

# 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, MI Rare Disease Advisory Council, Patient Advocate**  
**Grace Meyers, Patient and Family Advisor, Michigan Medicine**  
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 **Slip stick folding of CAG repeat drives aggregation of expanded HTT RNA**  
**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

12:00–1:00 PM **Lunch & Networking | Sponsor booths open**  
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### AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00–1:45 PM **Invited Talks (Selected from Abstracts)**  
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1:45–2:30 PM **Life in Flux: Dynamic RNA: Protein Complex Assembly Shapes Biomolecular Function**  
**Keynote Presentation: Nils Walter**  
Introduction: Sarah Kargbo-Hill, University of Michigan  
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 1  
6:30–7:45 – Poster Session 2  
Food & refreshments provided