

2022 GBHI ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Disrupting Disparities: Multidisciplinary
Approaches for Brain Health Equity

June 15–17, 2022

8:00–10:30am PDT / 4:00–6:30pm GMT+1

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Program Overview

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Theme: Voices from the Field & Leveraging Leadership

Summary:

To explore some of the crucial work to address inequities in brain health, join a panel on forced migration, homelessness/housing insecurity, racial inequity, and end-of-life challenges. Then, be inspired by a performance from an inclusive community choir for older people, especially welcoming to those affected by dementia and memory loss. Next, delve into leadership perspectives with a panel who will consider, “What do courage, confidence, and compassion mean to you when leading and disrupting disparities?” Finally, hear a piece of poetry, inviting us to consider how uniting neuroscience and other avenues of health, the arts, and social justice unlock hope for the future.

Goals:

- Hear from Atlantic Fellows and key stakeholders who have worked to improve brain health disparities and come away with tangible tips.
- Explore ways to harness courage, confidence, and compassion at the intersection of your professional and personal journeys.
- Gain inspiration, ideas, and energy for building community cohesion.

Day 1 – Wednesday, June 15, 2022

PDT	GMT+1	Session
8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	<p>Opening Address & Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor Valcour, Executive Director, GBHI • Camellia Latta, Alumni Relations Manager and Special Initiatives, GBHI <p>Collaborative Community Piece <i>What does Disrupting Disparities mean to you?</i></p> <p>Organized and led by: Atlantic Fellows Tselmen Daria, Sandra Gimenez, Rafi Hadad, Luis Martinez, Tatyana Mollayeva, Obiora Okoye</p>

8:10 a.m.	4:10 p.m.	<p>Voices from the Community <i>Moving the Needle on Brain Health Disparities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness: Alejandra Guerrero, Neurologist and Atlantic Fellow • Interpersonal and systemic racism: Tanisha Hill-Jarrett, Neuropsychologist and Atlantic Fellow • End of life: Joni Gilissen, Social Health Scientist and Atlantic Fellow • Forced migration: Hanan Khalil, Physiotherapist and Atlantic Fellow <p>Response and Patient and Public Voice (PPV) perspective: Carmel Geoghegan, Founder, Dementia Ireland; Carer</p> <p>Introduced by Maira Okada Oliveira, Neuropsychologist and Atlantic Fellow, facilitated by Maria Carrillo, Chief Science Officer, Alzheimer's Association</p> <p>Followed by audience Q&A</p>
9:10 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	<p>Music and Reflection from the Forget-Me-Nots</p> <p>Introduced by Emily Adrion, Atlantic Fellow, including remarks from Órla Horn, founder, Forget-Me-Nots, and Michael Hanrahan, songwriter; and reflection by Paul Modjadji</p>
9:20 am	5:20 p.m.	<p>Leadership Perspectives: <i>Courage, Confidence, and Compassion for the Journey</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faheem Arshad, Neurologist and Atlantic Fellow • Meron Abey, Theater Artist and Atlantic Fellow • Gladys Maestre, Director, Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center for Minority Aging Research, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley • Khalil Goga, Associate Executive Director, Atlantic Institute <p>Introduced by Jenny Zitser, Neurologist and Atlantic Fellow, facilitated by Fionnuala Sweeney, Multimedia Editor and Atlantic Fellow</p> <p>Followed by audience Q&A</p>
10:10 a.m.	6:10 p.m.	<p>Closing Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Sturm, Faculty Member & Mentor, GBHI • Brian Lawlor, Deputy Executive Director, GBHI
10:15 a.m.	6:15 p.m.	<p>Breakout rooms for networking and connecting (optional)</p>

DAY 2: THURSDAY, JUNE 16
Theme: Partnerships & Impact

Summary:

First, learn about opportunities to build research connections and advance the field with an introduction to Alzheimer's Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment (ISTAART). Next, hear from awardees of the Pilot Awards for Global Brain Health Leaders, a joint effort of GBHI, the Alzheimer's Association, and the Alzheimer's Society to support emerging leaders in brain health. The Pilot Awards focus on understanding risk and resilience of Alzheimer's and other dementia by funding small-scale pilot projects. The goal of these pilot projects is to support leadership development of the awardees and their efforts to spread awareness, delay, prevent and/or mitigate the impact of dementia.

