


Jules Stein Eye Institute Highlights



JULY 1

24 TO 25
JUNE 30



Letter From the Chair

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with you highlights from our 2024–25 fiscal year, which encapsulates the remarkable work of our clinicians and vision-scientists to preserve sight and restore vision.


The work we do today at the Institute and worldwide is made possible by two individuals of incredible foresight: **Dr. Bradley Straatsma** and **Dr. Jules Stein**. Together these visionaries saw an opportunity to transform UCLA into a global leader in eye care, research, and education through their creation of the Jules Stein Eye Institute, which has grown to become a vision-science campus at UCLA.

Building on this legacy, the **UCLA Department of Ophthalmology** marked many noteworthy events, including:

- ▶ **Dr. Srinivas Sadda** serving as president of the 2025 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) annual meeting. Our leadership at ARVO will continue, with **Dr. Sophie Deng** as 2026 ARVO president and **Dr. Joseph Demer** as 2026 ARVO vice president.
- ▶ **The opening of the new Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena**, bringing state-of-the-art clinical care to the Doheny Eye Institute campus—continuing our commitment to excellence.
- ▶ **The 10th anniversary of the UCLA Stein Eye Surgery Center**, marking a decade of providing essential ophthalmic services at the Jules Stein Eye Institute vision-science campus.
- ▶ **Welcoming eight new faculty members**, bringing specialized expertise in clinical practice and vision science.
- ▶ **Department vision scientists securing 60 R01 and other major competitive vision-science research grants**, totaling \$14,378,000 in support of cutting-edge investigations.

As we reflect on these milestones, we renew our commitment to eliminating preventable blindness. The unwavering dedication of our community to advancing research and education underscores our shared vision of improving global eye health. Through innovation, collaboration, and a continued pursuit of knowledge, we are working toward a future where the gift of sight is accessible to all.

Sincerely,



Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD
Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology
Chair, UCLA Department of Ophthalmology
Director, Jules Stein Eye Institute
Affiliation Chair, Doheny Eye Institute

Patient Care

Excellence is Our First Priority

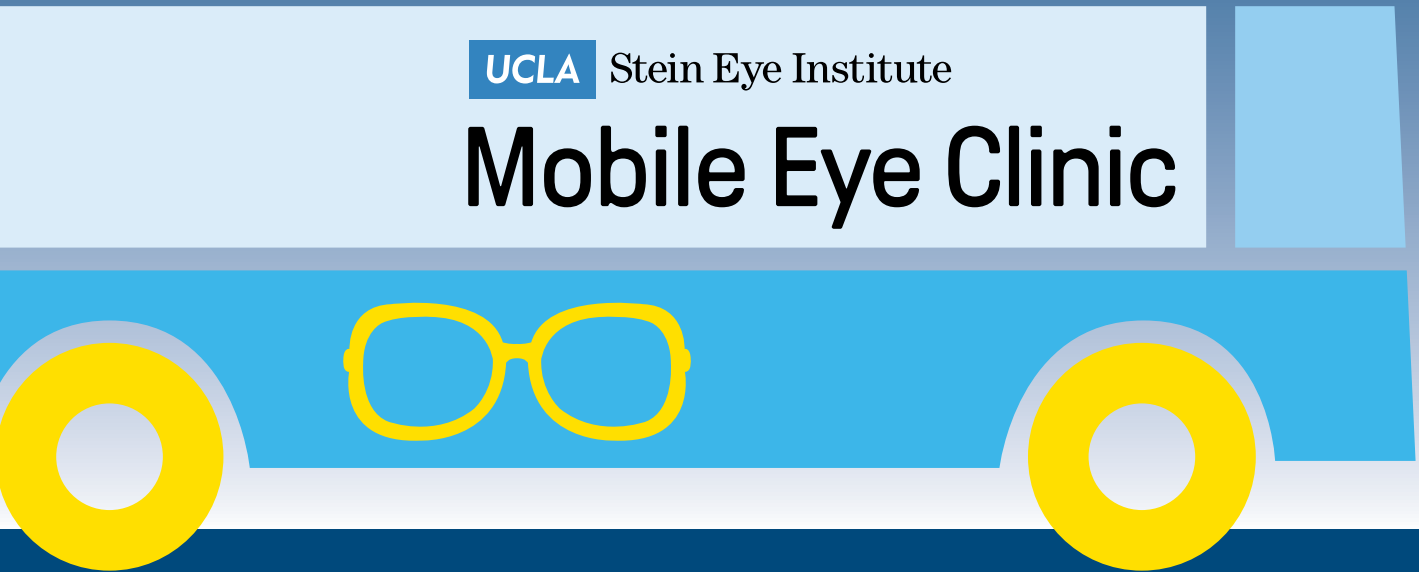
	2023–24	2024–25
FACULTY CONSULTATION SERVICE		
Patient visits	178,782	196,666
INPATIENT CONSULTATION SERVICE		
Patient evaluations	1,432	920
CLINICAL LABORATORIES		
Procedures	118,565	130,961
SURGERY SERVICES		
Number of procedures (includes lasers)	26,849	26,982
Intravitreal Injections	16,837	19,378
UCLA MOBILE EYE CLINIC		
Number of patients	5,716	5,745
Ocular abnormalities	15%	18%
Number of trips	366	372



FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic has provided free, high-quality eye care and prescription glasses to medically under-resourced communities throughout Los Angeles County—helping thousands preserve their vision and quality of life.

UCLA Stein Eye Institute

Mobile Eye Clinic



Making a difference in our community

JULY 1, 2024–JUNE 30, 2025

NUMBER OF PATIENTS
SCREENED/EXAMINED

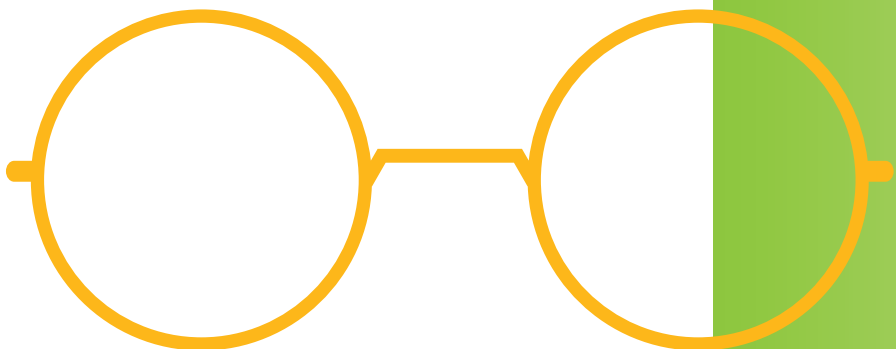
5,745

ADULTS
(Community Centers or
Homeless Outreach
Centers)
1,003

PRESCHOOLS
3,362

**ELEMENTARY/
HIGH SCHOOLS**
1,238

HEALTH FAIRS
142



WE HAVE SERVED OVER

400,000
PATIENTS

SINCE THE PROGRAM WAS
ESTABLISHED IN 1975.



2,400

NUMBER OF HOURS PROVIDING VISION CARE
TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES
IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

NUMBER OF SITES VISITED

- Community Centers **28**
- Homeless Outreach Centers **5**
- Health Fairs **6**
- Elementary Schools **15**
- High Schools **10**
- Preschools **155**

TOTAL 219

1,785

PAIRS OF EYEGLASSES DISTRIBUTED



ADULTS
(Community Centers or
Homeless Outreach Centers)
1,102



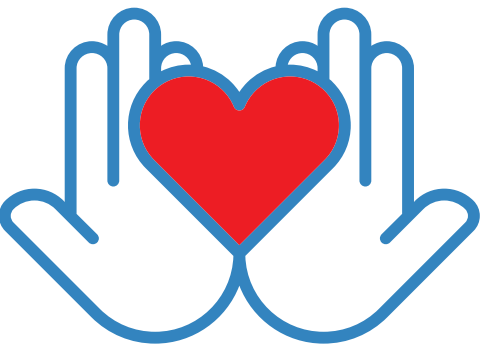
PRESCHOOLS
325



**ELEMENTARY/
HIGH SCHOOLS**
331



HEALTH FAIRS
27



Ophthalmologists, residents,
medical students, and
undergraduate students
contributed

877

VOLUNTEER HOURS

BENCH-TO-BEDSIDE harmony of clinical studies being investigated in collaboration with laboratory-based research has driven the Institute’s research mission since our inception, creating a spectrum of discovery in specialties across ophthalmology.

