

# Diabetes and Metabolism Seminar Series

University of Washington



## DRC/NORC Retreat

December 12, 2025 9:00am - 4:00pm, Orin Smith Auditorium  
Full-day Symposium [Register at: diabetesmetabseminars.com](https://diabetesmetabseminars.com)

9:00 **Welcome & Introductory Remarks**

---

9:00 Updates from the DRC from Steven Kahn, MB, ChB

---

### **DRC Core Highlight - Cellular and Molecular Imaging Core**

9:15 **Presenter: Nicole Liachko, PhD**

Research Associate Professor, Division of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine

---

### **DRC P&F Awardee - Ana Valencia, PhD**

9:30 Research Assistant Professor, Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology and Nutrition  
*Differences in Metabolic Flux when Weight Loss Plateaus*

---

### **NORC P&F Awardee - Leticia Sewaybricker, MD, PhD**

9:55 Research Assistant Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine  
*Neonatal MRI of the Hypothalamus: Insights into Infant Growth*

---

10:20 **Break**

---

### **NORC P&F Awardee - Carlos Campos, PhD**

10:40 Assistant Professor, Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology and Nutrition  
*Foundational Behavior Modeling in Rodents*

---

### **Rising Star - Kimberly Alonge, PhD**

11:05 Assistant Professor, Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology and Nutrition  
*Perineuronal Nets in Dorsomedial Hypothalamus Protect Against Obesity*

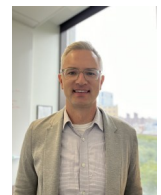
---

11:45 **Lunch**

---

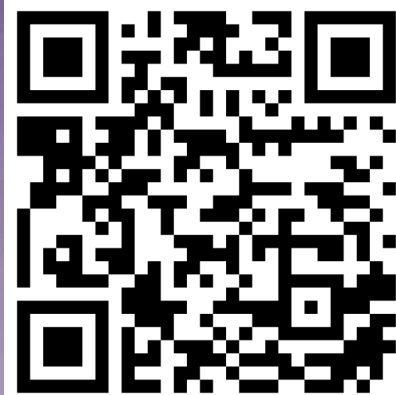
### **Keynote Speaker - Cameron McAlpine, PhD**

1:15 Associate Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
*Brain-body Axes Connect Lifestyle to Cardiovascular Disease*



# Diabetes and Metabolism Seminar Series

University of Washington



## DRC/NORC Retreat

December 12, 2025 9:00am - 4:00pm, Orin Smith Auditorium

Full-day Symposium [Register at: diabetesmetabseminars.com](https://diabetesmetabseminars.com)

2:15 Updates from the NORC from Ellen Schur, MD, MS

---

### **NORC Core Highlight - Energy Balance Core**

2:30 **Presenter: Greg Morton, PhD**

Research Professor, Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology and Nutrition

---

2:45 **Break**

---

### **DRC New Investigator Awardee - Devasena Ponnalagu**

3:05 Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology

*Unraveling the Implications of Chloride Channels in Diabetes-Related Cardiac Dysfunction*

---

### **NORC P&F Awardee - Kendra Francis, MD**

3:30 Acting Assistant Professor, Seattle Children's Hospital

*Nutritional Therapy for Small Bowel Crohn's Disease: Insights into Extracellular Matrix Remodeling*

---

3:55 **Concluding Remarks**