

2026 RNA Symposium Preliminary Program

Friday, March 6, 2026

8:00-9:00 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast Sponsor booths open ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
MORNING SESSION	
9:00–9:15 AM	Welcome & Introduction Speaker: Tommy Wang, Dean, University of Michigan Medical School Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
9:15–10:00 AM	Epigenetic pathways as targets in human disease Keynote Presentation: Shelley Berger, University of Pennsylvania Introduction: Tommy Wang, Dean, University of Michigan Medical School Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
10:00–10:45 AM	Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts) Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
10:45–11:15 AM	Networking Break Refreshments and Sponsor booths open ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
11:15 AM–12:00 PM	Prime Assembly with Linear DNA Donors Enables Large Genomic Insertions Keynote Presentation: Erik Sontheimer, UMass Chan Medical School Introduction: Yan Zhang, University of Michigan Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
12:00–1:00 PM	Lunch & Networking Sponsor booths open ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
AFTERNOON SESSION	
1:00–1:45 PM	Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts) Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
1:45–2:45 PM	Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts) Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
2:45–3:15 PM	Networking Break Refreshments and Sponsor booths open ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB
3:15–4:00 PM	A splice-switching antisense oligonucleotide approach for pediatric epilepsies Keynote Presentation: Madeleine Oudin, Tufts University Introduction: Michelle Hastings, University of Michigan Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
4:00–5:00 PM	Patient Advocacy Panel Victoria Gray, Patient Advocate Madeleine Oudin, Tufts University Sean Doerr, Patient Advocate University of Michigan Medicine Patient Representatives Moderators: Beth Ames, John Prensner, University of Michigan Kahn Auditorium, BSRB
5:30–8:00 PM	Networking Dinner Great Lakes Room, Palmer Commons

Saturday, March 7, 2026

8:00–9:00 AM

Registration & Continental Breakfast

Sponsor booths open ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB

MORNING SESSION

9:00–9:15 AM

Welcome & Introduction

Speaker: Kelly Sexton, U-M Innovation Partnerships

Kahn Auditorium, BSRB

9:15–10:00 AM

Talk Title TBD

Keynote Presentation: Sarah Woodson, Johns Hopkins University

Introduction: Kelly Sexton, U-M Innovation Partnerships

Kahn Auditorium, BSRB

10:00–10:45 AM

Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts)

Kahn Auditorium, BSRB

10:45–11:15 AM

Networking Break | Refreshments and Sponsor booths open

ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB

11:15 AM–12:00 PM

Co-transcriptional RNA processing yields unexpected versatility in gene regulation

Keynote Presentation: Karla Neugebauer, Yale School of Medicine

Introduction: Rachel Niederer, University of Michigan

Kahn Auditorium, BSRB

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00–1:45 PM

Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts)

Kahn Auditorium, BSRB

1:45–2:30 PM

Life in Flux: Dynamic RNA: Protein Complex Assembly Shapes Biomolecular Function

Keynote Presentation: Nils Walter

Kahn Auditorium, BSRB

2:30–3:00 PM

Networking Break | Refreshments and Sponsor booths open

ABC Rooms & Atrium, BSRB

3:00–4:00 PM

Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts)

Kahn Auditorium, BSRB

4:10–4:50 PM

Speaker Panel Discussion

Kahn Auditorium, BSRB

4:50–5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Great Lakes Room, Palmer Commons

5:15–8:00 PM

Reception & Poster Session – Sponsored by CircNova

Great Lakes Ballroom, Palmer Commons

5:15–6:30 – Poster Session Part I (even numbers)

6:30–7:45 – Poster Session Part II (odd numbers)

Food & refreshments provided