

2026 IAM CONFERENCE PROGRAM EXPAND YOUR PERSPECTIVES

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 coming*

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 **Negotiating the Non-Negotiable: Navigating the Emotional Undercurrents that can Make (or break) Mediation**
- 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 **Talking About What Matters Most** – *Professor Sheila Heen Thaddeus R. Beal Professor of Practice, Harvard Law School*

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

3:00 – 4:15 pm **Building Conflict Resilience: Using Productive Disagreement to Drive Better Outcome** – *Robert Bordone, Senior Fellow, Harvard Law School*

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

6:00 – 7:15 pm **Cocktail Reception** (Ballroom Foyer)

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, with panelists Hayden Wilson, Rob Daisley, and Jonathan Lloyd-Jones*

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 **Psychological Dimensions of Impasse Breaking in Mediation** – *David Hoffman, John H. Watson, Jr. Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School*

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

3:00 – 3:15 pm **Break**

3:15 – 5:00 pm **Voice, Vibe, & Vision: Tapping into the Flow of Negotiation** - *Berklee College of Music Jazz Masters:*
Edmar Colon, Skip Hadden, and Regie 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** (Fairmont Oval Room)

Saturday, May 30

6:30 – 7:30 am (yet to be confirmed) **Optional Yoga Session**

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 coming*

