



**PNIRS 2024 Annual Meeting**  
— Diversity in PNI Research —  
June 24 - 27 | Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada  
Halifax Convention Centre



## Educational Short Course

**Monday, June 24, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Chair: Christoph Rummel, PhD, Universität Gießen  
*Diversity in PNI Related Research, Methods, and Career Paths*

## Member Sponsored Symposia

**Monday, June 24, 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

*Dietary Diversity and What it Means for Old Age*  
Chair: Sarah Spencer, PhD, RMIT University

*Microglial Regulation of Sex-Specific Neural Development*

Chair: Annie Ciernia, PhD, University of British Columbia

**Tuesday, June 25, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

*Integrative Strategies and Immunomodulatory Mechanisms of Alternative Treatments for Depression in China*

Chairs: Keith W Kelley, PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign & Weiwen Wong, PhD, Chinese Academy of Sciences

*Exploring the Neurotrophic Capacity of Glia in Health and Disease*

Chair: Shawn Hayley, PhD, Carleton University

**Thursday, June 27, 8:30 - 10:00 am**

*Early Immune Predictors to Identify Offspring of At-Risk for Neurodevelopmental Sequelae*

Chairs: Marisa Spann, PhD, MPH, Columbia University & Andrea Edlow, MD, MSc, Harvard Medical School

*Metabolic Dysfunction, Neuroinflammation, and Alzheimer's Disease*

Chair: William Banks, MD, Veterans Affairs/University of Washington

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## Award Lectures

**Monday June 24, 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

Norman Cousins Award  
Julie Bower, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles

**Tuesday, June 25, 4:30 - 5:00 pm**

Robert Ader Award  
Luba Sominsky, PhD, Deakin University  
*The psychoneuroimmunology of female health - a story of vulnerability and resilience*

**Wednesday, June 26, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Ronald Glaser (Frontiers in PNI Lecture)  
Michael Meaney, PhD, McGill University

**Thursday, June 27, 3:30 - 4:30 pm**

George Solomon Memorial Lecture Award  
Jennifer Felger, PhD, Emory University  
*Harnessing inflammation's effect on dopaminergic reward pathways for novel therapeutic strategies in depression*

## Presidential Symposium

**Wednesday, June 26, 8:30 - 10:30 am**

*Diversity in Research*  
Chair: Christopher G. Engeland, PhD, Pennsylvania State University  
Julian Thayer, PhD, Alyssa Gamaldo-Roddy, PhD, Jason Flatt PhD

## Additional Sessions and Events

- Opening Reception at the Halifax Citadel
- 3 Concurrent Oral Sessions
- 3 Poster Sessions
- Speed Mentor/Mentee Session
- Trainee Social
- PNIRASia-Pacific and Ibero-America Meeting
- Early Career Researchers Social
- Afternoon Harbor Cruise Social (optional)
- Award Ceremony & Business Meeting
- Closing Banquet