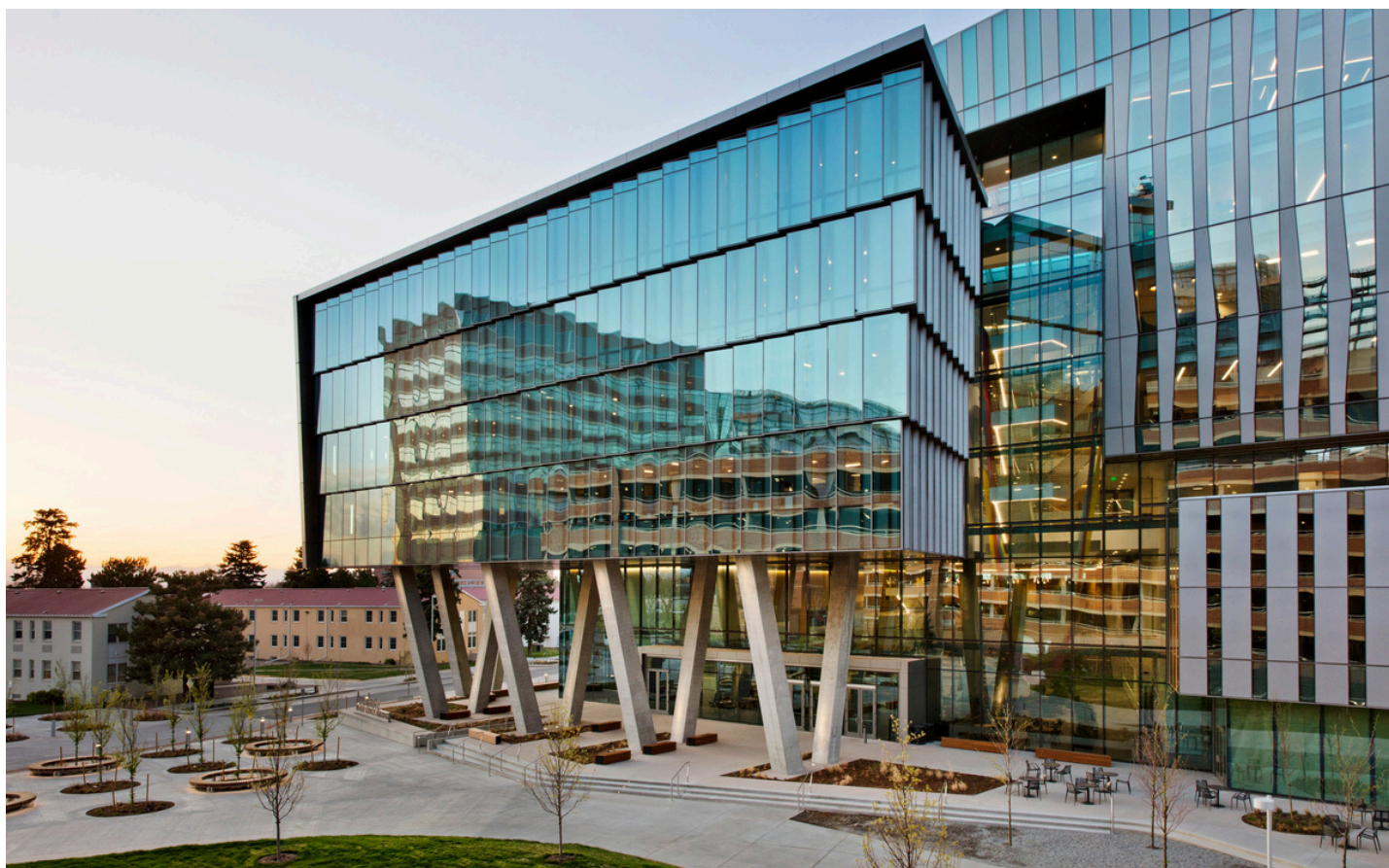


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Agenda

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Care That Fits the Person, "What Matters Most"
Shared and Ethical Decision-Making in Health Care

Day 1:

