

AGENDA

2026 Spring Research Symposium

Drake University
Olmsted Center
2875 University Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50311



Tuesday, April 28, 2026

8:30 – 9:45 am Executive Committee meeting - *TRM133*
10:00 – 10:50 am Consortium-wide meeting with affiliates - *TRM113*

Open to Registered Participants Only:

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Registration (all attendees) – *Parents Hall*
10:30 – 11:00 am Visit by special guest- Griff - *Olmsted Center, Upper Gallery*
11:00 – 11:40 am Invited speaker- Raja Chari, NASA Astronaut and U.S. Air Force
Brigadier General – *Sussmann Theater*
11:40 – 12:30 pm Sponsored lunch - *Parents Hall*
12:25 – 12:30 pm Group photo
12:30 – 12:45 pm Break and move to *Sussman Theater*

Open to the Public:

12:45 – 12:50 pm Welcome address: [Dr. Sara D. Nelson](#), ISGC Director
12:50 – 2:30 pm Presentations by select scholars and projects- *Sussman Theater*
12:50 – 1:20 pm Selected Base Program– Dr. Mahajan – Drake University

 1:20 pm – Mallory Weber– University of Iowa
 1:35 pm – Jack Brooks– Iowa State University

1:45 – 1:50 pm Break

 1:50 pm – James Neal– Drake University
 2:05 pm – Halle Hoefing– University of Northern Iowa

2:20– 2:30 pm Break and move to *Parents Hall*
2:30 – 3:45 pm Poster session - *CR310-313*
3:45 pm Closing Comments – *Parents Hall*
4:00 pm Symposium adjourns