

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
*3 p.m.



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
Clinical Encounters in
Neurogenetics



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
The Human Metallome:
Keys to Healthy Aging



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



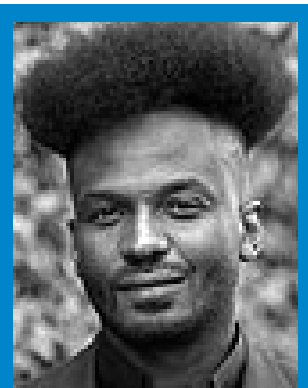
JANUARY 28, 2026
Rolla E. Dyer Lecture
Charles Rice
A Cure for Hepatitis C:
Now What?



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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