

Research Seminars Calendar

Week of February 2, 2026

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRI Seminars (Tuesdays @ noon) JCCC Seminars (Thursdays @ noon) MBI Seminars (Thursdays @ 4:00) UCLA CTSI Distinguished Speaker Series (Wednesdays @ noon) Other Seminars/Symposia (Varies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiovascular Theme (Mondays @ 11:00) I3T Theme Seminars (Tuesdays @ noon) Health Equity Theme (Fridays @ 12:30) Metabolism Theme Seminars (Varies) Journal Clubs (Varies) Grand Rounds (Varies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSCRC Seminars (Thursdays @ noon) Human Genetics Speaker Series (Varies) Vascular Biology Seminar Series (Varies) UCLA CDI Seminar Series (Varies) Frontiers in Computational Biosciences & Frontier in Computational Medicine (Varies)
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Monday, February 2	11:00 am – Noon, 73-105 CHS	<p>Cardiovascular Seminar Genetics and Molecular Insight into Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Disease Philip Tsao, PhD Professor, Medicine - Cardiovascular Medicine, Stanford University, School of Medicine Contact – Lisa Betters – cri@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Frontiers in Computational Biosciences Seminar Series Leveraging Multi-Ancestry Biobanks to understand Shared and Ancestry-Specific Factors Driving Disease Risk Melissa Gymrek, PhD Associate Professor, Medicine, University of California, San Diego Zoom information – https://ucla.zoom.us/j/94685649286#success Contact – Caroline Baron – qcboffice@lifesci.ucla.edu</p> <p>Integrative Center on Addictions (ICA) Seminar Series TBD Giordano De Guglielmo, PhD Assistant Professor, Psychiatry, University of California, San Diego Contact – Regina Corralez – RCorralez@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
	Noon – 1:00 pm, 159 Boyer, and Zoom	
	Noon – 1:00 pm, 1357 Gonda	
Tuesday, February 3	Noon – 1:00 pm, 23-105 CHS	<p>UCLA Immunity, Inflammation, Infection, and Transplantation Theme Emerging Threats and Countermeasures Melody Li, PhD (Moderator) Associate Professor, Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics, Panel</p> <p>Hector Aguilar-Carreno, PhD Professor, Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics</p> <p>Vaithi Arumugaswami, PhD Associate Professor, Molecular & Medical Pharmacology</p> <p>Otto Yang, MD Professor, Medicine; Microbiology, Immunology, & Molecular Genetics – & –</p> <p>Karin Nielsen, MD, PhD Professor, Pediatrics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA</p> <p>Contact – I3T@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Website – https://medschool.ucla.edu/immunology</p>

Tuesday, February 3	Noon – 1:00 pm, 132 NRB	<p>BRI / Joint Seminars in Neuroscience Series</p> <p>Novel Approaches to Tackling Migraine From the Bench to the Community</p> <p>Sinifunanya Nwaobi, MD, PhD</p> <p>Clinical Instructor, Neurology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Contact – BRI@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://bri.ucla.edu/joint-seminars-in-neuroscience/</p>
Wednesday, February 4	7:00 – 8:00 am, Zoom	<p>Grand Rounds/ Surgery</p> <p>Pipes, Pathogens, and Patients: The Environment's Hidden Role in Hospital Infections</p> <p>Daniel Uslan, MD, MS, MBA</p> <p>Professor, Medicine; and Chief, Infection Prevention Office, David Geffen School of Medicine Zoom Meeting ID – 955 8203 6773; Passcode – 123456 Contact – Valentin Ybiernas – VYbiernas@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
	9:00 – 10:00 am, Zoom	<p>Global Immunotalks</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Li-Fan Lu, PhD</p> <p>Professor, Molecular Biology, University of California, San Diego Zoom – https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/91053505061 Website - https://www.globalimmunotalks.org/schedule</p>
	9:00 – 10:00 am, 132 NRB, and Zoom	<p>Grand Rounds/ Neurology</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Andrew Charles, MD</p> <p>Professor, Neurology; Director, Goldberg Migraine Program, and Meyer & Renee Luskin Chair in Migraine and Headache Studies, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/94059665246; Passcode – 123456 Contact – Oscar Arellano – Oarellano@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
	9:00 – 10:00 am, 13-105 CHS	<p>Frontiers in Computational Medicine Seminar Series</p> <p>Breaking Open the Microbial Black-Box to Improve Our Understanding of Biogeochemical Cycling</p> <p>Naomi Levine, PhD</p> <p>Gabilan Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences, Quantitative and Computational Biology and Earth Sciences; and Vice-Chair, Marine & Environmental Biology, USC Contact – Yunbei Pan – yunbeipan@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
	12:30 – 1:30 pm, Zoom	<p>Grand Rounds/ Renal</p> <p>Genetics in Transplant Clinic</p> <p>Gabriel Danovitch, MD</p> <p>Professor Emeritus, Nephrology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Contact and Zoom Information – Julie Yabu – jyabu@mednet.ucla.edu</p>

