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## **DR. MARIA DA GRAÇA HENRIQUES VICENTE** **Cancer Cell-Targeted Photosensitizers for Imaging and Therapy**

Dr. Maria da Graça H. Vicente will talk about her research team's work on the synthesis of new organic materials and their development as biological sensitizers to optimize their effectiveness in cancer treatment. She is the Charles H. Barré Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Program Director for the Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) Program at Louisiana State University, where she was honored with a 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).

**Tue, September 24 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Science 140**



## **CODE BLACK** **Documentary Film Screening and Q&A with Eve Adler**

*Code Black* is a thought-provoking documentary that provides unprecedented access to America's busiest Emergency Department. The film, directed by physician Ryan McGarry and winner of the Los Angeles Film Festival's Best Documentary award, follows a team of doctors in "C-Booth," the legendary Los Angeles County Hospital trauma bay that is the birthplace of Emergency Medicine. A Q&A with Eve Adler, Associate Dean of the Health Sciences Department and Director of the Nursing Program at Santa Monica College, follows the screening.

**Thu, October 10 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Stromberg Hall (HSS 165)**



## **ASTRONAUT JOHN "DANNY" OLIVAS** **Finding and Pursuing Your Passions – A Talk with Former NASA Astronaut Dr. Danny Olivas**

Former NASA Astronaut John "Danny" Olivas (STS 117 and STS 128), who helped devise a way to fix the space shuttle for the first time in orbit, will talk about the wonders of space travel, and the importance of exploring one's passions. Olivas is special assistant to the dean of engineering at the University of Texas at El Paso, a forensic engineer, and author of *Endeavour's Long Journey*, which encourages young students to become scientists, engineers, and explorers.

**Thu, October 17 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Science 140**

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