CLINICAL RESEARCH
ACTIVE FUNDING
Administered by **UCLA**

39 TOTAL NUMBER OF
CLINICAL RESEARCH
AWARDS

\$7,903,415 **AWARD TOTAL**

VISION-SCIENCE RESEARCH
ACTIVE FUNDING
Administered by
DOHENY EYE INSTITUTE

19 TOTAL NUMBER OF
VISION-SCIENCE RESEARCH
GRANTS

\$2,447,900 **NIH/NEI**

\$499,419 **OTHER TOTAL**

\$2,947,319 **GRANT TOTAL**

VISION-SCIENCE RESEARCH
ACTIVE FUNDING
Administered by
JULES STEIN EYE INSTITUTE

41 TOTAL NUMBER OF
VISION-SCIENCE RESEARCH
GRANTS

\$6,703,971 **NIH/NEI**

\$4,726,710 **OTHER TOTAL**

\$11,430,681 **GRANT TOTAL**

Research

JULY 1, 2024–JUNE 30, 2025



17 Clinical Trials Recruiting

14 Clinical Trials NOT Recruiting



31 CLINICAL TRIALS

71 CLINICAL STUDIES

260
PUBLICATIONS



Philanthropy



For more than 50 years, the Jules Stein Eye Institute has been unwavering in its commitment to find innovative ways to prevent blindness and preserve vision. Equally dedicated to our mission are our donors, who have generously provided philanthropic support that has paved the way for breakthroughs in research, clinical care, physician education, and community outreach. Our shared purpose has led to milestones that have transformed the way we diagnose and treat eye diseases—and we are only just beginning. As we continue to pursue excellence, your philanthropy is a source of inspiration and hope.

Receiving an endowed chair is one of the highest honors a faculty member can achieve. It reflects UCLA’s deep respect for their leadership and provides crucial financial support. These positions help attract and retain top talent, ensuring the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology remains a leader in its field.

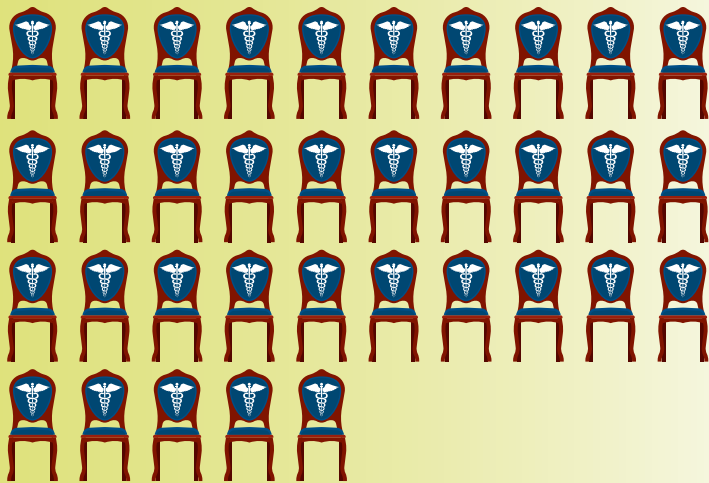
Number of Endowed Chairs
SUPPORTING
Doheny Eye Institute Faculty

7

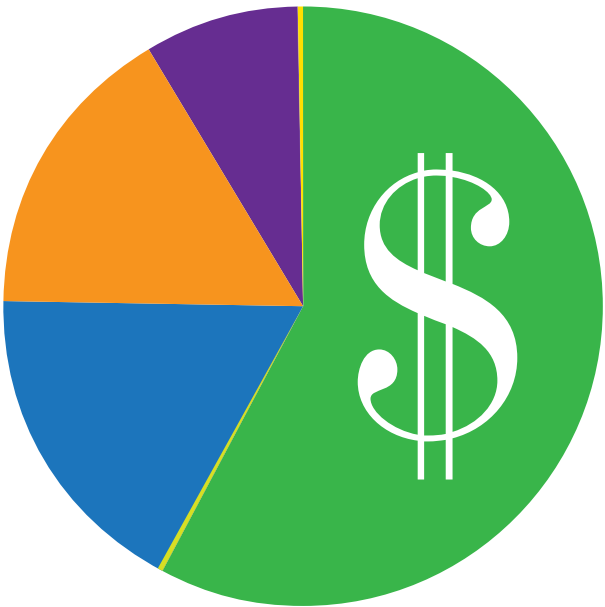


Number of Endowed Chairs
SUPPORTING
Jules Stein Eye Institute Faculty

35



JULY 1, 2024–JUNE 30, 2025



Giving Amounts by Record Type
Primary Donors—No Grants

Pledge	\$4,275,000
Planned Gift/Bequest	\$615,535
Gift	\$1,300,879
Pledge Payment	\$1,200,500
Recurring Payment	\$1,550
Matching Gift	\$1,050

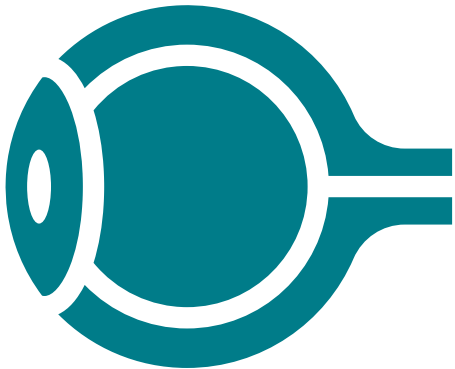


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NUMBER OF JULES STEIN EYE INSTITUTE
FELLOWSHIP FUNDS AND ENDOWMENTS

61

NUMBER OF JULES STEIN EYE INSTITUTE
ENDOWMENTS FOR:
RESEARCH,
EDUCATION
AND
PATIENT CARE





With Deep Appreciation

As we look back on the past year at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, we are deeply thankful for your partnership. Your support has helped advance eye research, enhance patient care, train future specialists, and connect with our community. You have played a vital role in our mission to protect and preserve vision.

