:50 AM Welcome Remarks

Session I: Taxes, Inequality & Work

8:50–10:00 AM

Chair: Kevin Shih (UC Riverside)

Do Taxes Affect Pre-Tax Income Inequality?

Sarah Robinson (Claremont McKenna College)

Discussant: Tejaswi Velayudhan (UC Irvine)

The Role of College Education in the Rise of “New Work”

Gueyon Kim (UC Santa Cruz)

Discussant: Daniel Firoozi (CMC)

10:00–10:20 AM Break

Session II: Firms & Strategy

10:20–11:30 AM

Chair: Justin Marion (UC Santa Cruz)

Intra-Firm Competition and Uniform Wages

Simon Quach (USC)

Discussant: Todd Sorensen (UC Riverside)

Misleading Science Maps: Firms' Strategic Responses to Data Malpractice in Alzheimer's Research

Christian Fons-Rosen (UC Merced)

Discussant: Jennifer Kao (UCLA)

11:30–11:45 AM Walk to Founders Room in Bauer Center North

11:45 AM–1:15 PM Keynote Luncheon – Founders Room, Bauer Center North

Forecasting Social Science: Evidence from 100 Projects

Stefano DellaVigna

Daniel E. Koshland, Sr. Distinguished Professor of Economics and Professor of Business Administration,
University of California, Berkeley

1:15–1:30 PM Walk to Freeberg Forum

Session III: Beliefs & Choice

1:30–2:40 PM

Chair: Alex Wellsjo (UC San Diego)

Misperceptions and Product Choice: Evidence from a Randomized Trial in Zambia

Ajay Shenoy (UC Santa Cruz)

Discussant: Arman Rezaee (UC Davis)

(Beliefs About) Beliefs About the Desire for Help

Ania Jaroszewicz (UC San Diego)

Discussant: Michael Anderson, (UC Berkeley)

2:40–3:00 PM Break

Session IV: Health & Insurance

3:00–4:10 PM

Chair: Heather Royer (UC Santa Barbara)

Job Loss and Health Insurance Before and After the Affordable Care Act

Jessamyn Schaller (Claremont McKenna College)

Discussant: Virat Agrawal (USC)

Fit to Consume: How Health Shapes Preferences for Consumption

Adam Leive (UC Berkeley)

Discussant: Kathleen McGarry (UCLA)

4:10–4:25 PM Break

Session V: Policing

4:25–5:00 PM

Chair: Laura Grant (Claremont McKenna College)

Mobile Crisis Response Teams Support Better Policing: Evidence from CAHOOTS

Yotam Shem-Tov (UCLA)

Discussant: Mike Topper (Cal Poly Pomona)

5:00–5:30 PM Refreshments then walk to dinner

5:30–8:00 PM Conference Dinner – Robert Day Science Center

Join us for an evening in the East Lobby of the Robert Day Science Center, featuring libations, appetizers, and a buffet-style dinner in this newly opened space.

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A 10-Year Retrospective of Past Keynote Speakers

2025

How Real is Hypothetical? And Other High Incentives Observations

Uri Gneezy

University of California, San Diego

2024

Can Cash Transfers Save Lives? Evidence from a Large-Scale Experiment in Kenya

Edward Miguel

University of California, Berkeley

2023

Childbearing and Inequality in the US

Martha Bailey

University of California, Los Angeles

2022

Systemic Discrimination Among Large U.S. Employers

Patrick Kline

University of California, Berkeley

2020–2021

No conferences due to COVID-19 pandemic

2019

Marriage Dynamics, Earnings Dynamics, and Lifetime Family Income

Joseph Altonji

Yale University

2018

Innovation Dilemma: Access and Innovation in an Age of Curative Therapies

Amitabh Chandra

Harvard Kennedy School

2017

10 Facts from the Market for Charitable Giving

John List

University of Chicago

2016

Human Decisions and Machine Predictions

Jens Ludwig

University of Chicago

2015

US Income and Wealth Inequality

Emmanuel Saez

University of California, Berkeley