

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Investing in a Healthier America: The Role of Social Determinants**

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**DAVID FUKUZAWA**, managing director of The Kresge Foundation's Health and Human Services Programs, has more than 25 years of experience in philanthropy, with a special focus on vulnerable children and youth. His experience as a youth worker and community organizer in Detroit and Chicago taught him that health and well-being are profoundly affected by the condition of the communities, schools and environment in which people live. Those lessons inform the efforts he has led to re-envision and redesign Kresge's approach to health grantmaking. Before entering the field of philanthropy he served as the human needs director at New Detroit, Inc., the nation's first urban coalition, where, among other things, he fashioned New Detroit's position against the state budget cuts in welfare in the early 90's and helped craft its policy on health care reform.

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### **MODERATOR**

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