










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 <i>G. Burroughs Milder Lecture</i> 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 <i>Astute Clinician Lecture</i> 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 <i>C. elegans</i>		

WINTER 2025-2026 ▼

	DECEMBER 17, 2025 Dianne Newman Unveiling Low-Power Survival Strategies on Life's Metabolic Edge		JANUARY 7, 2026 <i>William E. Paul Lecture</i> 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 <i>Rolla E. Dyer Lecture</i> Charles Rice A Cure for Hepatitis C: Now What?
	FEBRUARY 4, 2026 Elena Fuentes-Afflick Puzzles, Paradoxes, and Paradigms		FEBRUARY 10, 2026 <i>NIH Director's Lecture</i> 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 <i>NIH Director's Lecture</i> Jennifer Elisseeff Tissue Engineering Across Lifespans		

SPRING 2026 ▼

	MARCH 4, 2026 <i>NIH Director's Lecture</i> 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 <i>George Khoury Lecture</i> 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 <i>Margaret Pittman Lecture</i> Ruth Lehmann Germ Cells Are Forever		MAY 1, 2026 <i>Marshall W. Nirenberg Lecture</i> Jack Szostak The Surprising Chemistry of Nonenzymatic RNA Replication *Friday Lecture		MAY 6, 2026 <i>Robert S. Gordon Jr. Lecture</i> Ana Navas-Acien Title TBA		MAY 27, 2026 Jamy Ard The Past, Present, and Future State of Obesity Medicine

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 <i>Florence Mahoney Lecture on Aging</i> Eileen Crimmins Ticking Clocks: Explaining Aging in Population Studies
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