

## Program Overview

### FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration – Embassy Landmark, Bluebonnet Foyer
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Pathways to Careers in Science Workshop – Embassy Landmark, Bluebonnet AB
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	BBC Opening Reception and Networking – Embassy Landmark, Bluebonnet Foyer

### SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026

8:00 AM – 8:05 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
8:05 AM – 10:05 AM	Plenary Symposium:	Chair: Gregory Collins
	<b>Kratom: From Plant to Policy</b>	
	<b>Abhisheak Sharma</b>   University of Florida	
	<i>Kratom: History and medicinal chemistry</i>	
	<b>Jenny Wilkerson</b>   Rutgers University	
	<i>The kratom alkaloid mitragynine as a novel therapeutic for cancer-related pain relief and substance use disorders</i>	
	<b>Oliver Grundmann</b>   University of Florida	
	<i>The kratom pharmacology puzzle pieces: How user surveys inform a complex pharmacological interplay</i>	
	<b>Jack Henningfield</b>   Pinney Associates	
	<i>Kratom, mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine: Abuse potential and Implications for DEA scheduling and policy to mitigate unintended consequences</i>	
10:05 AM – 11:35 AM	Poster Session I and Refreshments	
11:35 AM – 12:50 PM	Lunch	
12:50 PM – 2:20 PM	Open Oral Communications I	Chairs: Cristal Ahmed  and Erik Garcia
2:20 PM – 3:50 PM	Poster Session II and Refreshments	
3:50 PM – 5:20 PM	Open Oral Communications II	Chairs: Hina Andleeb  and Rajeev Desai
5:20 PM – 5:30 PM	Refreshment Break	
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Special Lecture	Chair: Justin Strickland
	<b>Meg Haney</b>   Columbia University	
	<i>Human behavioral pharmacology of cannabis</i>	
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Cocktail Hour and Poster Viewing	
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Dinner and Science Trivia	

### SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026

8:15 AM	Travel Awardee Group Photo	
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Open Oral Communications III	Chairs: Lindsey Galbo-Thomma and Siara Rouzer 
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Refreshment Break	
10:10 AM – 11:40 AM	Open Oral Communications IV	Chairs: David Kearns and Travis Moschak
11:40 AM – 11:50 AM	Refreshment Break	
11:50 AM – 12:50 PM	Special Lecture	Chair: Christopher Cunningham
	<b>Susruta Majumdar</b>   Washington University in St. Louis	
	<i>Allosteric control of opioid receptor function using structure based design</i>	
12:50 PM – 1:05 PM	Travel and Presentation Awards	
1:05 PM	Adjournment	