

# 2016

## APRIL 12

NOVA : "Can Alzheimer's Be Stopped?"  
Premieres Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 9pm ET/8C on PBS

**Presented by:**



Alzheimer's ravages the minds of over 40 million victims worldwide. Join scientists as they untangle the cause of this tragic illness, and go behind the scenes of major drug trials to discover the therapies that may slow and even prevent the disease.

**Tuesday April 12**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Pollack Theatre  
UC Santa Barbara**

This is a special pre-screening of the PBS NOVA Special and will include a panel discussion after the screening.

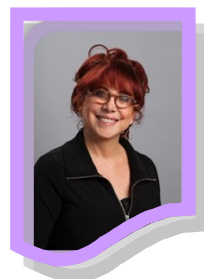
### Panelists:

**Kenneth Kosik, MD:** Kosik's work with early onset familial Alzheimer's disease in Colombia was the basis for a novel prevention trial to treat Alzheimer's disease. He was one of several groups that discovered Tau protein in the Alzheimer neurofibrillary tangle and followed up with many studies on the biology and pathobiology of Tau.



**Francisco Lopera, MD:** At the Neuroscience Group of Antioquia University, Dr. **Francisco Lopera** functions as the Director of the Neuroscience Group which works in basic and clinical neurosciences, and in developmental and neurodegenerative disorders.

**Sarah Holt, Producer:** Sarah Holt has produced, directed, written and/or edited over 40 hours of broadcast documentaries for PBS, NOVA, the American Experience, the Discovery Channel, and the Smithsonian Channel.



**Rhonda Spiegel, CEO:** Rhonda has been with the Alzheimer's Association for 7 years. She comes to the Alzheimer's Association from a 30 year career in mainstream healthcare. Rhonda has been in the Santa Barbara community for 28 years and has made a passionate commitment to the Alzheimer's cause both professionally and personally.

### **Julia Cort, Deputy Executive Producer, NOVA**

Julia Cort has more than 25 years of broadcast experience as a producer, writer and director. She joined the WGBH Science Unit in 1991 and has since contributed to more than 80 films. She was a key player in developing NOVA's award-winning sister series, *NOVA scienceNOW*, currently serving as executive producer.

