

Friday, April 17, 2026

Time	Speaker	Topic
8:30 to 8:40 am	Moriel, Gloria, Mariela	Welcome
8:40 to 8:50am	Paul Sternberg	Opening Remarks
Session One <i>Transcription Factors and Stem Cells</i>		
8:50 to 9:00 am	Andrew Groves, <i>Chair</i>	A salacious yet sympathetic symphony of silencers, switches and stem cells
9:00 to 9:15 am	Jane Johnson	Mash1 (aka Ascl1) - A master regulator of neural development and reprogramming
9:15 to 9:30 am	Benjamin Deneen	Developmental Gliogenesis: A "Feel Good" Story
9:30 to 9:45 am	Patricia White	Neural Stem Cells and the Search for Cochlear Regeneration
9:45 to 10:00 am	Sean Morrison	Neural regulation of clinical outcomes after hematopoietic cell transplants
10:00 to 10:30 am C O F F E E B R E A K		
Session Two <i>Development, Sensory Systems, Circuits</i>		
10:30 to 10:40 am	Zhou-Feng Chen, <i>Chair</i>	A bridge not too far: From transcriptional factors to pain, itch, and touch
10:40 to 10:55 am	Mark Zylka	Pain and autism, a scientific journey
10:55 to 11:10 am	Xinzhong Dong	A GPCR Family's Fascinating Journey from Itch and Inflammation to Cancer
11:10 to 11:25 am	Greg Suh	From Exteroceptive CO2 Sensing to Interoceptive Protein Sensing
11:25 to 11:40 am	Wulf Haubensak	A Circuit State of Mind
11:45 to 1:00 pm L U N C H		
Session Three <i>Circuits and Systems Neuroscience</i>		
1:00 to 1:10 pm	Brady Weissbourd, <i>Chair</i>	The evolutionary origins of David
1:10 to 1:25 pm	Nirao Shah	Molecular and neural control of social behaviors
1:25 to 1:40 pm	Dayu Lin	The neural mechanisms of female aggression
1:40 to 1:55pm	Weizhe Hong	The Neuroscience of Prosocial Behavior: From Helping and Cooperation to Social AI
1:55 to 2:10 pm	Shuo Cao	Neural control of wing & leg movements during a terrestrial social display
2:10 to 2:40 pm C O F F E E B R E A K		
Session Four <i>Systems Neuroscience and Line Attractors</i>		
2:40 to 2:50 pm	Ann Kennedy, <i>Chair</i>	From causation to correlation: the systems neuroscience of emotional states
2:50 to 3:05 pm	Amit Vinogradt	Walking a Fine Line with David
3:05 to 3:20 pm	Hidehiko Inagaki	Persistent Activity and Testing the Attractor Hypothesis
3:20 to 3:35 pm	Jineun Kim	Flexible Survival Strategies in the Hypothalamus: interaction between nutritional homeostasis and emotion
3:35 to 4:10 pm C O F F E E B R E A K		
Session Five <i>Behind the Scenes</i>		
4:10 to 4:30 pm	Scott Linderman	Reading Between the Lines: Inferring Latent States of the Hypothalamus
4:30 to 4:50 pm	Mark Schnitzer	Neuroscience's Rainbow
4:50 to 5:10 pm	Ralph Adolphs	What is an emotion?
5:10 to 5:15pm	David Anderson	<i>Moment of Silence for Qiao "Joe" Zhou</i>
5:15 to 5:35 pm	Pietro Perona	Let the Roasting Begin!
5:35 to 5:45 pm	Moriel, Gloria, Mariela	<i>Thank you!</i>