

Research Seminars Calendar Week of April 6, 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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<p>Monday, April 6</p>	<p>11:00 am – Noon, Zoom</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 159 Boyer</p> <p>2:00 – 3:00 pm, 1357 Gonda</p>	<p>Cardiovascular Seminar <i>Calcific Aortic Valve Disease: Novel Mechanisms and Druggable Targets</i> Cindy St. Hilaire, PhD Associate Professor, Medicine - Cardiology, Vascular Medicine Institute, University of Pittsburgh Contact – Lisa Betters – cri@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://medschool.ucla.edu/research/themed-areas/cardiovascular-research/seminars</p> <p>Frontiers in Computational Biosciences <i>Spatial Technologies for Deconvolving Disease Phenotypes</i> Sanja Vickovic, PhD Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering; and Director, Technology Innovation, New York Genome Center, Columbia University Contact – Caroline Baron – qcboffice@lifesci.ucla.edu</p> <p>Integrative Center on Addictions (ICA) Seminar Series <i>Dynamic Resilience: How Stress Phenotype Shapes Opioid-Taking, Brain Activity and Gene Expression</i> Julie Blendy, PhD Professor and Vice Chair, Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapeutics; and Chair, Pharmacology Graduate Group, University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine Contact – Regina Corralez – RCorralez@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 7</p>	<p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 132 NRB</p>	<p>BRI/ Joint Seminars in Neuroscience Series <i>Midlife Autonomic Reconfiguration and Its Potential Role in Alzheimer’s Disease</i> Mara Mather, PhD Professor, Gerontology, Psychology, and Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California Contact – BRI@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://bri.ucla.edu/joint-seminars-in-neuroscience/</p>

<p>Tuesday, April 7</p>	<p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 23-105 CHS</p>	<p>UCLA IIIT/ New Series – Inside Edge – Interactive Discussions About Current Issues <i>Next-Generation Immunotherapies: From Discovery to Clinical Impact</i> Gay Crooks, MD Professor, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine and Pediatrics Cristina Puig Saus, PhD Assistant Professor, Microbiology, Immunology, & Molecular Genetics and Surgical Oncology Lili Yang, PhD Professor, Microbiology, Immunology, & Molecular Genetics and Bioengineering - and - Yvonne Chen, PhD Professor, Microbiology, Immunology, & Molecular Genetics; and Co-Director, Tumor Immunology & Immunotherapy, UCLA Health Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Contact – I3T@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://medschool.ucla.edu/immunology</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 8</p>	<p>7:00 – 8:00 am, Zoom</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 am, Zoom</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, Zoom</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 pm, Zoom</p>	<p>Grand Rounds/ Anesthesiology and Surgery (Combined) <i>Perioperative Risk Stratification of Patients at Risk of Uncontrolled Post-Surgical Pain</i> Siamak Rahman, MD Clinical Professor, Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine; & Director, UCLA Acute Pain Service, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom Meeting ID – 955 8203 6773; Passcode – 123456 Contact – Valentin Ybiernas – VYbiernas@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Global Immunotalks TBD Nimesh Gupta, PhD Chief, Vaccine Immunology Lab, BRIC-National Institute of Immunology Zoom – https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/91053505061</p> <p>DGIT/ Research Event AWS Office Hours Clifford Kravit Research Informatics Program Manager, DGIT Zoom – https://uclahs.fyi/dgit-aws Contact – DGIT Research IT – dgitresearchit@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS) Seminar Series <i>Novel Results and Directions in the Neuroscience of Human Drug Addiction: Focus on Prefrontal Cortex, Naturalistic Measures and Treatment</i> Rita Z. Goldstein, PhD Professor, Neuroimaging & Addiction, Psychiatry & Neuroscience, Friedman Brain Institute; and Chief Neuropsychology of Addiction and Related Conditions Research Program, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Zoom – https://bit.ly/Goldstein-MRS Contact – Joseph O’Neill – joneill@mednet.ucla.edu</p>