Wednesday, February 4	4:30 – 6:00 pm, Zoom	<p>Grand Rounds/ Ophthalmology TBD Joseph Demer, MD, PhD Professor, Ophthalmology and Neurology - Pediatrics Ophthalmology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/94319971957?pwd=OMcEk0JQyScLVttBDsyXY3ubTaw3vz.1 Passcode – 008840 Contact – jseicme@jsei.ucla.edu</p>
Thursday, February 5	<p>11:00 am – Noon, NRB 132, and Zoom</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 134 Cohen Rm, Engineering VI</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 1357 Gonda</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, Zoom</p>	<p>Brain Mapping Center (BMC) Seminar Series <i>Identifying the Cognitive and Neurobiological Mechanisms Underlying Emotional Memory in Health and Disease</i> Stephanie Leal, PhD Assistant Professor, Integrative Biology & Physiology, UCLA; and Adjunct Assistant Professor, and Director, Neuroscience of Memory, Mood, & Aging Laboratory, Rice University Contact – Shantanu Joshi – sjoshi@mednet.ucla.edu Zoom Registration – https://uclahs.zoom.us/meeting/register/pR7xu0hJQSmE5EiCPo88Uw#/registration</p> <p>UCLA Bioengineering Seminar <i>In Vivo Engineering of Disease Antigen-Specific T Cells for CAR T Cell Therapy and Autoimmune Disease Prevention</i> Ida Su, PhD Assistant Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, UCLA Samueli School of Engineering Contact – Emilia Rodriguez-Vera – emilia@seas.ucla.edu Website – https://www.bioeng.ucla.edu/events/</p> <p>Integrative Center for Neurobehavioral Genetics (ICNG Seminar Series) <i>Multi-Omic Integration of iPSC Brain Cell Types to Investigate H1/H2 Haplotype</i> Timothy Chang, MD, PhD Assistant Professor, Neurology; Director, Amyloid Immunotherapy Care Center, California Alzheimer's Disease Center; and Augustus S. Rose Chair, Neurology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Contact – cngt32@mednetnet.ucla.edu</p> <p>UCLA JCCC/ Research Seminar Series <i>Targeting Oncogene Addiction in Glioblastoma: Barriers, Adaptation and Therapeutic Opportunity</i> David Nathanson, PhD Professor, Molecular and Medical Pharmacology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Registration Required – https://uclahs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B55K1CAzSOOfizfa-hqZmg#/registration Contact – jcccevents@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://www.uclahealth.org/cancer/news-events/events-calendar</p>

Thursday, February 5	Noon – 1:00 pm, Semel Auditorium, and Zoom	<p>UCLA Center for Cannabis and Cannabinoids/ Grand Rounds</p> <p><i>Sex-Dependent Effects of Smoked Cannabis: A Focus on Frequency of Use as a Marker of Tolerance</i></p> <p>Stephanie Lake, PhD Research Associate, Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom – Webinar Registration - Zoom Contact – jseicme@jsei.ucla.edu</p>
Friday, February 6	8:00am – 5:00pm, Covel Commons	<p>UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center 22nd Annual Stem Cell Symposium</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Tom Rando, MD, PhD – David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA <i>Cellular Reprogramming in Human Disease</i></p> <p>Deepak Srivastava, MD – University of California, San Francisco <i>Listening to the Niche: How Neural Stem Cells Turn On, Tune In, and Drop Out</i></p> <p>Aileen Anderson, PhD – University of California, Irvine <i>Engineering Microphysiological Systems to Model Human Cardiac Disorders</i></p> <p>Megan McCain, PhD – University of Southern California <i>Instructions Included: Assembling Human Neural Circuits to Study Disease and Develop Therapeutics</i></p> <p>Sergiu Pasca, MD – Stanford University <i>Generation of Therapeutic T Cells from iPS Cells</i></p> <p>Shin Kaneko, MD, PhD – Kyoto University <i>The Next Frontier of Surgical Neuro-Oncology: Cells, Vaccines, and Viruses</i></p> <p>Linda Liau, MD, PhD, MBA – David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA <i>Hypoimmune Cell Therapy From Mice to Men</i></p> <p>Sonja Schrepfer, MD, PhD – Cedars-Sinai Medical Center – and – <i>Engineering the Future of Cell Therapy: Strategies for Optimized, Safe, and Universal Off-The-Shelf Stem Cell Products</i></p> <p>Andras Nagy, MD, PhD – University of Toronto Register - 22nd Annual Stem Cell Symposium UCLA BSCRC Contact – BSCRC@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
	8:00 – 9:00 am, Zoom Noon – 1:00 pm, RBP Auditorium, UCLA Stein Eye Institute, and Zoom	<p>Grand Rounds/ Pediatrics</p> <p><i>Genetic Determinants of Pubertal Timing</i></p> <p>Yee-Ming Chan, Boston Children's Assistant Clinical Professor, Family Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/95221286936 Contact – Jacquelyn Voet – jvoet@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>JSEI Distinguished Lecture</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Goldis Malek, PhD Professor, Ophthalmology, Duke University School of Medicine Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/98999940670?pwd=fv8QAOa80dGIK8glxl1xTsdZUQv0DI.1 Password – 111225 Contact – jseicme@jsei.ucla.edu</p>

