



The 2nd Annual Meeting of the
Downstate Global Neuroscience Initiative

Advancing Health Equity in Acquired Brain Injury Across the Life Span

**Thursday,
June 20, 2024**

**8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
SUNY Global Center**

This year's symposium will delve into the critical theme of "Advancing Health Equity in Acquired Brain Injury Across the Lifespan". We look forward to exploring innovative strategies to enhance neuroscience-related healthcare outcomes, with a dedicated emphasis on underserved communities and diverse patient populations. The symposium will feature distinguished speakers with expertise in stroke care, traumatic brain injury, dementia, and epilepsy. There will be dedicated opportunities for interprofessional and interinstitutional networking, as well as panel discussions with symposium speakers and esteemed members of the Downstate community.

SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™].



Please find the full agenda and register by scanning the QR code or by following the link: tinyurl.com/downstate-2nd-dgni

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Necrisha Roach, MD, MS, MHQS
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of Virginia
Associate Program Director, Adult
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the University of Virginia
Curriculum Developer and Teaching
Fellow, Harvard Medical School
Chair of the Neurology/
Neurosurgery Section, National
Medical Association

8:30 AM: Registration & Breakfast

9:00 AM: Welcome / Agenda

**9:15 AM: KEYNOTE ADDRESS –
Necrisha Roach, MD, MS, MHQS**

9:30 AM: SESSION I – TBI

10:45 AM: Coffee Break

11:00 AM: SESSION II – STROKE

12:15 PM: Lunch

**1:00 PM: SESSION III – DEMENTIA
AND COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT**

2:15 PM: Afternoon Coffee Break /
Networking on the Terrace

3:00 PM: 2024–2025 Research
Objectives in Global Health and
Neuroscience: Moderated Group
Discussion

3:45 PM: Concluding Remarks and
Next Steps

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Ernest J. Barthélemy, MD, MPH, MA*
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Elizabeth Chernyak, MD*
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Tim Bigdeli, PhD
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Rufus Akinyemi, PhD
University of Ibadan College of Medicine
(Ibadan, Nigeria)

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Addis Ababa University (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

Susan Law, DO, MPH
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