8:00am-8:30am Registration and Light Breakfast

8:40am-9:15am Welcome and Opening Remarks
What Truly Matters? Redefining Patient-Centered Geriatric Care
Dan Matlock, MD, MPH

9:00am-10:15am When the Stakes Are High: Navigating Serious Illness, Dementia & Family Priorities

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Channing Tate, PhD

Caregiver Support in Heart Failure
Colleen McIlvennan, PhD, RN

Social Determinants and Supporting Discharge
Andrea Wallace, PhD, RN

Long-Term Care Decision Making
Kenny Lam, MD

10:15am-10:30am Refreshment Break

10:30am-11:45am Heart Decisions: Personalizing Cardiovascular Care for Older Adults

Implanted Cardiac Devices
Amneet Sandhu, MD

Atrial Fibrillation
Ben Steinberg, MD

Venous Thromboembolism
Anna Parks, MD

Personalized decision making in Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)
Dan Nguyen, MD

11:45am-12:15pm Lunch

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12:15pm-1pm	<u>Lunchtime Keynote: Truth, Trust & Tradeoffs: Helping Patients Make Sense of Risk and Evidence</u> Helping Older Adults Understand Risk and Evidence Angie Fagerlin, PhD Misinformation: How Do I Know What Evidence Is Good? Laura Scherer, PhD
1pm-1:15pm	Refreshment Break
1:15pm-2:15pm	<u>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</u> Session #1 <i>Independence at Risk: Safety, Function & Everyday Decision-Making</i> Difficult Decisions Around Driver Safety – Emmy Betz, MD Exploring Home Environments Through Patient-Generated Photographs – Jorie Butler, PhD Difficult Decision Making Around Firearms and Dementia – Chris Knoepke, PhD Session #2 <i>Surgery & Self: Rethinking Surgical Decisions in Aging</i> Decision Making for Deep Brain Stimulation Surgery – Michelle Fullard, MD People Like Me...A Novel Method for Individually Monitoring Post-Operative Recovery – Jenn Stevens-Lapsley, PhD Surgery as We Age...Do I Need to Do it or Not? – Dan Adams, PA-C
2:15pm-2:30pm	Refreshment Break
2:30pm-3:00pm	Deliberative Engagement As A Tool – Sarah Knight, PhD, Utah VA Medical Center
3:00pm-4:00pm	<u>Real Talk: Navigating Tough Healthcare Decisions Together What Matters Most: Lessons Across the Lifespan – Patient Panel Discussion</u> Moderated by Dan Matlock, MD, MPH, CU Anschutz
4:00pm	Closing Remarks & Community Conference Conclusion

***Sessions are subject to change without notice*



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Day 2: Research-Focused Shared Decision-Making Workshop

8:00am-8:30am Registration and Coffee

8:30am-8:45am Welcome and Opening Reflection
Catalyzing Collaboration: From Research Ideas to Actionable Partnerships

9:00am-10:00am **Session Description:**
Looking to spark meaningful research collaborations but not sure where to start—or who to connect with? This high-energy, interactive session is designed to move beyond introductions and into action.

Part 1: Rapid Research Pitches

Participants will hear short, dynamic pitches from researchers answering a critical question:

“What am I looking for in collaborators—and what research ideas am I ready to explore?”

These focused pitches will surface emerging priorities, shared interests, and opportunities for alignment across disciplines.

10:00am-10:15am Refreshment Break

10:15am-11:15am Part 2: Small-Team Collaboration Labs
Participants will break into facilitated small groups to turn inspiration into action. Together, groups will:

- Identify **who they want to collaborate with**
- Define **priority research themes or questions**
- Develop **concrete next steps and deliverables** (e.g., concept papers, grant ideas, follow-up meetings)

Key Workshop Outcomes:

- New cross-disciplinary research connections
 - Clearly defined collaboration teams
 - Action-oriented plans to advance shared research goals
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11:15am-12:00pm Report Out, Future Collaboration Partnerships Announcements and Next Steps

This session is ideal for anyone ready to move from networking to **building real research partnerships with momentum.**

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