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Dr. Jennifer Lim is the Marion H. Schenk Esq. Chair in Ophthalmology for Research in the Aging Eye at University of Illinois at Chicago, where she is also a UIC Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology, Vice Chair for Diversity & Inclusion and the Director of the Retina Service.

She received her Medical Degree and graduated with the Distinction from Northwestern University and was consistently a member of the Honors Program in Medical Education. She also received Dean's Alpha Omega Alpha Student Research Award and the Julius Conn Memorial Award. Then completed her residency program at University of Illinois at Chicago Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, where she received the Resident Research Award and the Keeshin Prize during the competition for the American College of Surgeons Resident Chicago Chapter. She completed both her medical and surgical retina fellowships at the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital and where she was a Heed Fellow and Heed Knapp Fellow.

In 1992, she joined the faculty of Emory University as an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and was then recruited into the Doheny Eye Institute of USC as an Associate Professor with tenure and then promoted to Professor. 2007 was when she started at UIC.

Her research interests include all phases of clinical trials, translational research and retinal imaging for which she has an R01 NIH grant which she is Co-Principal Investigating on "Differential artery-vein analysis in OCT angiography for objective classification of diabetic retinopathy." She has received numerous research funding from the National Eye Institute, the Macula Society Research Fund, American Cancer Society, and have several industry grants for clinical trials and Investigator Initiated Studies. She has been principal investigator in more than sixty clinical trials and is currently active on several Data and Monitoring Committees.

At present, her leadership positions include President of The Retina Society, Associate Editor for JAMA Ophthalmology, EyeWiki Deputy Editor-in-Chief, IOVS Editorial Board member and AOA UIC Medical School Councilor. She was the former President of several ophthalmic organizations, including Women in Ophthalmology, the Chinese American Ophthalmology Society, and the Chicago Ophthalmological Society. She was also the former Chair of Women in Retina and a former UIC Faculty Senator. She co-founded Women in Retina.

Dr. Lim received the AAO Life Achievement Honor Award, AAO Secretariat Award, ASRS Senior Honor Award, Women in Ophthalmology Suzanne-Veronneau Troutman Award, ARVO Silver and Gold Fellow Awards, the Paul Henkind Memorial Award from Macula Society, Women in Ophthalmology Scientific Contribution Award, Chinese American Ophthalmology Pioneer Award and Service awards, NEOS Taylor Smith Medal, USC teaching awards, ASRS Retina Hall of Fame, UIC Departmental Faculty of the Year Award, Mother McAuley Liberal Arts HS Hall of Honor Award, inaugural UIC Distinguished Sweeney Lecturer, Chicago Super Docs, Best Doctors, & Top Doctors. She has authored over 375 articles, thirty book chapters and several books including "Age-Related Macular Degeneration" which is now in its Third Edition, and "Case Studies in Medical Retina: A Diagnostic Approach."