



HAPS 2026 Central Regional Meeting Schedule

University of Illinois at Chicago

August 7th, 2026

Time	Event	Presenter/Staff	Location
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Exhibitor Set-Up Volunteers Arrive	Use the CMWT doors located on the corner of Polk and Wolcott to find registration/check-in.	CMWT 119 (Faculty Alumni Lounge)
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Registration & morning refreshments + Breakfast!	Use the CMWT doors located on the corner of Polk and Wolcott to find registration/check-in.	CMWT 119 (Faculty Alumni Lounge)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Welcome Keynote Intro Keynote 1: <i>“Engaging the Past to Shape the Future: Using Critical, Strengths-Based Frameworks to Reenvision Undergraduate Science Education”</i>	Abbey Breckling Kathy Burleson (HAPS Central regional director) Dr. Terrell Morton Associate Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago	CMWT 227
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Coffee/Tea Break	Explore Campus Gardens and outdoor seating areas!	
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Keynote Intro Keynote 2: <i>“From Evidence to Practice: Thoughtful Identity Representation in Anatomy and Physiology Education”</i>	Asha Eapen (HAPS Conference Committee Member) Elizabeth Andreas PhD candidate in Biological Sciences at Northern Illinois University	CMWT 527
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch + Exhibitors	Explore Campus Gardens and outdoor seating areas!	CMWT 119 (Faculty Alumni Lounge)
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Breakout Sessions (Workshops)	“Regular and Substantive Interaction: Intent and Implementation” Heather Armbruster	CMWT 219
		“Microscopic Anatomy of E.P.I.H.C.	CMWT 222



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		Proportions: Educational Pathology Integration in a Histology Curriculum" Edgar Meyer	
		"The Fall 2026 Update: A Hands-On Design Lab for Clearer, More Relatable A&P Teaching Slides" Tarun Balaji	CMWT 224
		"Supporting Neurodivergent Learners in Anatomy and Physiology: Practical Strategies for Student Success" Leslie Worrell	CMWT 227
		"The Next Generation of Physiology Hardware: Introducing the New PowerLab Sensors" Jessica Nguyen	CMWT 429
		"Using building blocks to build an understanding of Excitation-contraction coupling" Chris Donnelly	CMWT 527
		"From Donor to Diagnostic Image: Exploring Cross-Sectional Anatomy" Jeremy Grachan	CMWT 703 (Anatomy labs)
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Posters	Poster presenters set up by 1:15 PM in CMWT 119	CMWT 119 (Faculty Alumni Lounge)
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Introduction Keynote 3: <i>"Anatomy Is a Bridge to Collaboration"</i>	Rachel Hopp (HAPS Past President) Dr. Alison Doubleday and Dr. Laura Thorp Professor and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago	CMWT 227
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Door Prizes	Abbey Breckling C&I Committee Chair, Steering Chair, and Regional Conference Host	CMWT 227