

# Loris and David Rich Lecture Series in Vision Science

## 2025 – 2026 Series



**August 20, 2025**

*The Neuroretinal Rim In Experimental Glaucoma*

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

Associate Professor  
University of Houston  
College of Optometry

Hosted by Crawford Downs, Ph.D.



**September 17, 2025**

*Building the retina: gene regulatory and cell fate choice mechanisms*

**Joseph Brzezinski, Ph.D.**

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

Hosted by Maria Grant, M.D.



**October 29, 2025**

*Functional changes in the myopic retina: defocus, color and chromatic aberration*

**Frank Schaeffel, Ph.D.**

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

Hosted by Rafael Grytz, Ph.D.



**January 8, 2026**

*Vitreous – in Health & Disease*

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

Founding Director, VMR Institute  
Senior Research Scientist  
Doheny Eye Institute  
Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology  
Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

Hosted by Gianfranco Bianco, Ph.D.



**February 18, 2026**

*Retinal Computation and Projections*

**Greg D. Field, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor in Residence  
Department of Ophthalmology  
David Geffen School of Medicine  
University of California, Los Angeles

Hosted by Paul Gamlin, Ph.D.



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