

# 2026 RNA Symposium Preliminary Program

Friday, March 6, 2026

8:00-9:00 AM	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast   Sponsor booths open</b> ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
<b>MORNING SESSION</b>	
9:00-9:15 AM	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction Speaker: Kelly Sexton, U-M Innovation Partnerships</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
9:15-10:00 AM	<b>Epigenetic pathways as targets in human disease</b>  <b>Keynote Presentation: Shelley Berger, University of Pennsylvania</b> Introduction: Kelly Sexton, U-M Innovation Partnerships Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
10:00-10:45 AM	<b>Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts)</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
10:45-11:15 AM	<b>Networking Break   Refreshments and Sponsor booths open</b> ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	<b>Talk Title TBD</b>  <b>Keynote Presentation: Erik Sontheimer, UMass Chan Medical School</b> Introduction: Yan Zhang, University of Michigan Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
12:00-1:00 PM	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking   Sponsor booths open</b> ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>	
1:00-1:45 PM	<b>Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts)</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
1:45-2:45 PM	<b>Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts)</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
2:45-3:15 PM	<b>Networking Break   Refreshments and Sponsor booths open</b> ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
3:15-4:00 PM	<b>A splice-switching antisense oligonucleotide approach for pediatric epilepsies</b>  <b>Keynote Presentation: Madeleine Oudin, Tufts University</b> Introduction: Michelle Hastings, University of Michigan Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
4:00-5:00 PM	<b>Patient Advocacy Panel</b>  <b>Victoria Gray, Patient Advocate</b> <b>Madeleine Oudin, Tufts University</b> <b>Sean Doerr, Patient Advocate</b> <b>University of Michigan Medicine Patient Representatives</b> Moderators: Beth Ames, John Prensner, University of Michigan Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
5:30-8:00 PM	<b>Networking Dinner</b> Great Lakes Room, Palmer Commons

## Saturday, March 7, 2026

8:00–9:00 AM	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b> Sponsor booths open ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
<b>MORNING SESSION</b>	
9:00–9:15 AM	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b> <b>Speaker: Tommy Wang, Dean, University of Michigan Medical School</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
9:15–10:00 AM	<b>Talk Title TBD</b>
	<b>Keynote Presentation: Sarah Woodson, Johns Hopkins University</b> Introduction: Tommy Wang, Dean, University of Michigan Medical School Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
10:00–10:45 AM	<b>Contributed Talks (Selected from Abstracts)</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
10:45–11:15 AM	<b>Networking Break   Refreshments and Sponsor booths open</b> ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
11:15 AM–12:00 PM	<b>Co-transcriptional RNA processing yields unexpected versatility in gene regulation</b>
	<b>Keynote Presentation: Karla Neugebauer, Yale School of Medicine</b> Introduction: Rachel Niederer, University of Michigan Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
12:00–1:00 PM	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking   Sponsor booths open</b> ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>	
1:00–1:45 PM	<b>Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts)</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
1:45–2:30 PM	<b>Life in Flux: Dynamic RNA: Protein Complex Assembly Shapes Biomolecular Function</b>
	<b>Keynote Presentation: Nils Walter</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
2:30–3:00 PM	<b>Networking Break   Refreshments and Sponsor booths open</b> ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
3:00–4:00 PM	<b>Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts)</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
4:10–4:50 PM	<b>Speaker Panel Discussion</b> Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
4:50–5:00 PM	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Great Lakes Room, Palmer Commons
5:15–8:00 PM	<b>Reception &amp; Poster Session – Sponsored by CircNova</b> Great Lakes Ballroom, Palmer Commons 5:30–7:00 – Poster Session Part I (even numbers) 6:30–8:00 – Poster Session Part II (odd numbers) Food & refreshments provided