

ADVANCES IN AUTISM 2026

THE CURRENT STATE OF AUTISM SCIENCE

Understanding autism science has never been more important.

Gain an overview of current evidence and emerging directions in autism research and treatment, presented by the **UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment** researchers and clinicians – leaders shaping the field from *cells to service*.

TOPICS AND PRESENTATIONS

KEYNOTE - From Genetics to Treatment

GENETICS - Mapping Autism Genetics and Links to Early Brain Development

BIOMARKERS IN AUTISM - Objective Phenotyping to Improve Our Understanding of Autism

DIAGNOSIS - A Look Forward About Autism Evaluations Across the Lifespan

EARLY INTERVENTION - The Evolution of JASPER: From Origins to Impact

EMPLOYMENT - Creating Meaningful and Sustainable Employment for Autistic Adults: The UCLA PEERS for Careers Program

LIVE HYBRID EVENT

MAY 8, 2026

9:00 AM - 4:20 PM PT

RONALD REAGAN UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

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\$125 Non-Healthcare

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9:00 am	REGISTRATION
9:45	WELCOME Daniel H. Geschwind, MD, PhD
10:00	KEYNOTE From Genetics to Treatment Daniel H. Geschwind, MD, PhD
10:35	BREAK
10:45	GENETICS Mapping Autism Genetics and Links to Early Brain Development Speaker: Leanna Hernandez, MD, PhD --- Session moderator: Daniel H. Geschwind, MD, PhD
11:35	LUNCH In-person attendees: Provided lunch and poster display session
12:45 pm	BIOMARKERS IN AUTISM Objective Phenotyping to Improve Our Understanding of Autism Speaker: Rujuta Wilson, MD, MS --- Session moderator: Lucina Q. Uddin, PhD
1:35	SESSION TRANSITION
1:40	DIAGNOSIS A Look Forward About Autism Evaluations Across the Lifespan Speaker: Catherine Lord, PhD --- Session moderator: Nicole McDonald, PhD
1:40	EARLY INTERVENTION The Evolution of JASPER: From Origins to Impact Speaker: Amanda Gulsrud, PhD --- Session moderator: Connie Kasari, PhD
3:20	SESSION TRANSITION
3:25	EMPLOYMENT Creating Meaningful and Sustainable Employment of Autistic Adults: The UCLA PEERS for Careers Program Speaker: Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD --- Session moderator: Sara McCracken, PsyD, BCBA
4:15	ADJOURN Daniel H. Geschwind, MD, PhD