



keynote speaker

Dr. Dean Hartley, PhD

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Formerly on faculty at Harvard Medical School and Rush University Medical Center, Dr. Hartley represents the Association's science division and works with the division's senior leaders to advance the Association's science agenda. Before coming to the Alzheimer's Association, Dr. Hartley was an associate professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences and conducted research at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Prior to this, he was assistant professor in the Department of Neurology at Harvard Medical School and conducted research at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. Dr. Hartley has authored numerous publications in top scientific journals and co-authored several book chapters. He has served as an ad hoc reviewer and editor for more than 20 scientific journals in the field of neuroscience and reviewed grants for the National Institutes of Health, L'Agence Nationale de la Recherche (French National Research Agency) and several other organizations. Dr. Hartley completed postdoctoral fellowships in the Departments of Medicine, Genetics, and Neurology at Harvard Medical School after completing his Ph.D. in neuroscience at Stanford University. He has a bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree in environmental toxicology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

closing session

Alan Arnette

Mountaineer and Alzheimer's Advocate

Alan Arnette lost his mother and two aunts to Alzheimer's disease—a disease he says took his mother's life and changed his forever. As he went through the journey with his mother, Alan felt compelled to make a difference. To raise research funds and increase Alzheimer's awareness, in 2011, at age 58, Alan did something few people have ever attempted; he climbed the highest mountain on each continent in less than one year. Through this project, called "The 7 Summits Climb for Alzheimer's: Memories are Everything®," Alan has reached over 30 million people with a message of hope, need and urgency. You can see the video about Alan's climb on his website, at www.alanarnette.com.

