



## AMERICAN ACADEMY of OPTOMETRY

### The Academy Presents: 2011 Awards

**H**ave you set your compass for Academy 2011 Boston, October 12-15, 2011? It's not too late to register for the annual meeting. Be sure to visit the Academy's website to link through to the registration site.

The greatest leaders and captains of history have used compasses, both literal and metaphoric, to chart their courses to their destinations. It is not a far stretch to imagine the award recipients (listed below) plotting their charts for greater knowledge of the eye, brain and vision, towards improved understanding among the professions to enhance health management, and to bring basic eye care to populations throughout the world.

The 2011 Awards recipients will be recognized at this year's Awards Ceremony, Friday, October 14, 8:00-10:00 AM, in Ballroom B of Boston's Hynes Convention Center. Join us at this ceremony that will not only give you the opportunity to honor these great vision scientists, but will also inspire you to follow in their wake. This year, we have an exceptional group of scholars that were nominated for these awards, making the final decisions very challenging while also reinforcing the importance of optometry's contributions to the art and science of high quality vision care.

#### Charles F. Prentice Medal and Lecture

The Charles F. Prentice Medal is the Academy's top Award and Lecture at the Annual Meeting, and is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge through research in the visual sciences.

The recipient of this year's Prentice Medal is **Dennis Levi, OD, PhD, FAAO,**



Dean, School of Optometry, University of California Berkeley. Dr. Levi is the pre-eminent scholar in the area of the effects of early abnormal visual experience from childhood strabismus and/or anisometropia on visual sensory development. His psychophysical investigations of various basic visual functions have revealed that amblyopia involves many aspects of vision beyond acuity loss.

#### The Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture

The Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture is sponsored by the American Optometric Foundation and recognizes a distinguished scientist or clinician for his or her current research contributions.



**David Atchison, MScOptom, PhD, DSc, FAAO,** Professor, School of Optometry and Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Queensland University of Technology, is the recipient of the 2011

Fry Award for a thirty-year research program whose discoveries provided the essential core literature in myopia, accommodation, ocular aberrations, and ophthalmic optics.



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### Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award

The Borish Award recognizes an outstanding young researcher who has shown exceptional promise to conduct independent optometric research directly related to etiology, prevention, detection, diagnosis or management of clinical eye disorders.



**Jason Nichols, OD, MPH, PhD, FAAO**, Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies, is the recipient of the Borish Award for his outstanding work early in his research career. As described in his nomination letter: "Fifty-three peer-reviewed publications since 2000 (with six more in press and six more submitted) ... indicates a kind of output and drive that is rarely seen. To have an average of over 5 peer-reviewed publications per year while developing an independent research career, new lab, developing his teaching and getting accustomed to mentoring graduate students is extremely impressive."

### AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding International Contributions to Optometry

The International Award recognizes an individual(s) or organization whose direct efforts and contributions have resulted in unquestionable significant and extraordinary advances in optometry and eye care internationally.



This year's International Award will be posthumously awarded to **Tom Little, OD**, who was slain while on an outreach program in Afghanistan. Dr. Little served the Afghani people for over thirty years, providing eye care for the underserved populations. His experience, knowledge and understanding of the cultural needs of people in rural communities enhanced his ability to serve them. Although his presence will be missed by all, his contributions to eye care for the Afghanistan people serves as an inspiration for all of us.

### William Feinbloom Award

The William Feinbloom Award is presented to an individual who, through dis-

covery and innovation, has made a distinguished and significant contribution to the advancement of clinical practice, and thus to the visual enhancement of the public.



This year's Feinbloom awardee is **Glen Steele, OD, FCOVD**, Professor of Optometry and Chief of Pediatric Primary Care, Southern College of Optometry. Dr. Steele's most significant professional triumph has resulted from his involvement in the inception and creation of the InfantSEE program, a no-cost public health program developed to provide professional eye care for infants nationwide.

### Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal

The Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal is awarded to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the enhancement and development of relationships between optometry and other professions.



**David Sullivan, PhD**, Senior Scientist and the Margaret S. Sinon Scholar in Ocular Surface Research at the Schepens Eye Research Institute, is this year's Koch Medal recipient. Dr. Sullivan was the primary founder, and has been President and motivating factor of the 4,000 member Tear Film and Ocular Surface Society. Dr. Sullivan has advocated and championed the role of optometry in dry eye disease and research, and has provided the opportunity for optometrists to participate as equals with all those who work in the tear film and ocular surface community.

