



****PROGRAM****
Georgia Society for Histotechnology
2026 SUMMIT
 April 17-19, 2026
Hilton Garden Inn by Hilton
 4025 Windward Plaza, Alpharetta, Ga 30005



FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026	FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026
<u>ROOM A</u>	<u>ROOM B</u>
12:00pm-1:00pm	12:00pm-1:00pm
#1: Hair on Fire: Developing a lab in the midst of a crisis- Beth Krauth, HTL (ASCP), MBA, Emory – 1 hour	#2: : Slides, Stains, and Signals: Histologic Insights into Muscular Dystrophy -Steve Westra – 1 hour
1:00pm-2:00pm	1:00pm-2:00pm
#3: The Pursuit of Quality: It's not the beast you think it is- Beth Krauth, HTL (ASCP), MBA – 1 hour	#4: 10 Principles of Making Your Lab Profitable and CAP Compliant - Renu Gupta, M.S,HTL,QIHC(ASCP) Universal Histology LLC – 1 hour
BREAK: 2:00pm-2:30pm in Vendor Exhibit Hall	BREAK: 2:00pm-2:30pm in Vendor Exhibit Hall
2:30pm-3:30pm	2:30pm-3:30pm
#5 Achieving Excellence in Immunohistochemistry: Mastering Pre-Analytic Variables, Antibody Optimization, and Troubleshooting - Steve Westra - 1 hour	#6: Processing Reagents - Andrew Lisowski, MS, HTL (ASCP) EpreDia - 1 hour
3:30pm-4:30pm	3:30pm-4:30pm
#7- Understanding IHC (basic to intermediate) - Andrew Lisowski, MS, HTL (ASCP) EpreDia – 1 hour	#8: <u>Large Animal Necropsy-Norba Targa - AD, Pathology Projects, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA -1 hour</u>
Vendor Reception: 7:00pm-9:00pm in Vendor Exhibit Hall	Vendor Reception: 7:00pm-9:00pm in Vendor Exhibit Hall
SATURDAY, April 18, 2026	SATURDAY, April 18, 2026
<u>ROOM A</u>	<u>ROOM B</u>
8:00am-9:00am	8:00am-9:00am
#9: Transforming Pathology Workflows: The Power of Automated Sample Management & Archiving Solutions- Lydia Del Valle - DreamPathdx-1 hour	#10: The Art of H&E: Selecting the Right Hematoxylin, Eosin, and Stainer for Your Lab-Andrew Lisowski, MS, HTL (ASCP) EpreDia – 1 hour
9:00am-10:00am	9:00am-10:00am
#11: Comparative Evaluation of Automated Coverslipping Films from Multiple Vendors – Tonia Crook, B.S., B.A. HT (ASCP), Sakura Finetek- 1 hour	#12: Onboarding a new histology employee-Carl Sagasser, MBA, BS, HT (ASCP), Quest Diagnostics – 1 hour
Break: 10:00am-10:30am in Vendor Exhibit Hall	Break: 10:00am-10:30am in Vendor Exhibit Hall
10:30am-12:00pm	10:30am-11:30am
#13: Pearls of Silver Staining - silver special stain - M. Lamar Jones, BS, HTL(ASCP)CM- 1.5 hour	#14: -Histology x Crochet = Science you can feel - Julie Trejo, B.S., H.T (ASCP)cm President of Illinois Society for Histotechnologists – 1 hour
Awards Luncheon: 12:00pm-2:00pm	Awards Luncheon: 12:00pm-2:00pm
2:00pm-5:00pm	2:00pm-3:00pm
#15: Neuropathology Kaleidoscope - Special Stains of the Central Nervous System – M. Lamar Jones, BS, HTL (ASCP)CM- 3 hours	#16: Embed Like Your Diagnosis Depends On It (Because It Does)- Julie Trejo, B.S., H.T (ASCP)cm President of Illinois Society for Histotechnologists – 1 hour
	3:00pm-4:00pm
	#17: Digital Pathology from the Histotech's Perspective-Steve Peacock – Roche – 1 hour

Break 4:00pm-4:30pm in Vendor Exhibit Hall	Break 4:00pm-4:30pm in Vendor Exhibit Hall
	4:30pm-5:30pm
	#18: Plant Cell Histochemistry: Staining for Metabolites-Nirmal Joshee, Ph.D., Professor of Plant Science/Biotechnology, Fort Valley state University – 1 hour
SUNDAY, April 19, 2026	SUNDAY, April 19, 2026
<u>ROOM A</u>	<u>ROOM B</u>
8:00am-9:00am	8:00am-9:00am
#19: What Makes a Great H&E? - Tonia Crook, B.S., B.A. HT (ASCP), Sakura Finetek- 1 hour	#20: Histology careers do not follow a straight line. Multiple Pathways. Every Level. Endless Impact - Julie Trejo, B.S., H.T (ASCP)cm President of Illinois Society for Histotechnologists – 1 hour
9:00am-10:00am	9:00am-11:30am
#21: : Tissue Identification – Christine Rigsby, PhD, MGA – 1 hour	#22: C Live Demonstration: Mohs Procedure, Histologic Slide Preparation , and Clinical Applications- Renu Gupta, M.S,HTL,QIHC(ASCP) Universal Histology LLC - 2.5 hours
Break 10:00am-10:30am in Vendor Exhibit Hall	Break 10:00am-10:30am in Vendor Exhibit Hall
10:30am-12:00pm	
#23: HT/HTL Study Guide – Ely Klar, MS, HTL (ASCP) - 1.5 hours	