

Image by Rhithu Chatterjee. India, 2014.

The First 1,000 Days: Changing Lives Through Early Intervention

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Science, innovation, economics and the politics of malnutrition and hunger: The consequences of malnutrition ravage individuals, families, communities, nations. With every child whose development is mentally and physically stunted, the world loses a lifetime of earning and buying power. It is deprived of unimagined individual innovation.



Author and journalist **Roger Thurow** follows small groups of women and their children from the U.S., India, Africa and Guatemala through the 1,000-day period when the mother's health is paramount and when the infant and young child begins crucial cognitive and physical development.



Multimedia journalist **Rhithu Chatterjee** takes an in-depth look at free lunch programs, starting in India and Brazil. Corruption and mismanagement plague these programs, but well-run efforts become powerful tools to rescue children from chronic hunger, malnutrition and educational losses. They also erode social barriers and raise up poor and marginalized women hired to cook and help with these children.

Join Thurow, author of *The Last Hunger Season: A Year in an African Farm Community on the Brink of Change*, and Chatterjee for a conversation about these efforts to change lives through early intervention. Both journalists receive support from the Pulitzer Center for their international reporting projects.



The panel precedes a talk by author and journalist **Nicholas Kristof**, who will speak about his latest book, *A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity*.

Book signing and reception to follow.