### Eminent Service Award

The Eminent Service Award honors those persons who have rendered extraordinary and/or distinguished long-term service to the Academy.



**Thomas L. Lewis, OD, PhD, FAAO**, will be awarded the Eminent Service Award for his illustrious career in the Academy, as an educator, author, leader and visionary. Dr. Lewis' 30 year tenure in the Academy has provided us with a stabilizing, rational and perceptive voice of leadership. Among his many contribu-

tions are being Past-President of the Academy and in 2009, receiving ASCO's first Lifetime Achievement Award for his 30 years of outstanding contributions to ASCO, initially as Dean and President of PCO, and now as President of Salus University.

### Garland W. Clay Award

The Garland Clay Award is presented to the authors of the manuscript published in *Optometry and Vision Science* that has been most widely cited in the world research literature in the preceding five years and has the vote of the *Optometry and Vision Sciences Editorial Board*.



Konrad Pesudovs, PhD, FAAO



Clare Harley, PhD



David B. Elliott, PhD, FAAO



Jennifer M. Burr, MRCOphth, MSc

This year's article is: "The Development, Assessment, and Selection of Questionnaires" Konrad Pesudovs, PhD, FAAO; Jennifer M. Burr, MRCOphth, MSc; Clare Harley, PhD; David B. Elliott, PhD, FAAO *Optometry & Vision Science*. 84(8):663-674, August 2007.

### Michael G. Harris Award for Excellence in Optometric Education

Presented by the American Optometric Foundation, the Harris Award recognizes an optometric educator who has demonstrated ongoing and consistent excellence in education of optometry students and/or advancement of optometric education.



The Harris Award recipient this year is **Michael J. Earley, OD, FAAO**, of the Ohio State University's College of Optometry. In the words of one of his students: "Dr. Earley has to be the smartest person I ever met in my life. He knows everything there is to know about anything." Teaching and educational development are critical to the development of future distinguished scholars in optometry, and the comments from this student verify that Dr. Earley is most deserving of this award.

## Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Awards

These awards will be presented at the Section Awards Ceremony and Max Schapero Lecture, Friday, October 14, 5-6 pm, in Room 311 of the Hynes Convention Center.

### Schapero Memorial Award

The Schapero Award is given to a clinician, researcher, or scholar who has made a significant contribution to the cornea and contact lens field by virtue of his/her publications, lectures or research efforts.

Recipient: **Mark Willcox, BSc(Hons), PhD, FBCLA**



Professor Willcox's main areas of interest include ocular microbiology, ocular immunology, tear film biochemistry and novel antimicrobials and their action. Currently Professor at the School of Optometry, University of New South Wales, Executive Director of Science and Core Capabilities, the Vision CRC Ltd, and Chief Scientific Officer, Institute for Eye Research, he has published over 250 peer-reviewed articles and in 2010 alone published over 30 papers.

### Founders' Award

The Founders' Award is presented to an individual, group, or company who has made an outstanding contribution to the clinical aspect of the art or science of contact lens fitting.



We look forward to seeing you at these Awards Ceremonies to honor these distinguished individuals, acknowledging the countless contributions they have made in advancing our profession.



Brien Holden Vision Institute

Recipient: **Cornea and Contact Lens Research Unit of the Brien Holden Vision Research Institute**

The Cornea and Contact Lens Research Unit (CCLRU) of the Brien Holden Vision Research Institute has had a significant impact on the way we practice contact lens care today; in fact, basic scientists and clinician scientists at the CCLRU were central participants in the establishment of the critical oxygen transmissibility levels for lenses to avoid corneal edema in both daily and extended wear.

## Print Academy 2011 Boston Handouts Before Taking Off!

The Personal Program Planner (PPP) is a tool to help you plan your agenda for Academy 2011 Boston. You can pre-select and print an agenda with dates, times and locations of scheduled lectures, workshops, papers, posters. This tool will help you plan your calendar. The ability to print and/or email your personal agenda to yourself makes this tool one of the best ways to plan your time at Academy 2011 Boston. Please be on the lookout for the link to this fantastic tool on the Academy website.

