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Science and Engineering Building Auditorium

- 8:00 **Check-in & Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Welcome** *Jenny Kent, PhD, CSci, Department of Physical Therapy, UNLV*
- 8:40 **Opening Remarks** *Merrill Landers, PhD, DPT, Interim Dean, SIHS, UNLV*
Gwen Marchand, PhD, DPT, Associate Vice President for Research, UNLV
Peter Kaufmann, PhD, FABMR, Associate Dean of Research, UNLV
- 9:00 **Keynote Address** *Jane M. Simoni, PhD, Behavioral and Social Sciences: at the Crossroads of Health. Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.*
- 9:45 **Lina Nih, PhD** *Nanotech Meets Neurorepair: Precision Engineering of Biomaterials-Based Artificial Brain Implants for Brain Repair. Department of Brain Health, UNLV*
- 10:15 **Nicole Short, PhD** *Cannabis Use: From Coping Mechanisms to Addiction. Department of Psychology, UNLV*
- 10:45 **Break**
- 11:00 **Tamera Travis, MSc, Brandon Delise, MPH, CHC, & Jessica A. Johnson, PMH, CHES**
Rooted in Data, Driven by Community: Tackling Substance Use at the Local Level. Southern Nevada Health District.
- 11:40-12:30 **Odd-numbered Poster Authors Present their Work (suggested time)**
- 12:20 **Lunch**
- 12:30-1:20 **Even-Numbered Poster Authors Present their Work (suggested time)**
- 1:25 **Welcome, Afternoon Session** *Janet Dufek, PhD, FACSM Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences, UNLV*

1:30	Daniel Young, PhD, DPT	Hybrid Type 3 Implementation Study of Systematic Patient Mobility Across Five Hospitals. Department of Physical Therapy, UNLV
2:00	Ayan Sengupta, PhD	Brain Structure in Health and Disease: Revelations from fMRI Studies. Department of Health Physics, UNLV
2:30	Break: Last Chance Poster Viewing	
3:00	Ohidul Mojumder, M.S.	Clinical Experience with Aflibercept 8mg in High Need Experienced Patients with nAMD. Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, UNLV
3:30	Ernesto Abel-Santos, PhD	Prophylaxis, Diet, and Sexual Dimorphism Effects on Rodent Models of Clostridioides difficile Infection. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, UNLV
4:00	Break	
4:10	Award Ceremony	Merrill Landers, PhD, School of Integrated Health Sciences Robbin Turner, CEO, Sable Systems International Peter Kaufmann, PhD School of Integrated Health Sciences
4:30	Closing Remarks	Peter Kaufmann, PhD

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