NIH DIRECTOR'S

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES 2025–2026

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Lipsett Amphitheater Building 10

FALL 2025 -



SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
G. Burroughs Mider Lecture

Gisela Storz
A New Universe of
Regulatory Microproteins



SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 **Electron Kebebew**Precision Surgery



WINTER

2025-2026 -

DECEMBER 17, 2025

Dianne Newman

Unveiling Low-Power Survival Strategies on Life's Metabolic Edge



JANUARY 7, 2026
William E. Paul Lecture

Yasmine Belkaid
Immune Control of Host
Physiology



OCTOBER 8, 2025

Yasmin Hurd

Neurodevelopment Under the Influence: Cannabis and Its Long-Term Consequences



OCTOBER 15, 2025 **Kathleen Burns**A Retrotransposon in Cancer:
The Marker and the Mutator



JANUARY 14, 2026

Jill Maron

Neonatal Genomic Sequencing:
The Past, The Present, and
the Unchartered, Controversial
Future



JANUARY 21, 2026 **Huda Akil**The Emotional Brain: Role in Depression and Addiction



OCTOBER 22, 2025

Andrew Hyland

Hiding in Plain Sight:
The Opportunity to Dramatically
Reduce Cigarette Smoking
and Chronic Disease in America



OCTOBER 29, 2025 **Thomas Thompson**The TGFβ Superfamily –

How Understanding

Mechanism Leads to

Therapeutic Opportunities



JANUARY 28, 2026
Rolla E. Dyer Lecture

Charles Rice
A Cure for Hepatitis C:
Now What?



FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Elena Fuentes-Afflick

Puzzles, Paradoxes, and

Paradigms



NOVEMBER 5, 2025
Astute Clinician Lecture

Carsten G.
Bönnemann

Title TBA



NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Sonia Vallabh

A Patient-Scientist Lens on
How and Why to Move Faster
to First in Human



FEBRUARY 10, 2026
NIH Director's Lecture

David Baker
Design of New Protein
Functions Using Deep Learning
*Tuesday Lecture



FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Ibrahim Cissé

Super-Resolution Imaging of Transcription in Living Cells





MARCH 4, 2026
NIH Director's Lecture

Claudia Goldin
Why Women Won



NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Victor Ambros

Genetic Mechanisms
Controlling Developmental
Timing in *C. elegans*

Tick Me Off. Please.

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

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Jennifer Elisseeff

Tissue Engineering Across
Lifespan





SUMMER 2026 -



MARCH 18, 2026

Sue Bodine

Endurance Exercise Produces
a Whole-Body Multi-Organ
Molecular Reaction



MARCH 25, 2026 **Dean Sheppard**Functions of Diverse Fibroblast Populations in Lung Health and Disease



JUNE 10, 2026

Francesca Dominici

Artificial Intelligence: Solution or Obstacle for Climate Action?

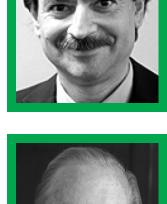


JUNE 17, 2026 **Titia de Lange**2 Billion Years of Shelterin and T-loops: From Telomere Protection to Cancer Prevention



APRIL 8, 2026
George Khoury Lecture

Michaela U. Gack
Innate and Intrinsic Host
Enzymes Shaping RNA Virus
Infection



APRIL 15, 2026

John loannidis

What Interventions Might Improve Research?



Florence Mahoney Lecture on Aging **Eileen Crimmins**Ticking Clocks: Explaining Aging in Population Studies

JUNE 24, 2026



APRIL 22, 2026
Margaret Pittman Lecture
Ruth Lehmann
Germ Cells Are Forever

MAY 6, 2026

Title TBA

Robert S. Gordon Jr. Lecture

Ana Navas-Acien



MAY 1, 2026

Marshall W. Nirenberg Lecture

Jack Szostak

The Surprising Chemistry of
Nonenzymatic RNA Replication

*Friday Lecture



MAY 27, 2026

Jamy Ard

The Past, Present, and Future State of Obesity Medicine