<p>Wednesday, April 8</p>	<p>4:00 – 5:00 pm, CNSI</p>	<p>Center for Reproductive Science, Health and Education (CRSHE) Distinguished Speaker Series <i>Oncofertility: Bench to Bedside to Babies</i> Teresa Woodruff, PhD Professor, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Reproductive Biology & Biomedical Engineering; Founder, Oncofertility Consortium; President Emerita and MSU Research Foundation Professor, Michigan State University Register – https://eventsrsvp.ucla.edu/CRSHE_TeresaWoodruff/logon.aspx?NoID=Y Contact – crshe@ucla.edu</p>
<p>Thursday, April 9</p>	<p>Noon – 1:00 pm, Zoom</p> <p>4:00 – 5:00 pm, 159 Boyer Hall</p>	<p>UCLA JCCC/ Research Seminar Series <i>Delineating the Subclonal Evolution of Prostate Cancer Using Single-Cell 3D Epigenomics</i> Chongyuan Luo, PhD Assistant Professor, Human Genetics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom Registration – https://uclahs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B55KICAzSOOfizfa-hqZmg#/registration Contact – jcccevents@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://events.healthsciences.ucla.edu/david-geffen-school-of-medicine/homepage?f%5B0%5D=target_audience%3A1431</p> <p>MBI Seminar Series TBD John F. Brooks, PhD Associate Professor, Molecular Biology, Princeton University Contact – mbiasst@lifesci.ucla.edu Website – https://www.mbi.ucla.edu/seminars</p>
<p>Friday, April 10</p>	<p>8:00 – 9:00 am, Zoom</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, Doheny Eye Institute</p>	<p>Grand Rounds/ Pediatrics Topic – <i>Inborn Errors of Metabolism/Urea Cycle Disorders</i> Derek Wong, MD Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor, Pediatrics - Clinical Genetics, 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 TBD Vladimir Kefalov, PhD Professor, Ophthalmology, Physiology & Biophysics University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine Website – https://www.uclahealth.org/departments/eye/research/sei-seminar-series Contact – cassandragarcia@mednet.ucla.edu</p>

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Week of April 13, 2026

<p>Monday, April 13</p>	<p>11:00 am – Noon, Zoom</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 159 Boyer</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, Gonda 1357</p>	<p>Cardiovascular Seminar <i>TBD</i> Carlos Fernandez-Hernando, PhD Associate Professor, Comparative Medicine and Pathology; and Director, Vascular Biology and Therapeutics, Yale University School of Medicine Contact – Lisa Betters – cri@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://medschool.ucla.edu/research/themed-areas/cardiovascular-research/seminars</p> <p>Frontiers in Computational Biosciences <i>From Algorithms to Bedside: Harnessing AI and Informatics in Biomedical & Clinical Endeavors</i> Cui Tao, PhD Professor, Biomedical Informatics; and Chair, Artificial Intelligence and Informatics, Mayo Clinic Contact – Caroline Baron – qcboffice@lifesci.ucla.edu</p> <p>UCLA Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center (IDDRC) Seminar Series <i>Investigating the Roles of Microproteins and Chromatin Regulators in Vertebrate Neurodevelopment</i> Valerie A. Tornini, PhD Assistant Professor, Integrative Biology and Physiology, and Institute for Society and Genetics, UCLA College of Life Sciences Contact – Puthanveetil, Preethi – pputhanveetil@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 14</p>	<p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 132 NRB</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, 23-105 CHS</p>	<p>BRI/ Joint Seminars in Neuroscience Series <i>Enhancing Agency To Promote Adaptive Decision Making After Chronic Stress</i> Denisse Paredes, PhD Postdoctoral Fellow, Psychology (Wassum Lab), David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Contact – BRI@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://bri.ucla.edu/joint-seminars-in-neuroscience/</p> <p>UCLA Immunity, Inflammation, Infection, and Transplantation Theme <i>Intrauterine Infection: Adverse Maternal and Fetal Effects</i> Suhas G. Kallapur, MD Professor and Chief, Pediatrics - Neonatology & Developmental Biology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Contact – I3T@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://medschool.ucla.edu/immunology</p>

