

## **2026 IAM CONFERENCE PROGRAM EXPANDING YOUR PERSPECTIVE**

### **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

IAM Board of Governors Meeting (Commonwealth Room, exact time TBD)

### **Wednesday, May 27**

11:00 am – 4:00 pm (estimated) Optional Boston Walking Tour (Attendees/Guests)

*General Sessions are in the Grand Ballroom*

### **Thursday, May 28**

Guest/Spouse Optional Tour: *Details to come.*

7:00 am **Registration desk open**

7:30 – 8:45 am **Breakfast** (registered attendees only – Ballroom Foyer)

9:00 – 9:30 am **Welcome and Introduction** – IAM President Jonathan Lloyd-Jones, Conference Chair Arthur Pressman

9:30 – 11:00 am **Resolving Emotionally-Charged Conflicts** (working title) – Daniel Shapiro, PhD

11:00 – 11:15 am **Break**

11:15 am – 12:15 pm **Breakout Discussion Groups**

12:15 – 1:30 pm **Lunch** (registered attendees only – Ballroom Foyer)

1:45 – 2:45 pm **Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most** (working title) – Professor Sheila Heen

2:45 - 3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 – 4:15 pm **Conflict Resilience: Negotiating Disagreement without Giving Up or Giving In** (working title) – Robert Bordone

4:30 – 5:30 pm **Breakout Discussion Groups**

6:00 – 7:15 pm **Cocktail Reception**

7:15 pm **Sign and Dine**

**Friday, May 29**

8:00 am **Registration desk open**

8:00 – 9:00 am **Breakfast** (registered attendees only – Ballroom Foyer)

9:00 – 11:00 am **Use of AI in Mediation** (interactive panel) – Professor Sarah Cole and Renee Jackson

11:00 – 11:15 am **Break**

11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Breakout Discussion Groups**

12:00 – 1:15 pm **Lunch** (registered attendees only – Ballroom Foyer)

1:15 – 2:15 pm **Title TBD** – David Hoffman and John Watson

2:15 - 3:00 pm **Breakout Discussion Groups**

3:00 – 3:15 pm **Break**

3:15 – 5:00 pm **The Power of Improvisation** - Berklee College of Music Jazz Masters; Edmar Colon, Skipp Hadden, and Reggie Gibson

6:00 – 7:00 pm **Reception** (Fairmont Venetian Room)

7:00 – 9:00 pm **Banquet** (Fairmont Oval Room, dress is business casual)

9:00 – 11:00 pm **New Trolls Singalong**

## **Saturday, May 30**

8:00 – 9:15 am **Breakfast** (registered attendees only – Ballroom Foyer)

9:30 – 10:30 am **Advancing Social Justice as Part of Commercial Mediation Practice** – Pedro Spivakovsky-Gonzalez and Diego Faleck

10:30 – 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 am – 11:15 pm **Introduction: 2027 Conference in Rome, Italy; IAM Annual General Meeting; Installation of New Officers and Board Members**

11:15 – 12:15 **Open Mic** with Claude Amar, New IAM President

1:00 pm Optional Group Excursion: *Details to come.*

**Breakout Discussion Groups:** (located in State Suite A, State Suite B, and Grand Ballroom)

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