

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE 2026
PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Day - Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, April 15	14:00 – 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 Pizzagalli – 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, Poster session & Opening Reception
	17:00 -18:00	Comic Sans

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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> <i>Dean Mobbs - Caltech</i> <i>Robb Rutledge - Yale University</i> <i>Kate Wassum - UCLA</i>
	10:30-11:45	DEIJ Talk
	11:45 -12:45	Trainee Blitz Talks
	12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break - On own
	14:15 – 14:45	Mid Career Awardee Talk
	14:45 – 15:45	Keynote Speaker The Human Amygdala, Threat, and Anxiety: Translational Progress and Challenges Speaker: <i>Elizabeth Phelps-Harvard University</i>
	15:45-17:45	Poster Spotlight & Poster Session 2
	17:45 -18:45	EDIJ Social Hour Meet-up – Location to be confirmed
	18:45	SANS Social Meet-up – Location to be confirmed

Saturday, April 18	8:30 – 9:45	Symposium 4 Naturalistic Hyperscanning: Mechanisms, Plasticity, and Network Complexity Speakers: <i>Suzanne Dikker - New York University</i> <i>Giacomo Novembre - Italian Institute of Technology</i> <i>Simone Shamay-Tsoory - University of Haifa</i> <i>Anat Dahan - Braude College of Engineering</i>
	10:15 – 11:30	Symposium 5 Advancing Emotion Regulation Research: Neural Mechanisms and Translational Applications Speakers: <i>Richard Lopez- Worcester Polytechnic Institute</i> <i>Bryan Denny – Rice University</i> <i>Kateri Mcrae - University of Denver</i> <i>Nicole Giuliani - University of Oregon</i>
	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)