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Empowering Innovation in AI/Tech + Aging

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## March 19

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

## March 19 (continued)

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

## March 20

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

## March 20 (continued)

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

## March 20 (continued)

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



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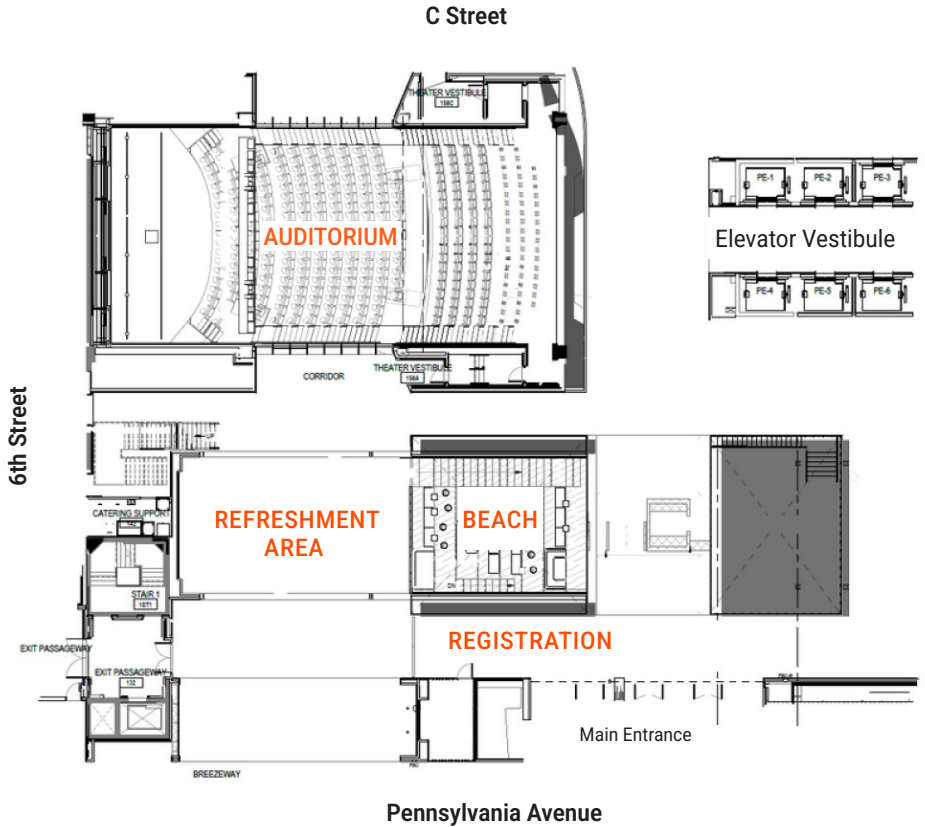


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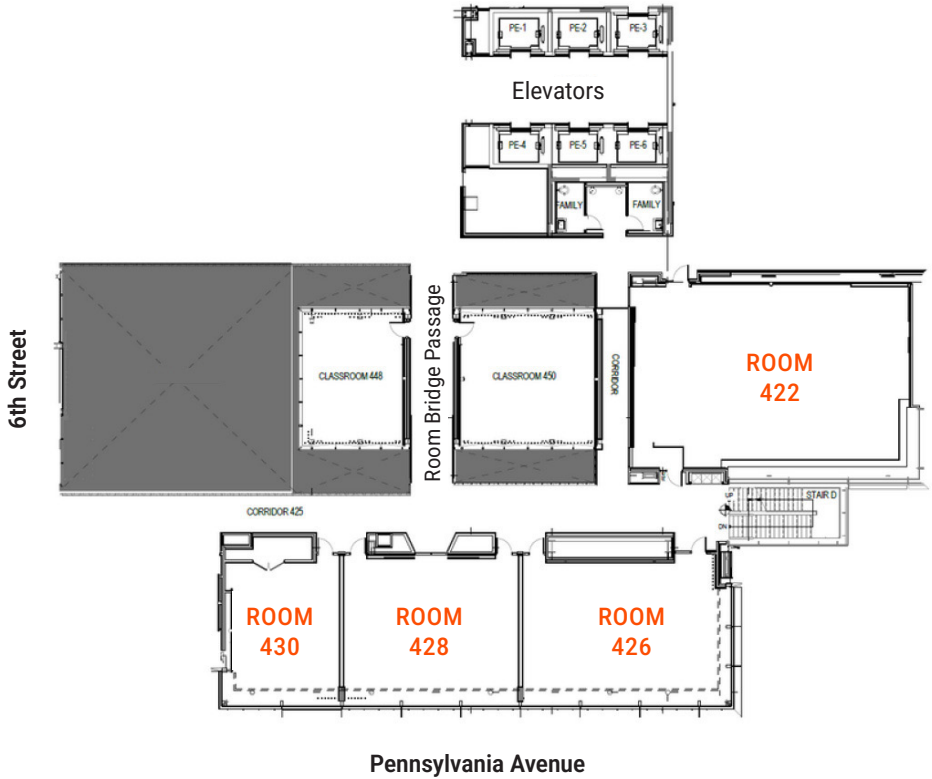
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Registration	1st Floor
Welcome Remarks   Fireside Chat	Auditorium
Sessions 1–8	Auditorium
Reverse Pitches   Pitch Challenge	Auditorium
Lunch	1st Floor   Beach
Announcement of Pitch Challenge Winners	Auditorium

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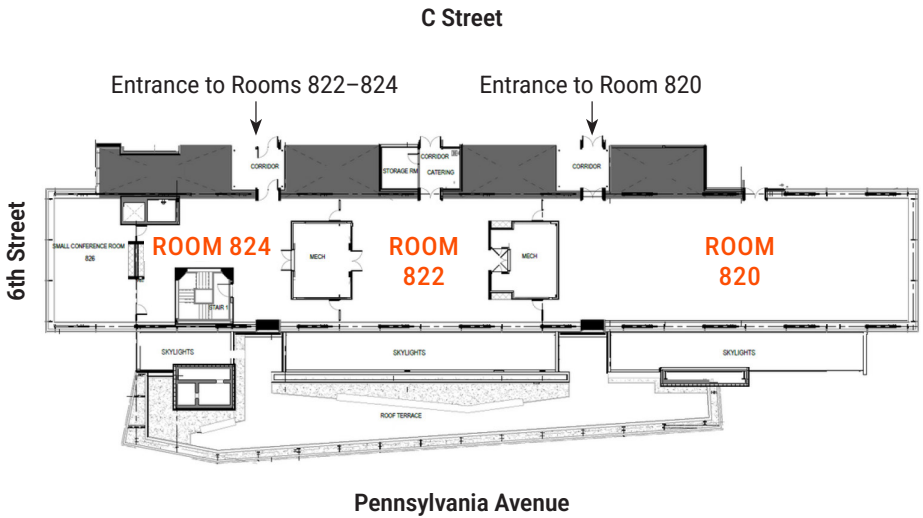
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# 8th FLOOR



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Speed Mentoring

Rooms 822-824

Networking Reception

Room 820

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