



Institute for
Diabetes,
Obesity, and
Metabolism

**ALL SEMINARS ARE HYBRID
IN SMILOW CENTER (SCTR) 12-146
TUESDAYS AT
11:00 AM**

IDOM/DRC Seminar Series - Spring 2026

- January 13** **Clay F. Semenkovich, M.D.**, Washington University in St. Louis
"Diabetes, Lipids, and the Best of All Possible Worlds"
- January 20** **J. Nicholas Betley, Ph.D.**, University of Pennsylvania
"It is all in your head: body-brain interactions and the beneficial adaptations from exercise"
- January 27** **Katalin Susztak, M.D., Ph.D.**, University of Pennsylvania
"Precision Medicine in Diabetes: Unlocking Kidney Disease Heterogeneity via Omics"
- February 3** **Benjamin F. Voight, Ph.D.**, University of Pennsylvania
"Inclusion Powers Discovery and Dissection of Type-2 Diabetes Associated Loci"
- February 10** **Amelia K. Linnemann, Ph.D.**, Indiana University School of Medicine
"Altered Communication at the Islet Interface Links Beta-Cell Autophagy Failure to Immune Activation"
- February 17** **Will Bailis, Ph.D.**, UPENN & CHOP
"Title: TBD"
- February 24** **Qin Li, Ph.D.**, University of Pennsylvania
"Virus in our genome? The role of endogenous dsRNAs in type 1 diabetes"
- March 3** **SPRING SYMPOSIUM & KROC LECTURE:**
Jose C. Florez, M.D., Ph.D., Harvard Medical School
"Will complex genetics ever advance clinical practice in diabetes?"
- March 10** **Philipp E. Scherer, Ph.D.**, UT Southwestern Medical Center
"When Fat Gets Stuck: Lipid Droplets, Fibrosis, and the Metabolic Fallout of Obesity"
- March 17** **Jeffrey R. Millman, Ph.D.**, Washington University in St. Louis
"Human Stem Cell-Derived Islets as an In Vitro Model of Diabetes"
- March 24** **Gregory Ku, MD, Ph.D.**, University of California – San Francisco
"Forward genetic screens in pancreatic beta cells"
- March 31** **Joel Elmquist, D.V.M., Ph.D.**, UT Southwestern
"Dire fly, Dire Mouse, Dire Wolf: LCORL Regulation of Growth and Metabolism"
- April 7** **George L. King, M.D.**, Harvard Medical School
"The Critical Role for Protective Factors on the Pathogenesis of Diabetic Complications"
- April 14** **Gregory Steinberg, Ph.D.**, McMaster University
"Cellular Energy Sensing and Metabolism"
- April 21** **Susanne Mandrup, Ph.D.**, University of Southern Denmark
"Adipose tissue plasticity in obesity at single cell resolution"
- April 28** **Elif Oral, M.D.**, University of Michigan
"Title: TBD"
- May 5** **HAMMOND LECTURE:**
Vamsi K. Mootha, M.D., Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
"Systems approaches to mitochondrial biology and disease"
- May 12** *Student Invited Speaker*
Shawn C. Burgess, Ph.D., UT Southwestern Medical Center
"Flux Through History, Imaginary Pathways, and Hepatic Mitochondrial Metabolism"
- May 19** **Lawrence Kazak, Ph.D.**, McGill University
"An activation mechanism of UCP1-independent thermogenesis"

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