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Week of February 9, 2026

Monday, February 9	11:00 am – Noon, 73-105 CHS	<p>Cardiovascular Seminar</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Javid Moslehi, MD Professor, Medicine; and Chief, Cardio-Oncology and Immunology, University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine Contact – Lisa Betters – cri@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
	Noon – 1:00 pm, 159 Boyer, and Zoom	<p>Frontiers in Computational Biosciences Seminar Series</p> <p>Embedding Strategies for Understanding Genes, Pathways, and Phenotypes</p> <p>Victoria Yao, PhD Assistant Professor, Computer Science, Rice University Zoom information – https://ucla.zoom.us/j/94685649286#success Contact – Caroline Baron – gcboffice@lifesci.ucla.edu</p>
	Noon – 1:00 pm, 1357 Gonda	<p>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center (IDDRC) Seminar Series</p> <p>Thalamic NRXN-Mediated Input to Cortical Preogenitors Drives Upper Layer Neurogenesis</p> <p>Claudia Nguyen Graduate Student, Biological Chemistry (A. Bhaduri's Lab), David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Contact – Preethi Puthanveetil – PPuthanveetil@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
	Noon – 1:00 pm, A-660 Factor, Adrienne Moseley Auditorium	<p>Grand Rounds/ Infectious Diseases</p> <p>From Africa to the Americas: The Fight to End River Blindness</p> <p>Richard Frank, Jr., MD, FAAP, FASTMH Former Director, River Blindness, Lymphatic Filariasis, Schistosomiasis, and Malaria Programs, The Carter Center Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/96144151905 Passcode – 152973 Contact – Claire Echeverri - cecheverri@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
Tuesday, February 10	Noon – 1:00 pm, 23-105 CHS	<p>UCLA Immunity, Inflammation, Infection, and Transplantation Theme</p> <p>Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy for Disseminated Coccidioidomycosis</p> <p>Gregory Whitehill, PhD Postdoctoral Fellow, Molecular Biology (M. Butte's Lab), UCLA College of Letters & Sciences – and – Identifying and Characterizing Small Molecules that Selectively Target Senescent Macrophages</p> <p>Itzel Avila, PhD Postdoctoral Fellow, Molecular, Cellular & Integrative Physiology (A. Covarrubias' Lab), UCLA College of Letters & Sciences Contact – I3T@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://medschool.ucla.edu/immunology</p>

