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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
Nuanyi Liang, Rutgers University, United States

Presenters:

Assessing Associations between Adverse Social Exposome and Cardiometabolic and Cognitive Health Using Metabolomics: A Multi-Cohort Cross-Sectional Study
Kamil Borkowski, University of California, Davis, 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 the Behavioral and Sociocultural Perspectives

Moderator:

Tasha Rhoads, University of Washington, United States

José Luchsinger, Columbia University, United States

Presenters:

Beyond Translation: Lessons Learned from a Bilingual Assessment Clinic and the Future of Brain Health Equity

Paola Suarez, University of California, Los Angeles, United States

Psychosocial and Environmental Contexts of Cognitive Health: Advancing Real-World Approaches to Cognitive Aging Disparities

Elizabeth Munoz, University of Texas at Austin, United States

Navigating Fragmented Systems: A Community-Engaged Model for Advancing Brain Health Equity in Rural and Partially Rural

Franchesca Arias, University of Florida, United States

1:10-2:20 p.m.

Networking Lunch

2:20-3:50 p.m.

Session 3: Understanding Brain Health Disparities from the Environmental and Community Perspectives

Moderator:

Heather Snyder, Alzheimer's Association, United States

Carmen I. Carrión, Yale University, United States

Presenters:

Environmental Chemical Exposures in the Risk for Dementia: Population Studies and Mechanisms

Kelly Bakulski, University of Michigan, United States

Outdoor Environmental Exposures and Brain Health among Older Adults Around the World

Kayleigh Keller, Colorado State, United States

Challenges and Opportunities in Exposome Studies of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Marcia Pescador Jimenez, Boston University, United States

Linking Neighborhood Retail and Gentrification-related Neighborhood Change to Affect and Cognition Across the U.S.

Gina Lovasi, Drexel University, United States

Designing the Architecture for Community-Embedded Brain Health

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:

Rebecca Edelmayer, Alzheimer's Association, United States

Charles Windon, University of California, San Francisco, United States

Presenters:

Health Disparities Research Priorities at the National Institute on Aging

Antoinette Percy Laurry, National Institute on Aging, United States

Alzheimer's Association Funding Programs and Opportunities to Engage

Heather Snyder, Alzheimer's Association, United States

5:50-6 p.m.

Closing Day 1

Maria C. Carrillo, Alzheimer's Association, United States

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 Luschinger, 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

Targeting Cardiometabolic Risk Factors to Promote Healthy Brain Aging

Tina E. Brinkley, Wake Forest University, 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, United States

Amy Kind, University of Wisconsin, United States

Presenters:

POINTER Implementation from a Health System Perspective

Pankaja Desai, Rush University, United States

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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