Thank you.

Donations July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025

Major Gifts \$25,000 and Above:

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Individuals Recognized with a Tribute Gift

IN HONOR OF:

Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD
Aya Barzelay-Wollman, MD, PhD
Bartly J. Mondino, MD
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IN MEMORY OF:

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Inspiring Excellence

Celebrating Emerging Talent in Vision Science

The 2024 Visiting Medical Student Scholarship in Ophthalmology was awarded to **Chioma Amuzie**. Chioma came to UCLA for three weeks in fall 2024 to complete her rotation in ophthalmology as part of the Visiting Student Learning Opportunity. During her time at UCLA, Chioma—a fourth-year medical student at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami—explored how to best serve people whose access to ophthalmic services is limited.

The Vision Science Undergraduate 2024 Summer Research Program hosted four exceptional undergraduate students at Jules Stein Eye Institute research laboratories. **Brianna Burns**, a junior at the University of Alabama, joined **Dr. Anthony J. Aldave's** laboratory. **Kiara Abhayaratne**, a junior at University of California, Berkeley, elected to conduct investigations in **Dr. Greg D. Field's** laboratory. **Dragui Salazar**, a junior at Utah Valley University, worked with **Dr. Sophie Deng's** team, and **Baani Sabharwal**, a junior at the University of California, Berkeley, conducted research in **Dr. Roxana Radu's** laboratory. The students' research was presented at the end of the program during the UCLA Sponsored Projects for Undergraduate Research Showcase.



2024 Summer Research students l to r: Brianna Burns (Aldave Lab), Kiara Abhayaratne (Field Lab), Dragui Salazar (Deng Lab), and Baani Sabharwal (Radu Lab).

Dr. Clémence Bonnet Awarded JAM Fellowship

Clémence Bonnet, MD, PhD, health sciences assistant clinical professor, was the recipient of a one-year “JAM” fellowship from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. The JAM fellowship was specifically developed for faculty at the assistant professor level who demonstrate potential for careers in academic medicine and health leadership.

The JAM Fellowship provides comprehensive mentoring training, including extensive coaching, networking, and mentoring opportunities, with the goal of advancing the professional development and retention of faculty in academic medicine. Previous Department of Ophthalmology recipients of the JAM fellowship are **Drs. Simon Fung** and **Edmund Tsui**.



Organized Research Unit

As a UCLA Organized Research Unit (ORU), the Jules Stein Eye Institute undergoes a formal review every five years. Reviewers commended the Institute's successful recruitment of faculty in emerging and innovative fields, noting these strategic appointments strengthen its capacity to integrate basic science discoveries with clinical application.

They cited the Institute's renovated facilities and advanced core resources as key assets that promote collaboration across UCLA and identified the Clinical Research Center as a vital platform for NIH and industry-sponsored clinical trials. The UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic continues to expand the Institute's community impact throughout Los Angeles.

Importantly, the ORU provides essential funding that supports the Institute's education, research, and community outreach—ensuring its continued growth and impact.

Awards and Honors

Grants

Vision Scientists Receive Major Grant Funding

Creating new knowledge is foundational to our quest to protect vision and end blindness, and large grants help propel that journey. Researchers from the Jules Stein Eye Institute and the Doheny Eye Institute are proud recipients of National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Eye Institute (NEI) Research Project Grants, known as R01 grants, and other major competitive grants that support innovative research. Congratulations to these grant recipients:

Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD, Arthur L. Rosenbaum, MD, Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology, received a five-year NEI R01 grant of \$3,353,271 for his project, “Biomechanical Analysis in Strabismus Surgery,” which has been continuously funded for 38 years.

Yi-Rong Peng, PhD, assistant professor of ophthalmology and neurobiology, secured two prestigious research grants this academic year. The first is a five-year NEI R01 grant of \$1,986,646, which will fund her project to elucidate control of neuronal position and connection in the retina.

Dr. Peng also received a one-year competitive seed grant of \$80,000 from the Brain Research Foundation, which will fund her project to generate comprehensive measurements of the membrane proteins that construct the retinal circuit and those that change during retinal degeneration. The total amount of these two awards is \$2,066,646.

Alapakkam P. Sampath, PhD, Grace and Walter Lantz Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology, received a four-year, NIH R01 grant of \$2,257,565 for his project, “Physiology of Retinal Degeneration.”

