



**Scientific Program – Department of Statistics 40th Anniversary
 Conference
 March 27-28, 2026**

NOTE: Most talks will be in the Science & Technology (S&T) Building on the USC campus and the corner of Main Street and Greene Street.

3/27/2026, Friday

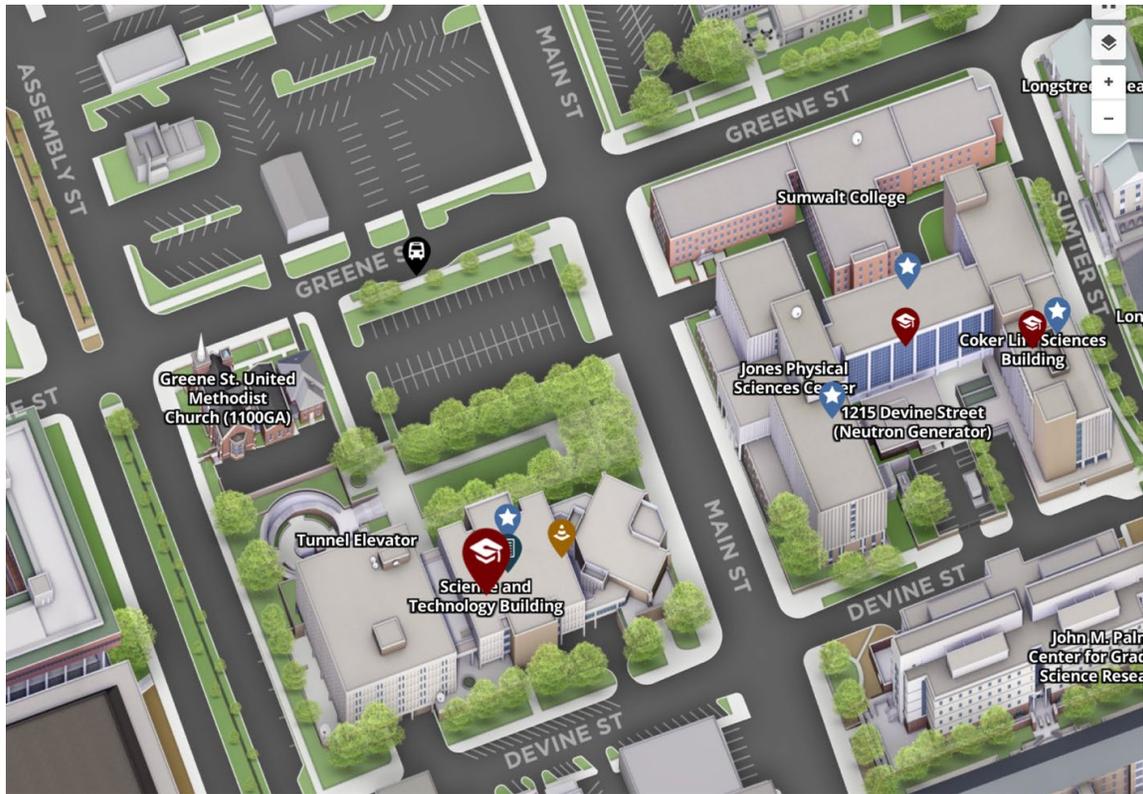
Event	Location	Time
Mixer with Hors D’oeuvres	S&T Foyer	6:00-8:00 PM

3/28/2026, Saturday

Event	Speaker(s)	Location	Time
Registration/Continental Breakfast		S&T 351	8:00-9:00 AM
Welcome Remarks	David Hitchcock, Organizing Committee Carl Dahlman, Associate Dean, McCausland College of Arts & Sciences Edsel Peña, Department Chair Joshua Tebbs, Professor	S&T 351	9:00-9:45 AM
Founding and History of Department: pre-1985 to 2001	Distinguished Professor Emeritus Joe Padgett	S&T 351	9:45-10:15 AM
Founding and History of Department: 2002 – present	Professor David Hitchcock	S&T 351	10:15-10:45 AM
Break		S&T 351	10:45-11:00 AM

Invited Talk: <i>Bridging the Gap: A Comprehensive Approach to Responsible Data Science Education</i>	Professor Bin Yu (UC Berkeley)	S&T 351	11:00-12:00 PM
Boxed Lunch		S&T Building	12:00-1:15 PM
Group Picture		Front of S&T Building	1:15 -1:25 PM
Alumni Talks: Part One	Chris McMahan, Clemson University	S&T 351	1:30-1:50 PM
	Wen Cheng, HotelSHIFT	S&T 351	1:50-2:10 PM
	Akim Adekpedjou, Missouri University of S&T	S&T 351	2:10-2:30 PM
	Beth Walters, University of South Carolina	S&T 351	2:30-2:50 PM
Q&A Session		S&T 351	2:50-3:00 PM
Break		S&T 351	3:00-3:30 PM
Alumni Talks: Part Two	Josh Habiger, Oklahoma State University	S&T 351	3:30-3:50 PM
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	Laura Taylor, Elon University	S&T 351	4:10-4:30 PM
	Alex McLain, University of South Carolina	S&T 351	4:30-4:50 PM
Q&A Session		S&T 351	4:50-5:00 PM
Tour of Dept/Campus		In and Near LeConte College	5:00-6:00 PM
Banquet with After Dinner Remarks	Distinguished Former Faculty: John Spurrier, Don Edwards, John Grego, and Lori Thombs	Capstone Building, Carolina Room	6:30-9:00 PM

Science & Technology Building Location:



LeConte College and Capstone Location:

