

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 Milder Lecture*  
**Gisela Storz**  
A New Universe of  
Regulatory Microproteins



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



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



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



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



NOVEMBER 19, 2025  
**Victor Ambros**  
Genetic Mechanisms  
Controlling Developmental  
Timing in *C. elegans*

SPRING  
2026 ▼



MARCH 4, 2026  
*NIH Director's Lecture*  
**Claudia Goldin**  
Why Women Won



MARCH 11, 2026  
**Erol Fikrig**  
Tick Me Off. Please.



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



APRIL 8, 2026  
*George Khoury Lecture*  
**Michaela U. Gack**  
Innate and Intrinsic Host  
Enzymes Shaping RNA Virus  
Infection



APRIL 15, 2026  
**John Ioannidis**  
What Interventions Might  
Improve Research?



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



MAY 1, 2026  
*Marshall W. Nirenberg Lecture*  
**Jack Szostak**  
The Surprising Chemistry of  
Nonenzymatic RNA Replication  
\*Friday Lecture



MAY 6, 2026  
*Robert S. Gordon Jr. Lecture*  
**Ana Navas-Acien**  
Title TBA



MAY 27, 2026  
**Jamy Ard**  
The Past, Present, and Future  
State of Obesity Medicine

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



JANUARY 14, 2026  
**Jill Maron**  
Neonatal Genomic Sequencing:  
The Past, The Present, and  
the Uncharted, Controversial  
Future



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



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



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



FEBRUARY 25, 2026  
*NIH Director's Lecture*  
**Jennifer Elisseeff**  
Tissue Engineering Across  
Lifespan

SUMMER  
2026 ▼



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



JUNE 24, 2026  
*Florence Mahoney Lecture  
on Aging*  
**Eileen Crimmins**  
Ticking Clocks: Explaining  
Aging in Population Studies



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