# Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

2026 Annual Scientific Meeting

*Reinforcing Resilience in Aging Science, Research, and Education*

**Speakers – Before You Depart**

## 1. Speaker Tasks

- Complete all assigned tasks in the Speaker Portal.
- Need your Access Key? Email abstracts@geron.org and include your name, submission title, and submission ID.
- Complete your registration confirmation so your speaker profile appears in the Meeting Program.

## 2. Presentation Preparation

**IMPORTANT:** Online presentation uploads close November 2, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST. After the deadline, upload only in the Speaker Ready Room.

- Submit and verify your final presentation in the Speaker Ready Room **at least 2 hours before** presentation time.
- Check the Meeting Program or Mobile App for schedule updates.
- Bring a USB backup. Uploads are not permitted in meeting rooms, and personal laptops may not be used.
- **Arrive at your meeting room 15 minutes early**. Select your name on the lectern monitor and choose Start to launch PowerPoint. Exit PowerPoint when finished.
- Wi-Fi is not available in meeting rooms.
- Speak directly into the microphone without handling it. For technical help, click “REQUEST ASSISTANCE” on the meeting-room laptop.

### Standard Equipment

PC laptop • LCD projector • Screen • Electric pointer • Head-table microphones • Standing floor microphone for Q&A

Additional equipment must be arranged at the speaker’s expense.

## 3. Speaker Ready Room

- **Location:** Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center — Room Chesapeake J-L
- **Tuesday, November 3:** 4:00–6:00 PM EST
- **Wednesday–Saturday, November 4–7:** 7:00 AM–6:00 PM EST
- All paper and symposium speakers must visit the Speaker Ready Room to verify their presentation.

## 4. Session Details

### Poster Sessions (75 minutes)

- **Location:** Exhibit Hall C-D
- Wednesday, November 4: 6:00–7:15 PM; speaker access begins at 4:30 PM.
- Thursday–Saturday, November 5–7: 1:45–3:00 PM; speaker access begins at 11:30 AM.
- Hang your poster on your assigned board at least 30 minutes before your presentation. The board number appears before your title in the Meeting Program and under Location.
- Remove your poster after your session; unclaimed posters will be discarded.

### Paper Sessions (90 minutes)

- In a five-paper session, allow no more than 18 minutes per speaker: approximately 14 minutes to present and 4 minutes for Q&A. Adjust for sessions with fewer or more papers.
- Follow the order in the Meeting Program and stay within your allotted time; chairs assist with timing and discussion.

### Symposia (90 minutes)

- Chairs open and close the session and manage timing.
- Discussants, when included, facilitate Q&A and audience engagement.

## 5. Accessibility & Inclusion

Help all attendees participate fully:

- Speak clearly into the lectern microphone and use microphones for all Q&A.
- Ask attendees to use the standing microphone and repeat each audience question into your microphone before answering.

## 6. Registration Reminder

- All speakers and discussants must register for the GSA 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting.
- To qualify for the member rate, GSA membership must be current through January 1, 2027.