Dr. Sampath also received a four-year, multi-principal investigator R01 grant of \$513,136 with Kirill Martemyanov, PhD, from the Scripps Institute, University of Florida, to uncover the molecular mechanisms allowing photoreceptors to organize their synaptic contacts with downstream retinal neurons. The total amount of these two awards is \$2,770,701.

Yuhua Zhang, PhD, professor of ophthalmology, is among a multidisciplinary group of scientists to receive a three-year award providing \$4.7 million in annual funding from the NIH Common Fund Venture Program Oculomics Initiative.

Faculty Honors



Congratulations to **Drs. Anne L. Coleman, Michael S. Ip, Srinivas R. Sadda**, and **Alfredo A. Sadun** of UCLA’s Department of Ophthalmology for being recognized among the *Los Angeles Business Journal’s* Top Doctors of 2025. This honor reflects their exceptional contributions to vision science and patient care. Their dedication advances the field of ophthalmology and positively impacts the Los Angeles community.

Anthony J. Aldave, MD, Bartly J. Mondino, MD, Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology, the principal investigator of a gene therapy program for congenital hereditary endothelial dystrophy (CHED), was granted both Orphan Drug Designation and Rare Pediatric Disease Designation status by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), firsts for an investigator in the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology.

Steven A. Barnes, PhD, professor of ophthalmology and neurobiology, received a Glaucoma Research Foundation Shaffer Research Grant that provides \$55,000 in seed money for collaborative glaucoma projects that target one or more of the Foundation’s strategic research goals.

Aya Barzelay Wollman, MD, PhD, health sciences clinical instructor, was awarded a prestigious ARPA-H (Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health) grant as the UCLA principal investigator for Project VISION, which aims to make whole eye transplantation a clinical reality and has the potential to revolutionize vision restoration.

Joseph Caprioli, MD, David May II Chair in Ophthalmology, presented the keynote lecture, “Evolving Toolkit for a Glaucoma Surgeon,” at the Curso Inaugural LXVIII Curso de Formación y Perfeccionamiento de Oftalmólogos on May 22, 2025, in Santiago, Chile.

Dr. Caprioli also gave the Steven Podos Lecture, “Retinal Ganglion Cell Recovery in Glaucoma,” at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, on June 5, 2025, in New York.

Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology, chair and executive medical director, Department of Ophthalmology, director, Jules Stein Eye Institute, and affiliation chair, Doheny Eye Institute, presented the Mansour Armaly Lecture “Has Risk Profiling Improved?” on March 21, 2025, at the University of Iowa Glaucoma Clinical Conference in Iowa City, Iowa.

Dr. Coleman also gave the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Chair’s Lecture, “Neovascular Glaucoma,” on April 10, 2025, at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida.

Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD, Arthur L. Rosenbaum, MD, Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology, was the keynote speaker during the Brazilian Society of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Brazilian Strabismus Center Symposium at the University of São Paulo, Brazil, December 3–7, 2024.

Dr. Demer also presented the inaugural Gary L. Rogers and Don L. Bremer Lectureship in Ophthalmology, “Treating Strabismus Caused by Pathology of the Orbital Pulley System,” on April 10, 2025, at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Deborah A. Ferrington, PhD, The Stephen J. Ryan–Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation Endowed Presidential Chair, was named Nonprofit Executive of the Year at the 2025 Los Angeles Business Journal Nonprofit and Corporate Citizenship Awards.

Dr. Ferrington, chief scientific officer at Doheny Eye Institute, was also appointed president of the Research Directors Council, part of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology, for a one-year term, effective April 2025.

Brian A. Francis, MD, MS, The Rupert and Gertrude I. Steiger Vision Research Chair, and **John A. Irvine, MD**, health sciences clinical professor, were selected by unanimous vote of the DEC-UCLA faculty as Doheny Eye Center UCLA Co-Medical Directors, effective January 2, 2025.

Kaustabh Ghosh, PhD, associate professor of ophthalmology, was appointed as the holder of the Mary D. Allen Endowed Chair in Vision Research, previously held by **Deming Sun, MD**, now professor emeritus.

Michael James Gilhooley, MB, PhD, FRCOphth, received the Thomas and Susan Carlow Young Investigator Award from the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society. He was the 2025 recipient of the year for his work, “Features and surgical management of acquired esotropia associated with high myopia.”

Michael D. Ip, MD, Gavin S. Herbert Endowed Chair for Macular Degeneration, was honored with membership in the American Ophthalmological Society (AOS), one of the most exclusive and prestigious societies in the field of ophthalmology.

Faculty Honors

Michael Kapamajian, MD, was named chief of ophthalmology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Colin A. McCannel, MD, was named chief of the Retina Division of the Jules Stein Eye Institute. In addition, Dr. McCannel has been appointed as the Ahmanson Chair in Ophthalmology.

