# Event Schedule

## Saturday, March 14, 2026

| SESSION | TIME | SPEAKER/TITLE |
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| Breakfast/ Check-In | 8:00am-9:00am | |
| Welcome & Opening Remarks | 9:00am-9:05am | Emily Boyd Stormoen |
| Keynote Presentation | 9:05am-9:35am | Michael B. Brenner, M.D. |
| Session 1: | 9:35am-10:40am | **Trisha Santos, Lupus Advocate**<br>*Patient Perspective*<br><br>**Naveen Kumar Somanathapura Kumarswamy, PhD**<br>*Gasdermin D in APS thromboinflammation*<br><br>**Hongxu Xian, PhD**<br>*Activation of Antigen-Presenting Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cells in Autoimmune Disease*<br><br>**Jeremy Tilstra, MD, PhD**<br>*Assessing Parenchymal Signaling as a Mechanism of Peripheral Tolerance in Lupus Pathogenesis* |
| Break | 10:40am-11:00am | |
| Session 2: | 11:00am-11:40am | **Chia-Lung Wu, PhD**<br>*Signaling Pathways Governing the Development of Hip Osteoarthritis*<br><br>**Laura Polivka, MD, PhD**<br>*Exploring the Pathogenesis of Juvenile Systemic Sclerosis* |
| Ask the Expert Roundtables | 11:40am-12:40pm | **Craig Walsh, PhD**<br>**Weathering the Storm**<br><br>**J. Michelle Kahlenberg, MD, PhD**<br>**Early Career Do's and Don'ts**<br><br>**Christopher T. Ritchlin, MD, MPH**<br>**Protecting your IP**<br><br>**Ash Trivedi, PharmD**<br>**What's Trending in Industry Research**<br><br>**Robert L. Satcher, MD, PhD**<br>**What's Trending in Academic Research** |
| Lunch | 12:40-1:20pm | |

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## Saturday, March 14, 2026 (continued)

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| Roundtable Convening | 1:20pm-1:40pm | Renuka Nayak, MD, Ph.D. |
| Keynote Presentation | 1:40pm-2:10pm | Leslie S. Kean MD, PhD |
| Biotech Panel | 2:10pm-2:55pm | Margaret Chang, MD, PhD; Leslie S. Kean, MD, PhD; Lauren Mihalcik, PhD, DABT; Michael Vincent, MD |

***Translating Discovery into Therapies***

This esteemed panel of experts will explore the journey of research from bench discovery to therapeutic reality, highlighting the scientific, regulatory, and translational steps that bring new treatments to patients. Representing the academic, regulatory, and industry spectrum, the discussion will illuminate how promising discoveries advance through preclinical testing, FDA review, and clinical development.

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| Break (Movement Reset) | 2:55pm-3:15pm | Laura Douglas |
| Session 3: | 3:15pm-3:55pm | **Ayano Kohlgruber, PhD**<br>*Characterization of Synovial T Peripheral Helper Cell Autoantigens in RA*<br>**Samuel Dowling, MD, PhD**<br>*Transcriptional Profiling of Synovial Immune Cells in Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis* |
| Session 4: | 3:55pm-4:55pm | **Joy Um, MD**<br>*Investigating the Role of Pathogenic CD8+ T cells in HLA-B27 Positive Juvenile Spondyloarthritis*<br>**Xinbo Yang, PhD**<br>*Exploiting Spondyloarthritis TCR:pHLA-B*27 Interaction for Therapeutic Development*<br>**Robert Corty, MD, PhD**<br>*The Prevalence and Consequences of Somatic Mutations in Auto-Inflammatory Disease* |
| Closing Remarks | 4:55pm-5:00pm | Emily Boyd Stormoen |