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Weldon Law Building
6061 University Ave, Halifax, NS
October 24, 2026

A multi-disciplinary clinical and basic science symposium

Time	Presenter	Presentation Title
8:30 am	Registration	
9:00 am	Welcoming Remarks and Housekeeping	
9:05–9:50 am	Dr. Connie Cepko Harvard University	How does the retina make so many cell types
9:50–10:35 am	Dr. Austin Roorda University of Waterloo	Hacking human vision for basic and clinical science
10:35–10:55 am	Break	
10:55–11:40 am	Dr. Andrew Lee Houston Methodist	This is not your father's optic neuritis
11:40–12:00 pm	Dr. Yacine Touahri Dalhousie University	The retina's decision code: Gene programs that set identity in motion
12:00–1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00–1:45 pm	Dr. Joseph Rizzo Harvard University	The anatomical basis of visual hallucinations
1:45–2:30 pm	Dr. Jeremy Sivak University of Toronto	Dysfunction follows form: How retinal architecture turns stress into disease
2:30–2:50 pm	Break	
2:50–3:10 pm	Trainee Award #1	TBD
3:10–3:30 pm	Trainee Award #2	TBD
3:30–4:15 pm	Dr. Simon John Columbia University	From degeneration to resilience: Metabolic therapies for glaucoma
4:15 pm	Adjourn	