Kevin M. Miller, MD, Kolokotronis Chair in Ophthalmology, was chosen as vice president/president-elect of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery for 2025–26.

Bartly J. Mondino, MD, distinguished professor of ophthalmology, was awarded the S. Rodman Irvine Prize at the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Annual Seminar on May 30, 2025.

Kouros Nouri-Mahdavi, MD, MSc, Kay K. Pick Endowed Chair in Glaucoma Research, presented the Kapetansky-Al-lergan lecture at the 46th annual meet-ing of the Midwest Glaucoma Society on November 9, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Pradeep S. Prasad, MD, MBA, health sciences associate clinical professor of ophthalmology, was inducted into the Retina Society on September 14, 2024, in Lisbon, Portugal.

Peter A. Quiros, MD, health sciences clinical professor of ophthalmology, was named assistant division chief of the Neuro-Ophthalmology Division, effective July 1, 2024.

SriniVas R. Sadda, MD, professor of ophthalmology, was named A. Ray Irvine, Jr., MD, Endowed Chair in Clinical Oph-thalmology, effective August 7, 2024.

Dr. Sadda also delivered the John H. Dunnington Lecture, “AI in Clinical Prac-tice: Opportunities and Challenges,” at Columbia University on March 6, 2025, in New York.

Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD, Flora L. Thornton Endowed Chair in Vision Research, presented the Daniel M. Jacob-son Memorial Lecture, “From Castro to Quantum Mechanics: A Tunnel of Love” on March 19, 2025, at the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society (NANOS) annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

David Sarraf, MD, health sciences clinical professor of ophthalmology, presented the Robert Machemer Lecture “PED and RPE Tears: How Can We Reduce Risk?” on March 26, 2025, in Snowmass, Colorado.

Dr. Sarraf also delivered the Neil Della Memorial Lecture “PAMM Detection Can Prevent Blindness and Death” at the Australian and New Zealand Society of Retinal Specialists on June 14, 2025, in Melbourne, Australia.

And Dr. Sarraf gave the keynote lecture, “Type 4 MNV: A New Addition to the Clas-sification of Neovascular AMD” on June 29, 2025, at Maculart in Paris, France.

Gabriel H. Travis, MD, Charles Ken-neth Feldman Chair in Ophthalmology, received the Endre A. Balazs Prize on October 21 at the 2024 Biennial Meet-ing of the International Society for Eye Research (ISER) in Buenos Aires, Argen-tina, and he delivered the plenary lecture, “Photoc mechanisms of visual pigment regeneration in vertebrates.”

Victoria L. Tseng, MD, PhD, Jerome and Joan Snyder Chair in Ophthalmology, was appointed to the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Council.

Edmund Tsui, MD, MS, assistant profes-sor of ophthalmology, was selected for the American Academy of Ophthalmol-ogy Leadership Development Program Class of 2026.

Federico G. Velez, MD, Leonard Apt Endowed Chair in Pediatric Ophthal-mology, was the Pediatric Ophthalmol-ogy and Strabismus Network (POSN) Keynote Lecturer in Strabismus at the POSN meeting in Bengaluru, India, on September 21, 2024.

Dr. Velez presented the Emilio Campos Inaugural Lecture on September 28, 2024, during the Italian Association of Strabismus meeting in Udine, Italy.

Dr. Velez gave the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabis-mus (AAPOS) 10th Kushner Lecture on Duane syndrome on February 8, 2025 (virtually).

At the AAPOS March 5–9, 2025, annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, Dr. Velez was a Senior Honor Award recipient.

Dr. Velez was also the recipient of the Jules Stein Eye Institute’s annual Golden Eye Award, which is an honor bestowed on the surgeon by the operating room staff for being helpful, kind, and patient.

David S. Williams, PhD, Karl Kirchgess-ner Foundation Chair in Vision Science, received the Spring 2025 Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB) International Collaborators Award in support of his proposal, “Establishing better models for studying retinal degeneration and developing therapies for Usher syndrome type 1B.”

Joel Zylberberg, PhD, associate profes-sor of ophthalmology, was appointed as a Fellow of Learning in Machines and Brains at the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR).

Celebrating the Legacy of the Jules Stein Eye Institute

On June 25, 2025, the UCLA Jules Stein Eye Institute hosted a special screening of *Jules Stein Eye Institute: A Celebration of Our Founders*, an original documen-tary honoring **Jules Stein, MD**, a former ophthalmologist turned powerful entertainment executive and founder of MCA, and **Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD**, the founding chair of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology and the Institute’s founding director.