*Note: Beginning at Academy 2012 Phoenix, the Technology Pavilion will not have printers.*

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# Continuing Education with Examination Credits at Academy 2011 Boston

The below courses will be presented with an option to take an exam, administered by the Southern California College of Optometry. All are welcome to attend the courses without taking the exam, as well. Instructions to request the exams will be available at the meeting.

## Wednesday, October 12

8:00 AM	Neuro-Ophthalmic Manifestations of Stroke	Kelly Malloy, OD, FAAO, Diplomate, Neuro-ophthalmic Disease
10:00 AM	The Medical Work-up of the Red Eye	Thomas Freddo, OD, PhD, FAAO
2:00 PM	Systemic Antibiotic Management of Infection and Ocular Disease	Blair Lonsberry, OD, MS, MEd, FAAO

## Thursday, October 13

8:00 AM	Modern Management of Presbyopic Contact Lens Patients	Thomas Quinn, Jr., OD, MS, FAAO
10:00 AM	Optic Neuropathy Grand Rounds: Differentiating Glaucomatous vs. Non-Glaucomatous Optic Neuropathies	Richard Madonna, OD, MA, FAAO and Patricia Modica, OD, FAAO
1:30 PM	Ophthalmic Therapeutic Update	Tammy Than, MS, OD, FAAO
3:30 PM	Pharmaceutical Update: Everything You Wanted to Know about Drugs, but were Afraid to Ask	Bruce Onofrey, RPH, OD, FAAO

## Friday, October 14

10:00 AM	Anterior Segment Grand Rounds	Paul Ajamian, OD, FAAO
2:00 PM	A Clinical Approach to Neuroanatomy and Neuro-optometry	Larry Richardson, OD, FAAO
4:00 PM	The Differential Diagnosis of Functional vs. Pathological Vision Loss	Sherry Bass, OD, FAAO

## Saturday, October 15

8:00 AM	Rapid Fire Rounds	Ron Melton, OD, FAAO and Randall Thomas, OD, MPH, FAAO
10:00 AM	Applied Pain Management in Primary Eye Care	Mika Moy, OD, FAAO and Christina Wilmer, OD, FAAO
12:30 PM	Quality of Vision and Customized Correction: It's all about Spherical Aberrations and the Pupil	Louis Catania, OD, FAAO
2:30 PM	The Eye in Obesity	Joseph Pizzimenti, OD, FAAO

Please note: CEE exams are offered offsite. Forms to request exams will be available at the Education Desk.

**"Even though I could hardly leave the convention centre because of the great CE, the joy of being in downtown San Francisco cannot be overestimated. I cannot wait to be in the city of Boston in the fall."  
-Barbara Caffery, OD, PhD, FAAO, Board Member**



# Working Together to Present the Latest Discoveries

Each year, the Academy partners with two other organizations to present cutting-edge information in a symposium format: the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) and the Optometric Glaucoma Society (OGS). These are valuable partnerships to Academy attendees, as each symposium brings the top vision scientists in the field to an Academy venue.

The ARVO Joint Symposium is proposed by a Section each year; this year's symposium was jointly sponsored by the Vision Science Section and the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies. The topic covered will be "Presbyopia – Accommodation, Surgical Restoration, and Visual Performance of Multifocal Corrections." The invited speakers are:

- Adrian Glasser, PhD, of the University of Houston, who will present research findings on how the eye undergoes dynamic optical accommodative changes and why the eye develops presbyopia,
- Ian Cox, PhD, of Bausch+Lomb, with a presentation of the advantages and disadvantages of refractive surgery based treatments of presbyopia,
- James Wolffsohn, PhD, FAAO, of Aston University, presenting an evaluation of the performance of multifocal and "accommodating" intraocular lenses,
- Michael Webster, PhD, of the Department of Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno, with a review of how the neural visual system is adapted to

the blur inherent in the retinal image,

- Craig Woods, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO, of the University of Waterloo, whose presentation will cover visual performance of multifocal correction, and
- Pete Kollbaum, OD, PhD, FAAO, of the University of Indiana, with research results on ghosting with bifocal and multifocal corrections.

Be sure to add this symposium to your schedule for Academy 2011 Boston; it takes place Thursday, October 13, 1:30-3:30 PM!

For many years, the Academy/OGS Joint Symposium has held a prominent place on Wednesday morning, launching the Academy meeting's first day in fine style! This year will be no exception.

