



WAISMAN CENTER

Celebrating 50 Years | 1973-2023

**Anniversary Symposium &
Poster Session ■ Sept. 21-22, 2023**

Thursday, September 21

- 8:30 AM **Breakfast**
- 9:00 AM **Welcome & Introductions**
Qiang Chang, PhD, Director
Cynthia Czajkowski, PhD, OVCRGE
- 9:15 AM **Genomic Insights into Early Human Brain Development, Evolution, and Disease**
Arnold Kriegstein, MD, PhD
University of California San Francisco
- 10:15 AM **Waisman Functional Genomics Research Spotlights**
Xinyu Zhao, PhD, moderator
Andre Sousa, PhD
James Li, PhD
Daifeng Wang, PhD
- 11:00 AM **Break**
- 11:15 AM **Understanding and Optimizing Neonatal Brain Development**
Cynthia Rogers, MD
Washington University, St. Louis
- 12:15 PM **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM **Waisman Early Brain and Communication Development Research Spotlights**
Andy Alexander, PhD, moderator
Doug Dean, PhD
Bernadette Gillick, PhD, MSPT
Jenny Saffran, PhD
Katie Hustad, PhD
Audra Sterling, PhD
- 2:15 PM **Break**
- 2:30 PM **Unveiling the Future of Down Syndrome: 50 Years of Research Paving the Way for Therapy**
Mara Dierssen, PhD
Centre for Genomic Regulation, Barcelona, Spain

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- 3:30 PM **Waisman Down Syndrome Research Spotlights**
Maria Stanley, MD, moderator
Anita Bhattacharyya, PhD
Qiang Chang, PhD
Ruth Litovsky, PhD
Brad Christian, PhD
Sigan Hartley, PhD
- 4:45 PM **Waisman Training Spotlight**
Sigan Hartley, PhD
- 5:00 PM **Poster Session & Reception**

Friday, September 22

- 8:30 AM **Breakfast**
- 9:00 AM **Looking Backward to Look Forward: Autism from 2 to 32**
Catherine Lord, PhD
University of California Los Angeles
- 10:00 AM **Waisman Autism Research Spotlights**
Sigan Hartley, PhD, moderator
Luigi Puglielli, MD, PhD
Xinyu Zhao, PhD
Maureen Durkin, PhD
Andy Alexander, PhD
Brittany Travers, PhD
- 11:15 AM **Break**
- 11:30 AM **Promising Waisman Translational Research**
Qiang Chang, PhD, moderator
Leann DaWalt, PhD
David Gamm, MD, PhD
Su-Chun Zhang, MD, PhD
- 12:15 PM **Lunch**

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