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Grand Rounds: 2026-2027 Series

Tuesdays @ 11 am, September – December 2026

Watch for email announcements each week for virtual links and/or in-person location(s).

DATE:	PRESENTER:	LOCATION:
9/15/2026 ***State of the Department Address***	**Anissa Abi-Dargham, MD** Professor and Chair (***No CME's***)	In-person hybrid HSC, Level 3, LH-6
9/22/2026 ***Title: Cannabis in New York: Public Health Trends, Mental Health, and Clinical Care***	**Junella Chin, DO** Chief Medical Officer New York State Office of Cannabis Management **Miriam Tepper, MD** Chief Medical Officer New York State Office of Mental Health **Grace Hennessy, MD** Chief of Addiction Psychiatry for the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)	Virtual
9/29/2026 ***Title: The Dreaming Brain***	**Mark Solms, PhD** Chair of Neuropsychology University of Cape Town South Africa	Virtual
10/6/2026 ***Title: School avoidance: Overview and initial visit recommendations***	**Christopher Kearney, PhD** Distinguished Professor and Chair Dept. of Psychology University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Virtual
10/13/2026 ***Title: The Impact of Adversity and Trauma on Sleep: What Providers Need to Know***	**Candice Alfano, PhD, DBSM** SUNY Empire Innovation Professor in Psychology Diplomate in Behavioral Sleep Medicine Director of the Sleep & Emotion Research in Children (SEaRCH) Lab Stony Brook University	In-person hybrid HSC, Level 2, LH-4
10/20/2026 ***Title: Slow on the Uptake: Modeling Hereditary Deficits in Cholinergic Signaling and Behavior***	**Randy Blakely, PhD** Executive Director FAU Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute David J.S. Nicholson Distinguished Professor In Neuroscience Professor, Dept. of Biomedical Science Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine	In-person hybrid HSC, Level 2, LH-4

	Jupiter, Florida	
10/27/2026 ***Title: Early Psychosis Treatment: How Did We Get Here and Where Are We Going?***	**Lisa Dixon, MD, MPH** Edna L. Edison Professor of Psychiatry at the Columbia University Medical Center Director, Center for Practice Innovations New York State Psychiatric Institute **Michael Birnbaum, MD** Medical Director, OnTrackNY Central New York State Psychiatric Institute Associate Professor Columbia University Medical Center	Virtual
11/03/2026 ***Title: Digital Addiction: The (Other) 21st century epidemic***	**Dimitri Christakis, MD, MPH** Chief Health Officer Special Olympics International George Adkins Professor University of WA School of Medicine	In-person hybrid HSC, Level 2, LH-4
11/10/2026 **Title:** ***Socioeconomic Inequity and Child Development***	**Kimberly Noble, MD, PhD** Virginia & Leonard Marx Professor of Child Development and Education Professor of Neuroscience & Education Teachers College, Columbia University	In-person hybrid HSC, Level 2, LH-4
11/17/2026 ***Title:***	**John Constantino, MD** Chief, Behavioral & Mental Health Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Atlanta, GA	Virtual
11/24/2026 ***Title:***	**Sophia Frangou, MD, PhD, FRCPsych, FRCPC** Professor of Psychiatry Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai New York, New York	In-person hybrid HSC, Level 2, LH-4
12/01/2026 ***Title: The Pharmacologic Treatment of Schizophrenia: How Far Have We Come?***	**John Kane, MD** Professor Donald & Barbara Zucker School of Medicine At Hofstra/Northwell Chair of Psychiatry Zucker-Hillside Hospital Glen Oaks, NY	In-person hybrid HSC, Level 2, LH-4
12/08/26 ***Title: Probing and Rescuing Dysfunctional Brain Circuits in Depression***	**Conor Liston, MD, PhD** Professor of Psychiatry & Neuroscience Department of Psychiatry Feil Family Brain & Mind Research Institute Weill Cornell Medicine	In-person hybrid HSC, Level 2, LH-4
12/15/2026 ***Title: Dopaminergic Mechanisms of Pancreatic Hormone Secretion and Antipsychotic Drug-induced Metabolic Disturbances***	**Zachary Freyberg, MD, PhD** Associate Professor of Psychiatry & Cell Biology University of Pittsburgh UPMC	In-person hybrid HSC, Level 2, LH-4

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12/22/2026 ***Title:*** ***Meaning in the Noise: Perceptual Inference and Auditory Hallucinations in Schizophrenia***	**Judy Thompson, PhD** Assistant Professor Depts. Of Psychiatry & Neuroscience University of Rochester Medical Center	HSC, Level 2, LH-4
HOLD THE DATE: 3/16/2027	**Resilience Conference/Dr. Huda Akil**	**TBD**

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