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**MARCH 19–20, 2026
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March 19

TIME / LOCATION	EVENT
11 am–4 pm 1st Floor	Registration Open (light lunch provided)
12:15–12:25 pm Auditorium	Welcome Remarks Speakers: Rose Maria Li, PhD, MBA Alexander Triantis, PhD
12:25–1:10 pm Auditorium	HHS Leadership Fireside Chat Speakers: Thomas Keane, MD, MBA Mary Lazare, MS, MA Moderator: Arman Sharma
1:10–2 pm Auditorium	SESSION 1
	Enabling AI Innovation to Advance National Health Priorities Panelists: Nora Connor, PhD Rafid Fadul, MD, MBA Michael A. Morgan, PhD Moderator: Joe Chiarenzelli, MPH
2–2:45 pm Auditorium	SESSION 2
	Human-Centered AI: Robotics and Interfaces That Learn, Adapt, and Assist Speakers: Rosalind Picard, ScD Russell H. Taylor, PhD Moderator: Rama Chellappa, PhD
2:45–3:30 pm Auditorium	Funders, Accelerators, and Platforms: Reverse Pitches for AI/Tech Innovators <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> Keith Camhi, MBA, MS Tony Chan, JD Amelia Hay, MBA Katherine Hill Ritchie, MBA Ken Honeycutt Winn Hong, MBA, MS Nate Kline Heather Koshinsky, PhD Lyne Landry </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> Kat Mackenzie, MBA, MPH Jesse Mastrangelo, MSc Todd Jay Mitty, PhD Mahesh Narayanan, MS Raghav Sehgal, PhD Terik Tidwell Moderator: Stephen C. Liu, MBA </div> </div>

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TIME / LOCATION	EVENT
3:30–3:45 pm	Break (coffee/tea provided)
3:45–5 pm Rooms 426–430 Room 422	Poster/Demo Sessions
4:15–5:30 pm Rooms 822–824	Speed Mentoring (invitation only)
4:30–6 pm Room 820	Networking Reception (light refreshments provided)
6:30 pm	Invited Dinner for Speakers, EAP Members, AITC Leadership, and Sponsors (invitation only)

March 20

TIME / LOCATION	EVENT
8 am–3 pm 1st Floor	Registration Open (breakfast provided)
9–9:45 am Auditorium	SESSION 3
	Maximizing Care and Cure: The Future of Digitally Enhanced Dementia Diagnostics and Therapeutics Speakers: Jason Karlawish, MD I. Glenn Cohen, JD Moderator: George Demiris, PhD
9:45–10:45 am Auditorium	SESSION 4
	From Aging Mechanisms to Therapeutic Targets: AI Across the Biomedical Pipeline Panelists: Vadim Gladyshev, PhD David J. Glass, MD Orit Rozenblatt-Rosen, PhD Moderator: Luigi Ferrucci, MD, PhD
10:45–11 am	Break (coffee/tea provided)

March 20 (continued)

TIME / LOCATION	EVENT
11 am–12 pm Auditorium	a2 Collective x AgeTech Collaborative™ from AARP Pitch Challenge Moderator: Phillip Phan, PhD Judges: Michael Hughes, MBA Soo Jeon, MPP Rick Robinson
12–1:20 pm 1st Floor Beach	Lunch (buffet provided)
12:30–1:15 pm Rooms 426–430 Room 422	Poster/Demo Sessions
	SESSION 5
1:20–2:05 pm Auditorium	Accelerating Transformative AI Solutions for Health Tech Speaker: Anand Iyer, PhD, MBA Moderator: Deepak Ganesan, PhD
	SESSION 6
2:05–3:05 pm Auditorium	Commercializing and Scaling AgeTech Innovations: a2 Pilot Awards Alumni Perspectives Panelists: Anna Barnacka, PhD Kunal Parikh, PhD Kyle Rand Randall Williams, MD David Yonce, MS, MBA Moderator: Todd Haim, PhD
3:05–3:20 pm	Break (coffee/tea provided)
3:20–3:30 pm Auditorium	Announcement of Pitch Challenge Winners Moderator: Phillip Phan, PhD
	SESSION 7
3:30–4:15 pm Auditorium	What Does Quantum Mean for Research in AI, Longevity, and the Future of Healthcare? Speaker: Matthew Versaggi, MS, MBA Moderator: Rama Chellappa, PhD

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TIME / LOCATION	EVENT
4:15–5 pm Auditorium	SESSION 8
	Smarter Health: AI's Role in the Next Decade Panelists: Sudeshna Das, PhD Shari M. Ling, MD Hon Pak, MD, MBA Anindita (Annie) Saha Moderator: Amanda DiBattista, PhD
5 pm Auditorium	Closing



