



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 Bialis, Ph.D. UPENN & CHOP	"Title: TBD"
February 24	Qin Li, Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania	"Title: TBD"
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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