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DAY 1 - OCTOBER 30, 2026

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

Registration
Providence Promenade

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Networking Breakfast
Uptown

8:30-8:40 a.m.

Welcome
Providence

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**
Providence

Chairs:

Amy Kind, University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States
José Luchsinger, 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**
Providence

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**
Providence

Moderators:

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

From Neuropathology to Prevention: What Autopsy-Confirmed Disease Teaches Us About Brain Health Disparities
Sudha Seshadri, University of Texas at San Antonio, United States

Small Vessels, Big Impact: Cerebrovascular Disease as a Driver of Brain Health Disparities
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
Providence

11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.

Session 2: Understanding Brain Health Disparities from the Behavioral and Sociocultural Perspectives
Providence

Moderators:

Tasha Rhoads, University of Washington, United States
José Luchsinger, Columbia University, United States

Presenters:

Alone and At Risk: How Social Isolation Shapes Brain Health Disparities
Thomas Cudjoe, Johns Hopkins University, United States

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

Measuring and Tracking Adverse Social Exposures and Their Impact on Cognition and Brain Health Disparities
Tanisha Hill-Jarrett, University of California, San Francisco, United States

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

2:20-3:50 p.m.

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

Moderators:

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 E. Maestre, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, United States

3:50-4:20 p.m.

Poster Break
Providence

4:20-5:50 p.m.

Session 4: Promoting and Supporting Research on Disparities in Brain Health

Providence

Moderators:

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

Perspectives from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Cheryse A. Sankar, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, United States

Alzheimer's Association Funding Programs and Opportunities to Engage

Heather Snyder, Alzheimer's Association, United States

Start Small. Measure Well. Scale What Works.

Maggie Kuhl, Michael J. Fox Foundation, United States

Publishing Research on Brain Health Disparities: A Perspective from the Deputy Editor of Alzheimer's & Dementia

Lisa L. Barnes, Rush University Medical Center, United States

Solutions-Oriented Disparities Research on Brain Health: Perspectives from the Editor-in-Chief of Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior and Socioeconomics of Aging

Crystal M. Glover, Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior & Socioeconomics of Aging, United States

5:50-6 p.m.

Closing Day 1

Providence

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

6-7:30 p.m.

Reception

Uptown

DAY 2 - OCTOBER 31, 2026

7:30 a.m.-Noon

Registration

Providence Promenade

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

Uptown

8:30-8:40 a.m.

Welcome Back and Preview of Day Two

Providence

Chairs:

Amy Kind, University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States

José Luchsinger, Columbia University, United States

8:40-10:10 a.m.

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

Providence

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 M. Langa, University of Michigan, United States

Education, Health and Cognitive Functioning Across the Lifecourse

Chandra Muller, University of Texas, Austin, United States

Statins and Brain Health – Design of the PREVENTABLE Trial

Kathryn E. Callahan, Wake Forest University, United States

Targeting Cardiometabolic Risk Factors to Promote Healthy Brain Aging

Tina E. Brinkley, Wake Forest University, United States

10:10-10:50 a.m.

Session 6: Lightning Presentation Round

Providence

Moderators:

Carl V. Hill, Alzheimer's Association, United States
Mfon Umoh, John's Hopkins University, United States

10:50-11:20 a.m.

Poster Break

Providence

11:20-12:30 p.m.

Session 7: Translating Science into Real World Settings

Providence

Session Chairs/Moderators:

Ryan Powell, University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States
Amy Kind, University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States

Presenters:

POINTER Implementation from a Public Health Perspective

Gladys E. Maestre, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, United States

POINTER Implementation from a Health System perspective

Pankaja Desai, Rush University, United States

MindCare 365: Closing the Cognitive Care Gap

Rhonda Skiles, Advocate Health, 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 and Closing Remarks

Providence

Presenters:

Amy Kind, University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States
José Luchsinger, Columbia University, United States
Lycia Neumann, Alzheimer's Association, United States

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