The documentary captures Dr. Straatsma’s personal stories, preserving the rich oral history of the Institute. **Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD**, chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, director of the Jules Stein Eye Institute, and affiliation chair of Doheny Eye Institute, explained that the film is a meaningful tribute that captures the spirit and legacy of the Institute through the voice of one of its most influential figures.

The event also paid tribute to **Lew Wasserman**, a philanthropist and former president of MCA, who was instrumental in supporting the growth of the Institute. His grandson, **Casey Wasserman**, continues to carry forward that legacy alongside the Institute’s Board of Trustees.

The Jules Stein Eye Institute was born from a powerful partnership between Dr. Jules Stein (left) and Dr. Bradley Straatsma (right). United by purpose, they transformed a bold idea into a world-renowned vision-science campus at UCLA.

UCLA Ophthalmology Shines at ARVO 2025

The Doheny and Jules Stein Eye Insti-tutes had a major presence at the Associ-ation for Research in Vision and Ophthal-mology (ARVO) annual meeting, held May 4–8, 2025, in Salt Lake City. With nearly 11,000 attendees from 74 countries, this year’s event was especially notable as UCLA’s **Dr. SriniVas Sadda** served as



ARVO president, deliv-ered the opening key-note, and shaped the conference theme: “i3: Imagining Innova-tion and Intelligence in Vision Science.”

UCLA faculty and trainees contributed across the educational program, and over 1,500 attendees visited the shared Stein/ Doheny Expo booth to learn about the Department’s latest research.

The annual Doheny–UCLA Breakfast Forum focused on “Oculomics,” exploring how retinal imaging can help detect sys-temic disease early. Esteemed speakers included **Drs. Amani Fawzi, Yali Jia**, and **Jianhua Wang**. **Drs. Deborah Ferrington, Yuhua Zhang**, and **Giulia Corradetti** led the session.

More than 150 Doheny and Jules Stein Eye Institute alumni, faculty, and friends attended the ARVO Alumni Reception on May 5, with notable guests from leading institutions.

The tradition of UCLA leadership con-tinues at ARVO next year, with **Dr. Sophie X. Deng** serving as 2026 ARVO Presi-dent and **Dr. Joseph L. Demer** as 2026 ARVO Vice President.

2024 American Academy of Ophthalmology Meeting

Congratulations to our faculty who were honored at the October 2024 American Academy of Ophthalmology annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois. **Drs. Federico G. Velez** and **Stacy L. Pineles** received Senior Achievement Awards, **Dr. Simon K. Law** was a Secretariat Awardee, and **Dr. Robert Alan Goldberg** was the Wendell L. Hughes Lecturer.

UCLA Department of Ophthalmology faculty presented over 100 educational events over the four-day meeting.

AUPO 2025

Members of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology were active participants at the 2025 Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology (AUPO) annual meeting held January 29 to February 1 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The event brought together academic leaders in ophthalmology to discuss key challenges and innovations in the field.

Topics included future training pathways in subspecialties such as neuro-ophthalmology, pediatric ophthalmology, and uveitis; the shift between virtual and in-person residency interviews; and leadership development in academic medicine. UCLA faculty contributed valuable insights through presentations that helped shape ongoing conversations in academic ophthalmology.



Celebrants at the ribbon cutting included (l to r): Angel Padilla, Dr. Alfredo Sadun, Dr. Bartly Mondino, Dr. Anne Coleman, Marissa Goldberg, Dr. Vikas Chopra, Dr. Anthony Aldave, and Patrick Goldsworthy.

Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena: Welcome to Our New Home!

On March 4, 2025, Doheny Eye Institute celebrated a major milestone with the ribbon-cutting of the new clinic in Pasadena. Now located on the first floor of 150 N. Orange Grove Blvd., the Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena brings together operations previously spread across multiple suites at Huntington Pavilion. Situated on the scenic Doheny Eye Institute campus, the modern, centralized facility is designed to elevate patient care, encourage collaboration, and usher in a new chapter in the long-standing partnership between Doheny and UCLA’s Jules Stein Eye Institute in advancing excellence in ophthalmology.

UCLA Stein Eye Surgery Center Shines Bright: 10 Years of Excellence

Since opening in 2015, the UCLA Stein Eye Surgery Center at the Edie & Lew Wasserman Building has performed nearly 80,000 procedures, becoming a cornerstone of ophthalmic care at the Jules Stein Eye Institute. With state-of-the-art technology and subspecialty trained surgeons, the Center has increased its surgical volume by 45% in a decade, reflecting rising demand and patient trust. Beyond the numbers, its greatest impact lies in lives transformed through expert, compassionate care. As it enters its second decade, the Center remains dedicated to advancing safe, efficient, and patient-centered surgery. Thank you for 10 years of partnership and progress.

