

GUEST SPEAKER

HIV



Professor Benhur Lee is a virologist with wide-ranging research interests who is member of the Department of Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics as well as the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine (University of California, Los Angeles.) He joined UCLA in 2001 as an Assistant Professor, was promoted to Associate Professor in 2007, and full Professor in 2011. Dr. Lee obtained his M.D. from Yale University (1995), and did his residency and post-doctoral training at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center (1995-2001). He worked on HIV fusion and entry during his post-doctoral years under Dr. Robert Doms (1997-2001). He is board-certified in Clinical Pathology and is also an attending physician on the Transfusion Medicine Service at the UCLA medical center. Dr. Lee is a member of the UCLA AIDS Institute where is co-director of the Vaccines sub-program.

Dr. Lee is a member of the MD/PhD (MSTP) admissions committee, and serves as the Affinity Group Leader and Graduate Advisor for students interested in Virology and Gene Therapy. He is Vice-Chair (Clinical and Translational efforts) of the training committee overseeing an NIH T32 training program in Virology & Gene Therapy, and is a standing member on the Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee. Dr. Lee believes in multidisciplinary approaches to science and currently has graduate students and post-docs whose primary expertise ranges across fields such as bioinformatics, biophysics, biochemistry, cell biology, and molecular virology. He has a special interest in virus entry and budding mechanisms using HIV and emerging paramyxoviruses (henipaviruses) as model systems. He also has active projects translating insights gained from basic studies into broad-spectrum therapeutics, and has long-standing collaborations with colleagues in medical chemistry. His primary research interests can be found on the UCLA ACCESS web-site. https://www.uclaaccess.ucla.edu/Faculty.aspx?rv_FacultyId=1449