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ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Kyle Korshavn is a professionally trained chemist and a professional work in progress. He earned his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Michigan studying amyloid biophysics, then investigated cancer cell death mechanisms at Dana–Farber Cancer Institute. Since 2020, he has worked in technology transfer and business development at Mayo Clinic, with roles in patent law, internal development, licensing, and contracting. He now leads biotherapeutics commercialization across Mayo Clinic, focusing on patient impact. His work draws on a foundation in chemistry to evaluate discoveries, shape development strategies, and build partnerships that advance promising science.



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I started my career at the bench. These days, I help build the bridge to the bedside, with chemistry still part of the job. I'll share snapshots of my research in protein biophysics and cancer cell death, then introduce technology transfer and business development at Mayo Clinic. Drawing on my evolving roles in patent law, technology development, and licensing, I'll explain how this work helps move discoveries toward practical use. Along the way, I'll reflect both on a career that keeps changing shape and on what it means to be a chemist still figuring out what I want to be when I grow up.

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