SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Social Determinants of Psychopathology: Bridging Etiologic Research and Translation to Improve the Lives of Patients and Populations

The social causes of psychopathology have been recognized nearly as long as psychopathology itself. Advances in research on the social determinants of psychopathology have enabled us to understand the causal role of social factors in mental health. For nearly all aspects of the mechanistic underpinnings of psychopathology, we are enjoying a greater understanding of how social factors influence mental health. Social factors become embodied through genomic processes, become encoded in the developing brain, and have enduring influences on neurocognitive development in childhood and cognitive decline later in life. Social factors moderate treatment response and treatment outcomes for many psychiatric conditions. And social factors fundamentally shape the ability to seek and receive mental health care. Unfortunately, the tremendous gains in understanding how social factors cause and sustain psychiatric illness have not yet led to comparable gains in preventing psychiatric illness and in reducing disparities in psychiatric illness nor have they led to comparable gains in the effectiveness of psychiatric care. This APPA conference brings together leading scholars on the social determinants of psychopathology from a spectrum of mental health disciplines: epidemiology, anthropology, sociology, genomics, neuroscience, biostatistics, psychiatry, psychology, and health policy. Their presentations will help to integrate our current understanding of the diverse pathways from social factors to mental illness and what stands in the way of this understanding being fully utilized to improve the lives of patients and populations.

Stephen E. Gilman, ScD, APPA President, 2025

	Wednesday, March 5
5:00 – 6:00pm	**REGISTRATION OPENS**
	Thursday, March 6
7:30 – 9:00am	**REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
8:30 – 8:45am	**WELCOMING REMARKS** Stephen E. Gilman, ScD, APPA President, *Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development*
8:45 – 10:00am	**Session 1, Keynote Presentations: Acting on the Social Determinants of Health and Mental Health Through Community, Clinical, and Policy Interventions** Chair: Stephen E. Gilman, ScD, APPA President **Margarita Alegría, PhD**, *Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital* **Dolores Acevedo-García, PhD**, *Brandeis University*
10:00am – 12:30pm	**Session 2: Bridging APPA 2024 and 2025, and bridging etiologic and intervention research. How can we identify intervention targets from observational data?** Chair: Roberto Lewis-Fernández, MD, *Columbia University* and *NYSPI,* APPA Immediate Past-President **Stephen E. Gilman, ScD**, *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (Hamilton Lecture) **Daniel Belsky, PhD**, *Columbia University* **John Pamplin, PhD**, *Columbia University* (Robins and Guze Award Lecture)

	Maria Glymour, ScD, *Boston University*
12:30 – 2:00pm	**LUNCH**
2:00 – 4:00pm	**Session 3: Addressing the social determinants of mental health through social and economic policies** Chair: Oscar Jiménez-Solomon, PhD, *Columbia University* **Rita Hamad, MD, PhD**, *Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health* **Elizabeth Letourneau, PhD**, *Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health* **Ali Rowhani-Rahbar, MD, PhD**, *University of Washington School of Public Health* **Michelle Flesaker**, *Boston University School of Public Health*
4:30 – 6:00pm	**Session 4: Socio-structural determinants of mental health** Chair: Joshua Breslau, ScD, PhD **Katholiki Georgiades, PhD**, *McMaster University* **Laura Havers, PhD**, *University of London* **Seetha Davis, PhD**, *Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health*
6:00 – 7:30pm	**Poster Session**
	Friday, March 7, 2025
7:30 – 9:00am	**REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
8:00 – 8:50am	**Early-Career Roundtable (Franklin Room)**
9:00 – 10:30am	**Session 5: Award Ceremony and the State of APPA** Chairs: Cristiane Duarte, PhD, APPA Councilor, and Stephen Gilman, ScD, APPA President
10:30 – 11:10am	**Session 6: Keynote Presentation** **David Williams, PhD**, *Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health* (Zubin Lecture) Chair: John Pamplin, PhD
11:30 – 12:45pm	**Session 7: Qualitative approaches to addressing the social determinants of mental health** Chair: Anne Becker, MD, PhD **Alice Villatoro, PhD**, *Santa Clara University* **Felix Yirdong, PhD**, *City University of New York* **Matthew Kelly, PhD**, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
12:45 – 2:15pm	**LUNCH**
2:15 – 5:45pm	**Session 8: Community and clinical interventions approaches to the social determinants of mental health** Chair: Helen Wilson, PhD, *Stanford University* **Catherine Monk, PhD**, *Columbia University* **Jaimie Gradus, PhD**, *Boston University School of Public Health* (Breslau and Murphy Lecture) **Candace Black, PhD**, *Boston College* **Sakurako Okuzono, PhD**, *Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health* **Michael Silverstein, MD**, *Brown University* **Dilip Jeste, MD**, *University of California San Diego*
6:00 – 7:30pm	**President's Reception (Avenue 34)** All Attendees Invited
	Saturday, March 8, 2025
7:30 – 9:00am	**REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
8:30 – 9:15am	**Panel discussion: research, training, and career challenges in addressing the social determinants of health**

9:20 – 10:00am	**Session 9: Keynote presentation** **Vikram Patel, MD**, *Harvard Medical School* Chair: Jaimie Gradus, PhD, *Boston University School of Public Health*
10:20 – 12:30pm	**Session 10: Social determinants and global mental health, co-hosted by the APPA and the World Psychiatric Association Section on Epidemiology and Public Health** Chair: Katherine Keyes, PhD, *Columbia University* **Theresa Betancourt, ScD**, *Boston College* (Hoch Lecture) **Lukoye Atwoli, MD**, *Medical College, East Africa* **Corina Benjet, PhD**, *National Institute of Psychiatry Ramón de la Fuente* **Michael Ni, MD**, *The University of Hong Kong*
12:25pm	**Closing remarks and transfer of the APPA Presidency to Dr. Maria Kovacs**
12:30pm	**Meeting adjourns**