University of Colorado School of Medicine St. Geme Lecturers

1987 – Larry J. Shapiro, MD
UCLA School of Medicine

1988 – Stuart Kornfield, MD
Washington University School of Medicine

1989 – Jeffrey L. Sklar, MD, PhD
Harvard Medical School

1990 – M. Judah Folkman, MD
Harvard Medical School

1991 – Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

1992 – Michael S. Brown, MD*
University of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine

1993 – Haig Kazazian, MD
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

1994 – Antonio R. Damasio, MD, PhD
University of Iowa School of Medicine

1995 – Robert J. Levkowitz, MD*
Duke University School of Medicine

1996 – John W. Griffin, MD
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

1997 – Michael A. Gimbrone, MD
Harvard Medical School

1998 – Arnold W. Strauss, MD
Washington University School of Medicine

1999 – Charles A. Dinarello, MD
University of Colorado School of Medicine

2000 – Stanley B. Prusiner, MD*
University of California San Francisco School of Medicine

2001 – John Q. Trojanowski, MD, PhD
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

2002 – Richard Lifton, MD
Yale University School of Medicine

2003 – Huda Y. Zoghbi, MD
Professor, Departments of Pediatrics, Neurology, Neuroscience, and Molecular & Human Genetics
Baylor College of Medicine

2004 – Douglas C. Wallace, PhD
Donald Bren Professor of Molecular Medicine
Director, Center for Molecular & Mitochondrial Medicine and Genetics, University of California

2005 – Bernard C. Rossie, MD
Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology
University of Lausanne

2006 – Christopher A. Walsh, MD, PhD
Bullard Professor of Neurology
Harvard Medical School

2007 – Oliver Smithies, PhD*
Excellence Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2008 – Joseph W. St. Geme, III, MD
James B. Duke Professor and Chair of Pediatrics
Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology
Duke University Medical Center

2009 – Thomas R. Cech, PhD*
Distinguished Professor
Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry
University of Colorado at Boulder
Director, Colorado Institute in Molecular Biotechnology

2010 – Maria L. New, MD
Professor of Pediatrics, Genetics and Genomic Services Director, Adrenal Steroid Disorders Program
Mount Sinai School of Medicine

2011 – David H. Rowitch, MD, PhD
Professor of Pediatrics and Neurological Surgery Chief, Division of Neurology
University of California San Francisco

2012 – Irving Weissman, MD
Professor of Department of Pathology and Development Biology
Director, Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine
Stanford University School of Medicine

2013 – Joel Hirschhorn, MD, PhD
Concordia Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Genetics, Harvard Medical School
Director, Center for Basic and Translational Obesity Research, Boston Children's Hospital
Senior Associate Member, Broad Institute

2014 – Deepak Srivastava, MD
Director, Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Biochemistry & Biophysics
University of California San Francisco

2015 – Stuart H. Orkin, MD
David G. Nathan Professor of Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School
Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Chairman, Pediatric Oncology, Dana Farber Cancer Institute

2016 – Arthur L. Horwich, MD
Sterling Professor of Genetics and Pediatrics Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Yale University School of Medicine

2017 – Carol W. Greider, PhD*
Daniel Nathans Professor and Director, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics
John Hopkins University School of Medicine

2018 – Robert M. Calif, MD, MACC
Vice Chancellor for Health Data Science Director, Duke
Forge Donald F. Fortin, MD Professor of Cardiology
Duke University
Advisor, Verly life Sciences

2019 – Jeffrey C. Murray, MD
Professor of Pediatrics – Neonatology
Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology Professor of Biology
Professor of Epidemiology
Deputy Director, Discovery and Translational Sciences,
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
University of Iowa

2020 – Nancy M. Bonini, PhD
Florence R.C. Murray Professor, Department of Biology
Adjunct Professor of Neuroscience & Cell and Developmental Biology, School of Arts & Sciences & the Perman School of Medicine
University of Pennsylvania

2021 – Gabriel G. Haddad, MD
Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and Neuroscience Chair, Department of Pediatrics
Vice Dean, Children’s Academic Programs
University of California San Diego
Physician-in-Chief and Chief Scientific Officer
Rady Children’s Hospital of San Diego

2022 – Michelle Monje, MD, PhD
Professor of Neurology, Stanford University
Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute

* Nobel Laureate

37TH ANNUAL
Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., MD Lectureship at Pediatric Grand Rounds

September 8, 2023
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Children’s Hospital Colorado
Mt. Oxford - Second Floor Conference Center, CHCO

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Presentation of the Joseph W. St. Geme Jr., MD, Medical Student Award

Paige A. Romer, MA, MSIV
Tai M. Lockspeiser, MD, MHPE – Mentor

The Complex and Dynamic History of AfricanGenomes in Health and Disease

Charles Rotimi, PhD
Scientific Director and NIH Distinguished Investigator, Division of Intramural Research
Director, Center for Research on Genomics and Global Health
National Institutes of Health
Dr. Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., MD
Dean of the School of Medicine
University of Colorado
1985 – 1986

Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., MD was appointed to that office on January 1, 1985, and served until his untimely death on Saturday, October 11, 1986, at age 55. Despite the brevity of his tenure, he brought to the School a renewed sense of purpose and direction and a record of accomplishment that will be felt for many years to come.

A forward-looking leader of great energy, enthusiasm, imagination, and determination, for whom obstacles existed to be overcome, Dr. St. Geme successfully recruited eight outstanding departmental chairs during his twenty-one months in office. He also strengthened and expanded the School’s research, educational, and patient care programs to better meet the challenges posed by the revolution in the health sciences and health care delivery.

Dr. St. Geme received both his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees from Stanford University, where he also played football — including in the Rose Bowl in 1952 — and received All Pacific Coast and All-American honorable mentions. He subsequently completed residency training in Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, where he went on to become Associate Professor of Pediatrics before joining the medical faculty of the University of California in Los Angeles in 1966 as Chairman of Pediatrics, Harbor-UCLA Hospital. From 1981-1983 he was President of the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairmen and President of the American Board of Pediatrics. At the time of his death, he was President-elect of the American Pediatric Society.

In honor of Dr. St. Geme, in 1987, the St. Geme family established the St. Geme Lectureship and the Joseph W. St. Geme Memorial Endowment. Each year the Joseph W. St. Geme, Jr., MD, Award for Outstanding Research by a Resident is given by the Department of Pediatrics. Another award will be given at the Lectureship for a deserving fourth-year medical student who has demonstrated outstanding research with a mentor and who is interested in a career in academic pediatrics.

Charles Rotimi, PhD

Dr. Charles Rotimi, a genetic epidemiologist, is an NIH Distinguished investigator and the Scientific Director of the NHGRI intramural research program. He is also the Director of the Trans-NIH Center for Research on Genomics and Global Health.

He is a leader in exploring the implications of the increased genetic diversity in African ancestry populations for disease gene mapping. Rotimi is especially proud of his efforts at globalizing genomics. His engagement of African communities in genomic projects has had transformative impact. Rotimi was the founding president of the now thriving African Society of Human Genetics, and spearheaded formation of the Human Heredity and Health in Africa (H3Africa) Initiative with over 176 million US dollars funding from NIH and Welcome Trust.

Rotimi is a member of three global academies — the US National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the African Academy of Sciences. He is the immediate past president of the American Society of Human Genetics.