<p>Tuesday, April 14</p>	<p>Noon – 1:00 pm, B8-225 Semel, and Zoom</p> <p>Noon – 1:00 pm, Zoom</p>	<p>UCLA DGSom/ Health Equity & Translational Social Science (HETSS) Research Theme and Rangell Social Medicine Grand Rounds Series TBD Steve Cole, PhD Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine, and Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA Registration – https://uclahs.zoom.us/meeting/register/4eR0Q0fRT428Mx856vcSpg Contact – Ethel Roxas – eroxas@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>DGIT/ Research Seminar Modern Methods Development with Protocols.io Mericka McCabe Associate Scientific Engagement Manager, Protocols.io Zoom – https://uclahs.fyi/researchtechtalks Contact – DGIT Research IT – dgitresearchit@mednet.ucla.edu</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 15</p>	<p>7:00 – 8:00 am, Zoom</p> <p>7:00 – 8:00 am, Zoom</p> <p>7:00 – 8:00 am, Zoom</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 am, Zoom</p>	<p>Grand Rounds/ Women in Surgery Transitions in A Surgical Career: A Sense of Place and Purpose Barbara L Bass, MD Professor, Surgery & Dean, George Washington School of Medicine; and Vice President, Health Affairs, Washington DC Zoom Meeting ID – 955 8203 6773; Passcode – 123456 Contact – Valentin Ybiernas – VYbiernas@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Grand Rounds/ OBGYN Imaging of Endometriosis Haatal Dave Macer, MD Associate Clinical Professor, Radiological Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/98753338924?pwd=8cvKczzL4qvVx3BmoxsaBXM7Pjt9Jb.1 Contact – Giselle Garcia – OBGYNMedEd@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Grand Rounds/ Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine Alternative Hemostatic Agents in Cardiac Surgery Kyle Ford, MD Assistant Clinical Professor, Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine, Keck School of Medicine at University of Southern California Zoom - https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/99095097109?pwd=dzhVdjhKUC92K1dyMGxOZ1hVYlpDQT09 Contact – Sally Alvarez-deCordova – adecordova@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Global Immunotalks TBD Anna Obenauf, PhD Senior Group Leader, Cancer Biology, Immunology, and Biotechnology, Research Institute of Molecular Pathology, Vienna Zoom – https://ucsd.zoom.us/j/91053505061</p>

