

2026 AGENDA

Thursday, October 22nd

THE NIMBLE ENTREPRENEUR

- 8:15-8:40 a.m. ***Light continental breakfast*** - networking and innovator showcase
- 8:40 a.m. ***Welcome remarks***
- 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. ***The Nimble Entrepreneur will be AI-Driven***
No One Works Here, Paul Cheek
- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. ***Successful Entrepreneurs Embrace Change and Adapt***
Unlikely Entrepreneurs, Lou Shipley & Patricia Favreau
- 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. ***Coffee break*** – book signing, innovator showcase
- 10:20 – 11 a.m. ***Nimble Entrepreneurs Use Cognitive Trainers***
The Collision: Eric So | In conversation with Daniel Acheampong
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. ***The New Labor Landscape***
Disposable Workers, Paul Osterman
Help Wanted, Jerry Rubin
- 11:45 – 12:30 p.m. ***Working Lunch*** - Innovator presentations
- 12:35 – 1:15 p.m. ***Breakout sessions***
- AI Go-to-Market and Scaling Growth
 - Social Entrepreneurship: People, Purpose, and Better Tech
 - M&A: The Impact of AI on Buyers and Sellers
 - IP Strategy: Building a “Moat” in the Age of AI
- 1:20 – 2:00 p.m. ***Enduring Essentials: Experimentation & Innovation***
Launching From the Lab
Maureen Stancik Boyce & Lita Nelsen | In conversation with Mike Grandinetti
The Scientific Mindset, Stefan Thomke
- 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. ***Tips for a Nimble Financing Strategy***
Untamed Unicorns: Renee Jones
Fundraising for the Rest of Us, Allison Byers
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. ***Book signing break/Visits with Innovators***
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. ***Communication Means Understanding: Now More Than Ever***
Why Don't You Understand Me, Yael Schonbrun | In conversation with Debi Kleiman
The Power of Pull, Rob Snyder
- 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. ***Agility, Grit, & Adaptability: Enduring Entrepreneurial Values***
Life and Lobster, Jim Tselikis
- 4:15 – 6:15 p.m. ***Wine and Cheese reception with networking***