Goals:

- Hear about progress from senior Atlantic Fellows completing Global Brain Health Leader Pilot Awards

Day 2 – Thursday, June 16, 2022

PDT	GMT+1	Sessions
8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lea Grinberg, Faculty and Board Member, GBHI
8:05 a.m.	4:05 p.m.	Introduction to ISTAART Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Sexton, Director, Scientific Programs and Outreach, Alzheimer's Association; Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health
8:30 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	Pilot Award Updates from Atlantic Fellows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neus Falgas (Spain): Understanding sleep-wake alterations in Alzheimer's Disease • Boon Lead Tee (Taiwan): Chinese Language Assessment batteries for Primary Progressive Aphasia • Alex Kornhuber (Peru): A photographic perspective on aging in Peru • Kirsten Bobrow (South Africa): Preventable burden of dementia in South Africa <p>Facilitated by Stefania Forner, Director, Medical & Scientific Relations, Alzheimer's Association</p>
9:10 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	Break
9:15 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	Pilot Award Updates from Atlantic Fellows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kunle Adewale (Nigeria): Arts for Brain Health • Ignacio Illan-Gala (Spain): Cortical microstructure and microstructural architecture in FTLA: looking beyond atrophy

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sebastian Moguilner (Argentina): A novel deep learning algorithm for classification of dementia subtypes • Konstantina Sykara (Greece): Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia: Dyad Treatment in MCI <p>Facilitated by Stefania Forner, Director, Medical & Scientific Relations, Alzheimer's Association</p>
9:55 a.m.	5:55 p.m.	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie Roberts, Senior Research Grants Officer, Alzheimer's Society UK
10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Breakout rooms for networking and connecting (optional)

DAY 3: FRIDAY, JUNE 17
Themes: Solidarity, Transdisciplinarity, Respect and Empathy

Today's events will comprise of two sessions: In the first, the current cohort of Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health will guide a session on leadership. Next, our panel discussion will address the challenges and opportunities presented by the partnership of arts and science, and discuss why it's not just desirable, but an absolute necessity.

Session 1: Fellow-led Leadership Session: *Brain Health Solidarity (BHS)/Global Brain Ethics*

A session curated and led by current cohort of Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health exploring the following themes:

- Cultural humility
- Empathy
- Disparities in wealth

Session 2: Panel Discussion: (P)arts of a whole: *How the arts need science and how science needs the arts to build equity in brain health.*

A multidisciplinary approach involving the arts and sciences is increasingly crucial if we are to solve the 'wicked problem' of dementia. GBHI has championed and embraced the Arts and Humanities as part of its mission to address the many inequities that exist in brain health globally. But how do we move to a truly balanced partnership where the different approaches and ways of thinking and seeing can truly augment each other? And what does this mean for artists, scientists, clinicians and the communities they aim to serve?

Day 3 – Friday, June 17, 2022

PDT	GMT+1	Sessions
8:00 a.m.	4 00 p.m.	Fellow-led Leadership Session: <i>Brain Health Solidarity (BHS)/Global Brain Ethics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Cohort, Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health

9:05 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	<p>(P)arts of a whole: <i>How the arts need science and how science needs the arts to build equity in brain health.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Bailey, Lead of Arts & Health, World Health Organization • Prof. Mani Ramaswami: Professor of Neurogenetics, Trinity College Dublin • Funmi Akindejoye: Public Health Specialist and Atlantic Fellow. • Prof. Louise Aronson: Writer and Geriatrician, UCSF • Ieva Petkutė: Arts Researcher, Arts Manager and Atlantic Fellow • Gillian Fallon: Arts Administrator, Curator, Producer and Atlantic Fellow <p>Facilitated by Francesca Farina: Neuroscientist and Atlantic Fellow.</p>
10:25 a.m.	6:25 p.m.	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorina Naci, Faculty and Board Member, GBHI
10:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	<p>Breakout rooms for networking and connecting (optional)</p>