<p>Wednesday, April 15</p>	<p>9:00 – 10:00 am, Zoom</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 am, 13-105 CHS</p> <p>12:30 – 1:30 pm, Zoom</p> <p>4:30 – 6:00 pm, Zoom</p>	<p>Grand Rounds/ Neurology <i>Laromestrocel: A Stem Cell Therapy for Alzheimer's Disease?</i> Brian Rash, PhD Vice President, Research and Discovery, Longeveron, Inc. Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/94059665246 Passcode – 123456 Contact – Oscar Arellano – Oarellano@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://bri.ucla.edu/events/neurology-grand-rounds-ngr-brian-rash-ph-d/</p> <p>Frontiers in Computation Medicine Seminar Series <i>Mapping Susceptibility to Complex Disease with Genome-Wide Association Studies</i> Tiffany Amariuta, PhD Assistant Professor, Medicine - Biomedical Informatics, University of California, San Diego Host – Wenxuan Li – wqli1028@g.ucla.edu Website – https://mailchi.mp/ucla.edu/cm-seminar-series-winter-6430765</p> <p>Grand Rounds/ Renal <i>Depression in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease</i> Jose Rayas, MD Fellow, Medicine, Nephrology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Contact & Zoom Information – Dr. Julie Yabu – jyabu@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>Grand Rounds/ Ophthalmology - Joseph Caprioli Glaucoma Lecture <i>The (Mis)behavior of the Nerve Head and a Hysteresis Exegesis</i> Harry Quigley, MD Professor, Ophthalmology - Glaucoma, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/94319971957?pwd=OMcEk0JQyScLVttBDsyXY3ubTaw3vz.1 Meeting ID – 943 1997 1957; Password – 008840 Contact – jseicme@jsei.ucla.edu</p>
<p>Thursday, April 16</p>	<p>Noon – 1:00 pm, CHS 23-105</p>	<p>UCLA JCCC/ Trainee Work in Progress Seminar <i>Self-supervised Learning in Medical Imaging: Pretext Matters in Cancer Classification</i> Vedrana Ivezic PhD Student, Medical Informatics (W. Speier's Lab), David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA - and - <i>Molecular Correlates of Treatment Response in Advanced Papillary Renal Cell Carcinoma from the PAPMET Trial</i> Selina Wu PhD Candidate, Medical Informatics (P. Spellman's Lab), David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom Registration – https://uclahs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B55KICAzSOOfizfa-hqZmg#/registration Contact – jcccevents@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://events.healthsciences.ucla.edu/david-geffen-school-of-medicine/homepage?f%5B0%5D=target_audience%3A1431</p>

<p>Thursday, April 16</p>	<p>12:15 – 1:15 pm, 1-441 MRL</p> <p>4:00 – 5:00 pm, 159 Boyer Hall</p> <p>5:00 – 6:00 pm, 23-105 CHS</p>	<p>UCLA Comprehensive Liver Research Center – ULTRA Lecture Series <i>Investigating the Role of Senescent Macrophages in Aging: Implications for Metabolic Disease, Healthspan, and Longevity</i> Anthony J. Covarrubias, PhD Assistant Professor, Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA RSVP Required– https://uclahs.zoom.us/meeting/register/1iZLIC8YT7eOLgf0GaiJqw Contact – Trisha James – trishajames@mednet.ucla.edu</p> <p>MBI Seminar Series TBD Lena Pernas, PhD Associate Professor, Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA - and - Sebastian Kreimendahl, PhD Postdoctoral Researcher, Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Contact – mbiasst@lifesci.ucla.edu Website – https://www.mbi.ucla.edu/seminars</p> <p>DGSOM and JCCC/ Faculty Development Lecture Series <i>Mentorship in Action: Building the Future of Research</i> William Lowry, PhD Professor, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology; and Director, Cancer Education Training, and Mentorship, UCLA College of Letters & Sciences Sanaz Memarzadeh, MD, PhD Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Molecular & Medical Pharmacology; and Director G.O. Discovery Lab, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA - and - Pamina M. Gorbach, MHS, DrPH Professor, Epidemiology & Infectious Diseases, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health; and Co-Director, Global HIV, Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services Registration Required - https://uclahs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3C9scYFNAT9fLWm Contact – Cindy Cordova – ccordova@mednet.ucla.edu Website – https://medschool.ucla.edu/faculty-and-staff/academic-affairs/events-and-lectures</p>
<p>Friday, April 17</p>	<p>8:00 – 9:00 am, Zoom</p>	<p>Grand Rounds/ Pediatrics Topic – Integrative Medicine in Pediatrics Sara Ptasnik, MD Senior Physician, Center for East-West Medicine; and Integrative Health Physician, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Integrative Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Zoom – https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/95221286936 Contact – Jacquelyn Voet – jvoet@mednet.ucla.edu</p>

Friday, April 17	Noon – 1:00 pm, JSEI RPB Auditorium	JSEI Distinguished Lecture <i>TBD</i> Yi-Rong Peng, PhD Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology, David Geffen School of Medicine Website – https://www.uclahealth.org/departments/eye/research/sei-seminar-series Contact – cassandragarcia@mednet.ucla.edu
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