



2025-26 Series Speakers



August 20, 2025

Nimesh Patel, O.D., Ph.D.

Associate Professor
University of Houston
College of Optometry

Hosted by Crawford Downs, Ph.D.

Research Interest: visual neuroscience in the NHP glaucoma model



September 17, 2025

Joseph Brzezinski, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus
Department of Ophthalmology

Hosted by Maria Grant, M.D.

Research Interest: eye development



October 29, 2025

Frank Schaeffel, Ph.D.

Senior Professor
Head of the Section of Neurobiology of the Eye
Institute for Ophthalmic Research, Centre for Ophthalmology
University of Tübingen, Germany

Hosted by Rafael Grytz, Ph.D.

Research Interest: myopia

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January 8, 2026

January 9, 2026 Grand Rounds

J. Sebag, M.D., FACS, FRCOphth, FARVO

Senior Research Scientist

Doheny Eye Institute

Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology

Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

Hosted by Gianfranco Bianco, Ph.D.

Research Interest: vitreous humor



February 18, 2026

Greg Field, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

University of California Los Angeles

Department of Ophthalmology

Hosted by Paul Gamlin, Ph.D.

Research Interest: understanding how the retina encodes visual inputs into electrical signals that are transmitted to the rest of the brain



April 15, 2026

Aparna Lakkaraju, Ph.D.

Professor

University of California San Francisco

Department of Ophthalmology

Hosted by Tylor Lewis, Ph.D.

Research Interest: RPE biology and AMD pathophysiology