

**PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE 2026
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**

Day - Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, April 15	13:00 – 17:00	Pre-conference PI Summit \$95 – Advanced registration
	13:00 – 17:00	Pre- conference Workshop NAVIGATING THE FMRI MULTIVERSE \$95 – Advanced registration
	13:00 – 17:00	Pre- conference Workshop BUILDING A THRIVING RESEARCH CAREER \$95 – Advanced registration

Thursday, April 16	8:00 – 9:00	Mentor/Mentee Match Event – Advanced registration required to attend this session
	9:00- 9:30	Opening Session & Welcome Address
	9:30- 10:45	Symposium 1 New Directions in Social Learning & Memory Speakers: Megan Meyer – Columbia University Anna Vannucci - Columbia University Yi Yang Teoh - Brown University Clara Sava-Segal - Dartmouth College
	10:45 -11:15	Early Career Awardee Talk
	11:15 – 12:30	Symposium 2 Clinical and Translational Perspectives on Affect Speakers: Diego Pizzagali – University of California Brian Sweis - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York City Hedy Kober -University of California, Berkeley Kevin LaBar - Duke University
	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break - On own
	14:00-15:00	Presidential Speaker Behavioral and Neural Mechanisms of Social Decision-Making Speaker: Steve Chang - Yale University
	15:00-17:00	Poster Spotlight, session & Opening Reception
	17:00 -18:00	Comic Sans

Program is subject to change without notice

**PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE 2026
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE**

Friday, April 17	8:15-9:15	BIOPAC PRESENTATION
	9:15- 10:30	Symposium 3 Affect & Decision-Making Speakers: <i>Oriel FeldmanHall – Brown University</i> Dean Mobbs - Caltech Robb Rutledge - Yale University Kate Wassum - UCLA
	10:30 – 11:00	Mid Career Awardee Talk
	11:00 -12:00	Trainee Blitz Talks
	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break - On own
	14:00 – 15:00	Keynote Speaker The Human Amygdala, Threat, and Anxiety: Translational Progress and Challenges Speaker: <i>Elizabeth Phelps-Harvard University</i>
	15:00-17:00	Poster Spotlight & Poster Session 2
	17:00 -18:00	EDIJ Social Hour – Location to be confirmed
	18:00	SANS Social – Location to be confirmed

Saturday, April 18	8:30 – 9:45	Symposium 4 Naturalistic Hyperscanning: Mechanisms, Plasticity, and Network Complexity Speakers: Suzanne Dikker - New York University Giacomo Novembre - Italian Institute of Technology Simone Shamay-Tsoory - University of Haifa Anat Dahan - Braude College of Engineering
	10:15 – 11:30	Symposium 5 Advancing Emotion Regulation Research: Neural Mechanisms and Translational Applications Speakers: <i>Richard Lopez- Worcester Polytechnic Institute</i> Bryan Denny – Rice University Kateri Mcrae - University of Denver Nicole Giuliani - University of Oregon
	11:30 - 12:30	Faculty Blitz Talks
	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break - On own
	14:00 – 16:00	Poster Spotlight & Poster Session 3
	16:00 - 17:00	Distinguished Scholar Awardee Talk
	17:00 - 17:30	Closing Remarks & Announcements
	17:30	SANS Annual Business Meeting (open to all attendees- only members of SANS can vote)

Program is subject to change without notice