

**25TH ANNUAL PUERTO RICO NEUROSCIENCE CONFERENCE**  
**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
**University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras**  
**College of General Studies**  
**Amphitheater #1**

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**University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras**

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## Preliminary Program

7:45am

### **Breakfast, Registration and Poster Setup**

8:15am

### **Opening Remarks**

Carmen S. Maldonado-Vlaar, PhD

*President*

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Carlos Gonzalez-Vargas, PhD

*Dean, College of Natural Sciences*

*University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras*

8:30am

Nancy Kanwisher, PhD

Professor

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Host:** José E. García Arraras, PhD

*University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras*

9:30am

### **Poster Presentation Highlights**

9:45am

### **Break**

10:00am

### **Del Castillo Memorial Lecture**

Michael Merzenich, PhD

Executive Chairman, Chief Scientific Officer,

Posit Science Corporation

**Host:** Jacqueline Flores-Otero, PhD

UPR-MS

11:00am

### **Concurrent activities**

- Poster Presentations
- NeuroTalks: meet the scientists (11:00 AM-12:00M)

12:30pm

### **Lunch**

1:45pm

Dr. Paul Vezina, University of Chicago

Host: Devin Mueller, Ph.D.

Ponce Health Sciences University

2:45pm

### **Break**

3:00pm

Baljit S. Khakh, PhD

Professor of Physiology and Neurobiology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Host: Astrid Zayas-Santiago, PhD, UCC

4:00-5:00pm

### **Concurrent activities**

- **4:00-4:45: Workshop on career development for graduate students**
- **4:30-5:00PM Business meeting**

5:00pm

### **Closing Remarks and Poster awards**

Carmen S. Maldonado-Vlaar, PhD

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