

Progress & Promise: Next Generation Brain Banking in the Modern Era

Wednesday, June 18th, 2025, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Course Directors: John Crary, MD-PhD; Emma LWL Thorn, MA; Claudia De Sanctis, PhD

Time (All Times CDT):	Session
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	<i>Welcome/Introduction</i> <i>Modernizing Brain Banks: Foundations for the Future of Neuropathological Discovery</i> John Crary, MD-PhD Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Starting from Scratch: Challenges and Opportunities in Brain Bank Creation</i> Marco Hefti, MD University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	<i>Crossing the 'Valley of Death': Revitalizing Human Brain Tissue Research to Propel Neurodegenerative Disease Advances</i> Thomas Beach, MD Banner Sun Health, Sun City, AZ
1:45 pm – 2:05 pm	<i>The Brain Library at Indiana University: Philosophy and Approach</i> Bernardino Ghetti Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN
2:05 pm – 2:30 pm	<i>Question & Answer</i> Moderator: John Crary, MD-PhD Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	BREAK
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<i>Building the Brain Digital Slide Archive: Advancing Neuropathology Through Scalable Digital Infrastructure and Machine Learning</i> David Gutman, MD, PhD Emory University, Atlanta, GA
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	<i>Transforming Neuropathology: Advancing Brain Research Through Cutting-Edge Technologies and Integration</i> C. Dirk Keene, MD-PhD University of Washington, Seattle, WA
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	<i>Enhancing Neuropathological Research: Building Robust Infrastructure at Rush to Decipher Alzheimer's and Aging</i> Sonal Agrawal, PhD Rush University, Chicago, IL

3:30 pm – 3:50 pm	<i>Question & Answer</i> Moderator: John Crary, MD-PhD Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY
3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>Closing Remarks</i> John Crary, MD-PhD Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY