

# SOCIAL INNOVATION: FROM BENCH TO SOCIETY

honoring **Kafui Dzirasa, MD, PhD**, recipient of the 2022 Benjamin Franklin NextGen Award



*“Some people are more social than others. It doesn't mean that people who are less social have a psychiatric illness, it means there are individual differences.”*  
- Kafui Dzirasa

This symposium will cover a wide range of approaches to elucidate social interactions in experimental model systems and in humans. We will learn about multi-disciplinary studies of emotions and social behavior at the molecular and neurobiological level in the mouse and how biological predispositions for social connection shape resilience to climate-induced stressors in monkeys. Finally, we will hear about a 50-year experiment to establish the right support and empower diverse workforce in science and engineering.

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**8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Biomedical Building (BRB) Gaulton Auditorium  
421 Curie Boulevard  
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