

RFUF Speakers Schedule: Spring Semester 2026
UF Straughn Center, Wednesdays, 10:00 am
Preceded by social gathering at 9:30 am

January 7: Judy Skinner, Executive Director for Dance Alive National Ballet,
Title: "KEEP MOVING! Building for the Arts"

January 14: Liangfei Qiu, Price Waterhouse Coopers Professor of [Information Systems & Operations Management](#) (ISOM) and [University Research Foundation Professor](#), Warrington College of Business. Title: "Generative AI and Human Knowledge Sharing"

January 21: Larissa Lidsky, Raymond & Miriam Ehrlich Eminent Scholar Chair in U.S. Constitutional Law at Florida Law. Title: "Censorship and Academic Freedom"

January 28: Diego L. Guarin, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology. Title: "Harnessing AI for Early Detection of Motor Function Changes in the Progression of Parkinson's Disease"

February 4: Sadie Ryan medical geography. Title: "Mapping the Shifting Geography of Mosquito Borne Diseases: Tools, Not Scare Tactics"

February 11: [by Zoom](#) David Morton, History and Media Studies (University of Central Florida). Title: "A Motion Picture Paradise! A History of Florida's Film and Television Industry"

February 18: Rebecca Nagy, Director Emeritus, Harn Museum. Title: "The Contemporary Art Scene in Ghana – Why It's So Hot"

February 25: Patricio Munoz, Associate Professor, Blueberry Breeding and Genomics, and Horticulture Crop Breeding Endowed Chair. Title: "Blueberry Genetics"

March 4: Sally Ann DeNotta. Clinical Associate Professor, Large Animal Clinical Sciences. Title: "The Large Animal Hospital and Horse Treadmill Tour"

March 11: **Field Trip** Jennifer Bridge, University Term Associate Professor, Department of Civil & Coastal Engineering. Tour: Wind Tunnel and Powell Family Structures & Materials Laboratory.

March 18: **Spring break**

March 25: Ted Bridis, Michael and Linda Connelly Senior Lecturer in Investigative Reporting, Department of Journalism. Title: "The Essential Role of Investigative Reporting in a Free Society"

April 1: Francesca Enea, Gator Softball, Assistant Coach. Title: "Legacy in Motion: The Florida Softball Impact"

April 8: Mary Christman. ILR student poster presentations

April 15: Spring Luncheon, The Village. Entertainment: Gainesville Big Band Swingtet.