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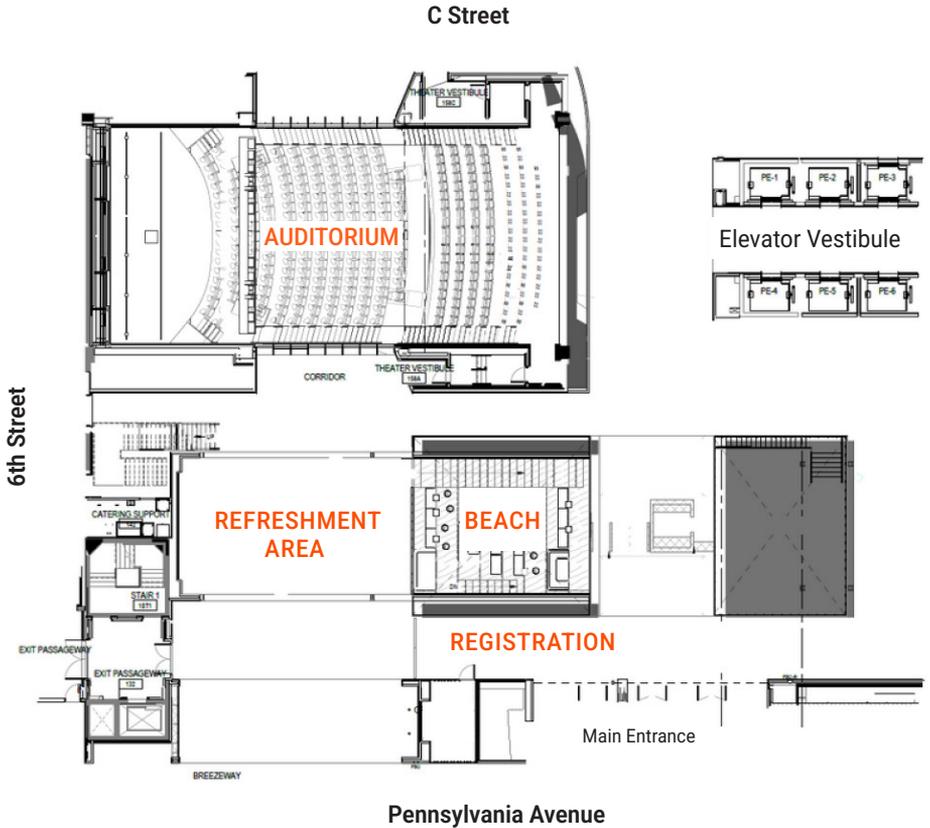


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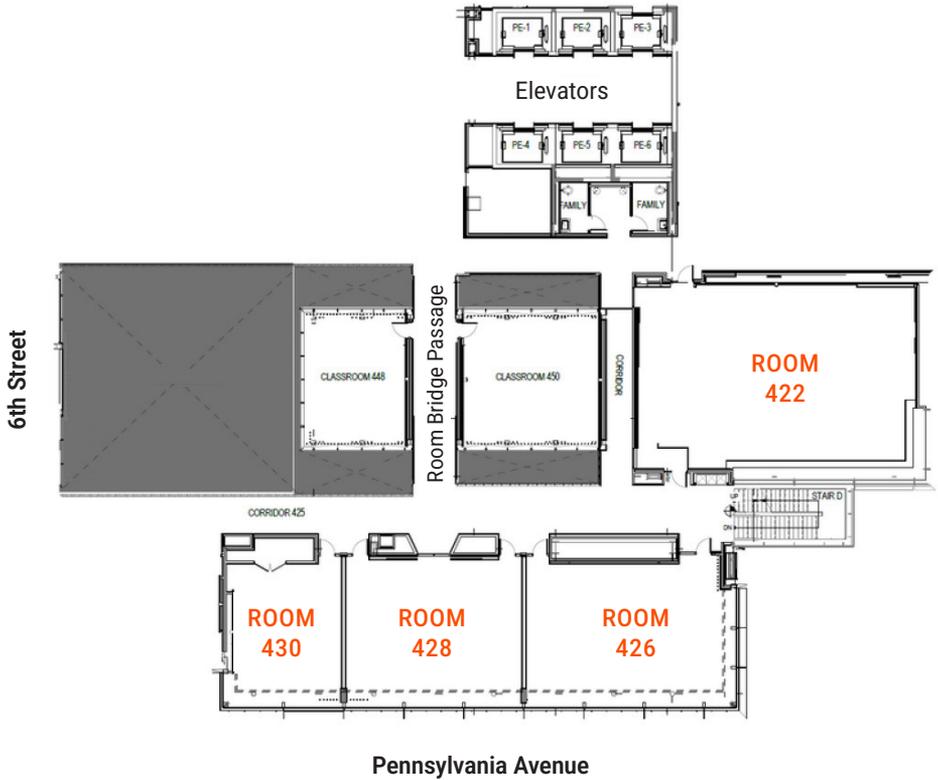
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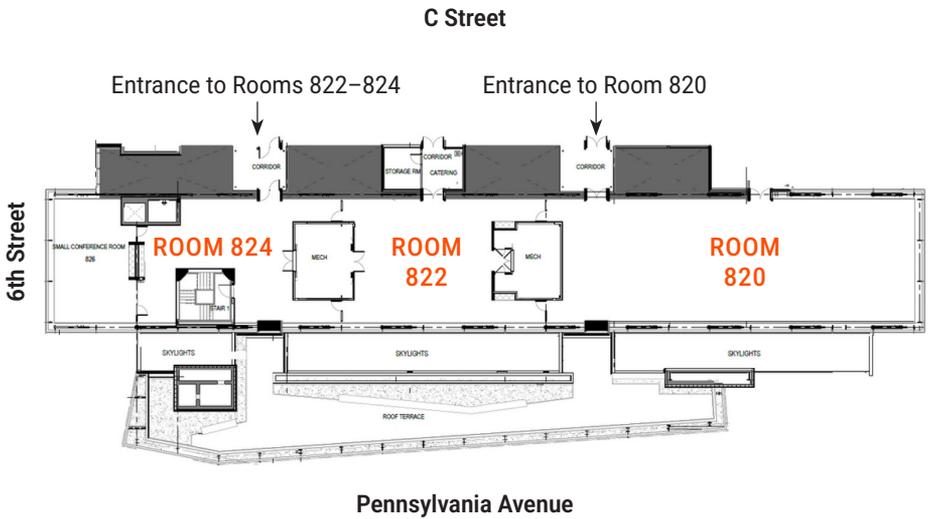
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