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DAY 1 - OCTOBER 30, 2026

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Registration

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

8:30-8:40 a.m.

Welcome

Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's Association, United States

8:40-9 a.m.

Introduction: State of the Field and Priorities to Understand and Reduce Disparities in Brain Health

Chairs:

Amy Kind, University of Wisconsin, United States
 José Lusching, Columbia University, United States

9-9:40 a.m.

Person's with Lived Experience Perspective: Motivators, Enablers and Barriers for Engaging in Brain Health Research and Programs

Moderator:

Lycia Neumann, Alzheimer's Association, United States

9:40-11:10 a.m.

Session 1: Understanding Brain Health Disparities from the Biological and Clinical Perspectives

Moderator:

Charles DeCarli, University of California, Davis, United States

Presenters:

Assessing Associations between Adverse Social Exposome and Cardiometabolic and Cognitive Health Using Metabolomics: A Multi-Cohort Cross-Sectional Study
 Kamil Borkowski, UC Davis

Sudha Seshadri, University of Texas at San Antonio, United States

Adam Brickman, Columbia University, United States

Aging Systems and Stressors: A Perfect Biological Storm Driving AD Risk and Widening Disparities Across the Lifespan

Heather Whitson, Duke University, United States

11:10-11:40 a.m.

Poster Break

11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.	Session 2: Understanding Brain Health Disparities from a Behavioral and Sociocultural Perspective Moderator: Tasha Rhoads, University of Washington, United States Presenters: Thomas Cudjoe, Johns Hopkins <i>Beyond Translation: Lessons Learned from a Bilingual Assessment Clinic and the Future of Brain Health Equity (Linguistic and cultural barriers)</i> Paola Suarez, UCLA <i>Psychosocial and Environmental Contexts of Cognitive Health: Advancing Real-World Approaches to Cognitive Aging Disparities</i> Elizabeth Munoz, UT Austin <i>Navigating Fragmented Systems: A Community-Engaged Model for Advancing Brain Health Equity in Rural and Partially Rural</i> Franchesca Arias, University of Florida
1:10-2:20 p.m.	Networking Lunch
2:20-3:50 p.m.	Session 3: Understanding Brain Health Disparities from an Environmental and Community Perspectives Moderator: Carmen I. Carrión, Yale University, United States Presenters: <i>Environmental chemical exposures in the risk for dementia: Population studies and mechanisms</i> Kelly Bakulski, University of Michigan, United States <i>Outdoor Environmental Exposures and Brain Health among Older Adults Around the World</i> Kayleigh Keller, Colorado State, United States <i>Linking neighborhood retail and gentrification-related neighborhood change to affect and cognition across the US</i> Gina Lovasi, Drexel University, United States <i>Designing the Architecture for Community-Embedded Brain Health (Community engagement in research)</i> Gladys Maestre, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, United States
3:50-4:20 p.m.	Poster Break
4:20-5:50 p.m.	Session 4: Promoting and Supporting Research on Disparities in Brain Health Moderator: Charles Windon, University of California, San Francisco, United States Presenters: <i>Health Disparities Research Priorities at the National Institute on Aging (NIA)</i> Antoinette Percy Laurry, National Institute on Aging, United States
5:50-6 p.m.	Closing Day 1
6-7:30 p.m.	Reception

DAY 2 - OCTOBER 31, 2026

7:30 a.m.-Noon

Registration

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

8:30-8:40 a.m.

Welcome Back and Preview of Day Two

Chairs:

Amy Kind, University of Wisconsin, United States

José Lusching, Columbia University, United States

8:40-10:10 a.m.

Session 5: Examining Brain Health Factors and Interventions Across the Lifecourse

Moderators:

Paola Gilsanz, Kaiser Permanente, United States

Jack M. Chapel, University of Southern California, United States

Presenters:

Studying Brain Health Disparities in the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) International Network of Studies

Kenneth Langa, University of Michigan, United States

Education, Health and Cognitive Functioning Across the Lifecourse

Chandra Muller, University of Texas, Austin, United States

10:10-11:10 a.m.

Session 6: Lightning Presentation Round

Moderators:

Carl Hill, Alzheimer's Association, United States

Mfon Umoh, John's Hopkins University, United States

11:10-11:40 a.m.

Poster Break

11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Session 7: Translating Science into Real World Settings

Session Chairs/Moderators:

Ryan Powell, University of Wisconsin

Amy Kind, University of Wisconsin

Presenters:

From Evidence to Action: A Framework for Mobilizing Knowledge

Malavika Tampi, Alzheimer's Association, United States

12:30-12:50 p.m.

Awards Ceremony

Closing Remarks

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