Bridging Genetics and Ophthalmology: A Milestone for Dr. Emile Vieta

Congratulations to **Emile Vieta, MD**, on completing the competitive two-year board certification program in medical genetics through the UCLA Inter-campus Medical Genetics Training Program. This demanding program requires in-depth expertise in genetics, internal medicine, and pediatrics. Dr. Vieta earned high praise for his clinical performance and is now among a select group of physicians board certified in both medical genetics and ophthalmology. His dual specialization positions him to significantly advance the diagnosis and treatment of inherited eye disorders, strengthening the Jules Stein Eye Institute’s commitment to providing expert, personalized care for patients with genetic vision conditions.



Dr. Bronwyn Bateman (left), who gave a \$10 million gift to establish the UCLA Bronwyn Bateman Center for Ocular Genetics, and Dr. Michael Gorin (right), retinal disorders and ophthalmic genetics faculty, congratulate Dr. Emile Vieta on completing the Medical Genetics Training Program, part of the EyeGenetics Medical Genetics track.



Celebrating a Trailblazer: Dr. Debora Farber

On April 7, 2025, the Jules Stein Eye Institute honored **Debora B. Farber, PhD**, with a symposium celebrating her groundbreaking contributions to vision science and advocacy for women in research. A pioneer in retinal degeneration studies, Dr. Farber joined the Institute in 1976 and became one of its first female faculty members. Her research uncovered key genetic causes of inherited eye diseases, earning her major accolades including the ARVO Proctor Medal and an NIH MERIT Award. Beyond her science, she served in key leadership roles at UCLA and ARVO, leaving a lasting legacy in vision research and mentorship.



In Memoriam: Dr. Joseph Horwitz

Dr. Joseph Horwitz, a pioneering vision scientist and longtime member of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology, passed away on October 23, 2024, at age 88. A UCLA alumnus, he joined the faculty in 1971 and served as associate director of research and founding co-chief of the Vision Science Division. His groundbreaking work on alpha-crystallin significantly advanced understanding of lens proteins and cataract formation. Honored with the Proctor Medal, NIH MERIT Award, and more, he published 174 papers and mentored countless colleagues. Remembered for his brilliance, humor, and generosity, Dr. Horwitz leaves a lasting legacy in science and in the lives he touched.



Celebration of Life for Dr. Allan E. Kreiger

On September 4, 2024, the Jules Stein Eye Institute held a memorial honoring **Dr. Allan “Buzz” Kreiger**, the founding chief of the Retina Division and its first faculty member. Family, friends, alumni, and colleagues gathered to reflect on his remarkable legacy in ophthalmology and his lasting influence as a mentor and friend. Speakers, including **Drs. Anne L. Coleman, Gary N. Holland, Colin A. McCannel, Bartly J. Mondino, Pradeep S. Prasad, and Steven D. Schwartz**, along with video tributes, shared heart-felt memories that evoked both laughter and tears, celebrating the enduring spirit of a beloved leader and pioneer.

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- ▶ Doheny-UCLA International Retina Symposium
- ▶ Embracing and Exploiting Artificial Intelligence for Neuroscience
- ▶ International Master's Symposium on Thyroid Eye Disease
- ▶ International Retinal Imaging Society (IntRIS) and Pacific Retina Club Meeting
- ▶ Jules Stein Eye Institute Distinguished Lecture Series
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- ▶ Ryan Initiative for Macular Research (RIMR) Conference
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55th Jules Stein Lecturer
Joan W. Miller, MD

55th Doheny Memorial Lecturer
Jane C. Edmond, MD

22nd Bradley R. Straatsma Lecturer
M. Roy Wilson, MD, MS

22nd Thomas H. Pettit Lecturer
Reza Dana, MD, MSc, MPH



L to r: Drs. Anthony Arnold, Gary Holland, and Anne Coleman stand with S. Rodman Irvine Prize recipient Dr. Bartly Mondino and his daughters, Kara and Kristen.



L to r: Invited Lecturers Drs. Jane Edmond, M. Roy Wilson, Joan Miller, and Reza Dana.

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IMAGINE a world where the faces of loved ones are blurred or the simple joy of reading is a struggle. For many, this is a daily reality. But with your support, we can continue to change lives through the groundbreaking work at the Jules Stein Eye Institute.

Our mission to preserve and restore sight continues to guide everything we do, from patient care to research, education, and community outreach.

It is only because of your support that we have been rated the #5 Ophthalmology Hospital in the U.S. for more than 30 years. Join us in advancing vision research, providing access to sight-saving patient care, educating tomorrow's leaders in ophthalmology, and delivering critical community outreach.

There are many ways you can donate to the Jules Stein Eye Institute and give the gift of sight, from traditional cash gifts to those that offer various additional tax benefits.

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