<p>Tuesday, February 10</p>	<p>Noon – 1:00 pm, Zoom</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 13-105 CHS</p>	<p>DGIT/ Research Events</p> <p>AWS Health Omics at UCLA: Enabling Scalable Genomic and Health Data Analysis</p> <p>Andrew Crabb</p> <p>Senior Solutions Architect, Academic Medical Centers at AWS</p> <p>Zoom – https://uclahs.fyi/researchtechtalks</p> <p>Contact – Cindy Rivas – cerivas@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Website – https://it.uclahealth.org/events/the-data-rescue-project-protecting-public-access-to</p> <p>UCLA Metabolism Theme/ Special Seminar</p> <p>The Art of Getting the Best Out of a Team</p> <p>Maestro Jaime Martin</p> <p>Music Director, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra</p> <p>Contact – Luciano Trevisan Moraes – ltrevisanMoraes@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 11</p>	<p>7:00 – 8:00 am, Zoom</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 am, 132 NRB, and Zoom</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 am, Zoom</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, Zoom</p>	<p>Grand Rounds/ Surgery</p> <p>Update in Fluorescent Image Guided Surgery</p> <p>Raul Rosenthal, MD, FACS, FASMBS</p> <p>Professor, Surgery; and Chief, General Surgery, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA</p> <p>Zoom Meeting ID – 955 8203 6773; Passcode – 123456</p> <p>Contact – Valentin Ybiernas – VYbiernas@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Grand Rounds/ Neurology</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Tony Wyss-Coray, PhD</p> <p>Professor, Neurology & Neurological Sciences; and Director, Initiative for Brain Resilience, Stanford University School of Medicine</p> <p>Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/94059665246</p> <p>Passcode – 123456</p> <p>Contact – Oscar Arellano – Oarellano@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Global Immunotalks</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Justin Eyquem, PhD</p> <p>Professor, Medicine – Hematology & Oncology, University of California, San Francisco</p> <p>Zoom – https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/91053505061</p> <p>Website - https://www.globalimmunotalks.org/schedule</p> <p>DGIT Amazon Web Services</p> <p>Information Technology Resources Available for Researchers</p> <p>Clifford Kravit</p> <p>Research Informatics Program Manager, DGIT</p> <p>Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/94192850576#success</p> <p>Contact – Cindy Rivas – cerivas@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Website – https://it.uclahealth.org/events/ask-about-dgits-amazon-web-services</p>

<p>Wednesday, February 11</p>	<p>Noon – 1:00 pm, Zoom</p> <p>4:30 – 6:00 pm, Zoom</p>	<p>UCLA TMS Neuromodulation Seminar Series <i>Deep Brain Stimulation for Treatment-Resistant Depression</i> Patricio Riva Posse, MD Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, Emory University, School of Medicine Zoom – Meeting ID: 941 9285 0576 Contact – Carolyn Neal – csneal@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Grand Rounds/ Ophthalmology <i>Corneal Toxicities of Targeted Cancer Therapies: Recognition, Mechanisms and Management</i> Ali Mahdavi Fard, MD Health Sciences Clinical Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology - Cornea and Uveitis, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/94319971957?pwd=OMcEk0JQyScLVttBDsyXY3ubTaw3vz.1 Passcode – 008840 Contact – jseicme@jsei.ucla.edu</p>
<p>Thursday, February 12</p>	<p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 134 Cohen Rm, Engineering VI</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, RRMC Tamkin Auditorium, and Zoom</p>	<p>UCLA Bioengineering Seminar <i>Uncovering the Complexity of Cellular Responses in Space with Deep Learning</i> Na Sun, PhD Principal Investigator, Bioinformatics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Contact – Emilia Rodriguez-Vera – emilia@seas.ucla.edu Website – https://www.bioeng.ucla.edu/events/</p> <p>Grand Rounds/ Medicine TBD Crystal Brown, MD, MA Assistant Professor and Instructor, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine; and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Bioethics and Humanities, University of Washington School of Medicine Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/92158575964?pwd=UVhoV3FjTjcrUTcxUGxQUnY2TFRpdz09 Password – MEDICINEGR Contact – DoMGrandRounds@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://www.uclahealth.org/departments/medicine/education-training/grand-rounds-schedule</p>
<p>Friday, February 13</p>	<p>8:00 – 9:00 am, Zoom</p>	<p>Grand Rounds/ Pathology & Laboratory Medicine/ Clinical Seminar Series <i>The Role of Pathologic Response in Lung Cancer: Assessment and Clinical Implications</i> Sanja Dacic, MD, PhD Professor, Pathology; Vice Chair and Director, Anatomic Pathology; and Director, Thoracic Pathology, Yale University School of Medicine Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/95477627069?pwd=dMuGdqzi9QD8qYtBemWkaolpxHHJN.1 Contact – pathologywebsite@mednet.ucla.edu</p>

Friday, February 13	Noon – 5:00 pm, RPB Auditorium, UCLA Stein Eye Institute, and Zoom	<p>Ophthalmology/ Southern California Neuro-Ophthalmology Society Annual Meeting</p> <p><i>Genetic Testing and Management in Inherited Optic Neuropathies</i></p> <p>Michael Gilhooley, MD (Case Presentations)</p> <p>Assistant Professor in Residence, Ophthalmology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA – and –</p> <p>Almira G. Ross, MD, PhD (Keynote Lecturer)</p> <p>Assistant Professor in Residence, Ophthalmology, University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine</p> <p>Zoom –</p> <p><u>https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/9899940670?pwd=fv8QAOa80dGIK8glxI1xTsdZUQv0Dl.1</u></p> <p>Password – 111225</p> <p>Contact – <u>jseicme@jsei.ucla.edu</u></p>
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