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**BASIC BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH-
TRANSLATIONAL GOLD FROM THE
PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE**
KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Friday, March 27, 2026

KEYNOTE: 12:30-1:15PM

PANEL: 1:30-2:15PM

CPACS 101 for both events

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Alex Kolodkin

Homcy-Margolis Professor of Neuroscience in the Department of Neuroscience at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Dr. Kolodkin earned his B.A. from Wesleyan University and his Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the University of Oregon, followed by postdoctoral training at UC Berkeley. He joined the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine faculty in 1995, became a full professor in 2004, and was an HHMI Investigator from 2005–2018. An elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Medicine, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and AAAS, he received the NAS Pradel Research Award in 2016. His laboratory studies the molecular mechanisms that guide neural wiring and synapse formation during development, with a focus on the mammalian visual system and neocortex.

Panel Discussion Moderated by:

Sara A. Myers, PhD

University of Nebraska at Omaha

*Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Creative Activity
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Panelists:

Gurpreet Dhillon, PhD

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Dean, College of Business Administration

Lance C. Pérez, PhD

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Fred Hunzeker Dean of Engineering

Omar H. Heins Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

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