

# SPRING 2026 SEMINARS

BI-WEEKLY, FRIDAY  
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LSOM 309L



BIOCHEMISTRY &  
STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

**JANUARY 16, 2026**

**TOPIC:** “A positive feedback loop represents a potential therapeutic target for pulmonary fibrosis”

**SPEAKER:** Richard Gomer, PhD  
University Distinguished Professor  
Department of Biology  
Texas A & M University

**HOSTED BY:** Bruce Nicholson, PhD

**FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

**TOPIC:** “Mechanism and Regulation of Chromosomal Break Repair”

**SPEAKER:** Grzegorz Ira, PhD  
Professor, Molecular and Human Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine

**HOSTED BY:** Anna Malkova, PhD

**MARCH 27, 2026**

**TOPIC:** “Roles of TET2 in normal and malignant hematopoiesis”

**SPEAKER:** Mingjiang Xu, MD  
Professor, Molecular Medicine  
UT Health San Antonio

**HOSTED BY:** Peng Zhao, PhD

**APRIL 10, 2026**

**TOPIC:** “Using Screening, Structure, and Design to Understand RNA as a Target for Small Molecules”

**SPEAKER:** John (Jay) Schneecloth, PhD  
Senior Investigator  
National Cancer Institute  
Center for Cancer Research

**HOSTED BY:** Reuben Harris, PhD

**MAY 8, 2026**

**TOPIC:** “Molecular basis of transcription elongation and DNA repair”

**SPEAKER:** Dong Wang, PhD  
Professor, Skaggs School of Pharmacy  
University of California San Diego

**HOSTED BY:** Weixing Zhao, PhD

**MAY 22, 2026**

**TOPIC:** “Understanding the construction and function of glycine receptors and their higher-order assemblies”

**SPEAKER:** Weiwei Wang, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Biophysics  
UT Southwestern Medical Center

**HOSTED BY:** Maria Falzone, PhD

All talks are in-person.

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