



# UC Center Sacramento

## Population and Poverty in California: Trends Since 1980

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12:00—1:00pm

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Room LL 22  
Sac, CA 95814

Since 1980, California's population has grown from 23.7 million to almost 40 million, while real per capita personal income has increased from \$27,000 to over \$51,000. People are staying in school longer, teen births have fallen, more women are participating in the labor market, and life expectancy has risen. At the same time, the poverty rate grew from around 11 percent of households in 1980 to over 14 percent in 2016, and approximately one in five households paid more than 50 percent of their household income in housing costs. There are significant regional disparities as well. California had a record-low unemployment of 4.2 percent in June 2018, while Imperial County had an unemployment rate of 18 percent. This seminar will talk about the different ways in which Californians are doing both better and worse than they have historically.



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Lunch will be  
served

Walter Schwarm joined the Demographic Research Unit of the California Department of Finance in 2006 as an analyst in the city estimates assignment. After assignments in the State Data Center and as lead for the Population Projections, Walter became Director of the State Data Center in 2017. From 2003-2006 he was the Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University, researching models to link regional trade in services to flows of commodities while maintaining the West Virginia population projections. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Colorado State University in 2002.

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