The first part of the symposium (8:00 – 10:00 AM) will include presentations on contemporary glaucoma with new ideas and approaches to glaucoma presented by three leading glaucoma clinician scientists:

- Jeffrey Liebmann MD, The 2011 OGS Honoree, Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, New York University School of Medicine, Director, Glaucoma Services, Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital and New York University Medical Center
- Andrew Hartwick OD, MSc, PhD, FAAO, OGS Member and Former Ezell Fellow, Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University, College of Optometry and Department of Neuroscience
- Keith Martin, MA, BM, DM,

The 2011 OGS President's Lecture, Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Cambridge, Consultant Ophthalmologist and Clinical Director for Ophthalmology, Addenbrooke's Hospital NHS Trust, Cambridge.

The second half of the symposium will present clinical insights in glaucoma with information especially relevant to practitioners. The presenting scientists are:

- Douglas R. Anderson, MD, FARVO The Douglas R. Anderson Distinguished Chair in Ophthalmology, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami.
- Chris A. Johnson, PhD, FAAO, The 2011 OGS Research Excellence Awardee, Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Director, Visual Field Reading Center, University of Iowa.
- Robert D. Fechtner MD, 2011 OGS Invited Lecturer, Professor, Institute of Ophthalmology and Visual Science, Director, Glaucoma Division, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School.

These two stellar groups of presenters are just one example of the kind of excellent scientific discovery that Academy attendees can find in symposia, paper and poster presentations at this year's meeting. It's science that you can use in your practice today!



## Ocular Photography Contest

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Have you taken a particularly interesting or notable photograph recently? Submit it to the Ocular Photography Contest! For guidelines, visit <http://www.aaopt.org/meetings/academy2011/contest/index.asp>. The deadline is August 31, and submissions are accepted from both optometrists/vision scientists and ophthalmic technicians.

# Clinical Science and Vision Research: Bean Town in the Fall

Michael Twa, OD, PhD, FAAO  
Chair, Scientific Program Committee

This fall, within ear shot of Fenway Park, the American Academy of Optometry will present the latest and best in Optometric Research at the 2011 Annual Meeting, Academy 2011 Boston. This year we are going to invigorate the program with two new elements. First, the poster sessions will be configured in a new format we call the Boston Common. This new layout is designed to encourage meeting and mixing with attendees while exploring the many excellent case reports and scientific studies that your colleagues are presenting this year. Second, we are adding a new element to the scientific paper sessions—topical lectures given by senior Academy members highlighting advances in vision science and offering their vision on how this research will influence your future clinical practice.

As before, CE hours will be available for both scientific poster and paper pre-

sentations. To construct this year's program, the Scientific Program Committee reviewed more than 650 submissions, which was just under what we received last year and the fourth highest in the last 11 years. In total, more than 400 Posters will be presented in a fantastic location, adjacent to the exhibition floor Wednesday through Friday. Paper sessions (more than 100) will be spread throughout the 4 day program. One of our biggest challenges is trying to find places to schedule all of the excellent content without conflicting with other elements of the meeting. This year's challenge was greater than ever with lots of good material to schedule in limited time slots. Expect an exciting meeting and some hard choices.

All of this would not be possible without the dedicated work of the members of the Scientific Program Committee. In case you have ever wondered who they

are, I have taken some time to compile a profile of the current committee. We are 8 members representing 6 different optometric academic institutions, the VA system, and schools of medicine. Together we have more than 100 years of clinical practice, 30 years of NIH funded research, 250 peer-reviewed scientific publications, 400 published scientific abstracts. We have 40 years of combined service to the Scientific Program as well as years of service to other committees in the Academy, including the Lectures & Workshops, Membership, and Awards program. Our expertise ranges from contact lenses to computer science, from pediatrics to geriatrics, and from epidemiology to proteomics. It is a talented group that works hard to bring you the best science that this profession has to offer. I am personally thankful for their contributions to the profession and look forward to seeing you in Boston.

## Scientific Program Committee



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# Chapter News

## California

The California Chapter has many exciting activities going on throughout the year. They will sponsor hotel rooms for SCCO and Western, and registration for Berkeley students at Academy 2001 Boston. The chapter will send out an e-newsletter in the fall for their annual membership drive. They will include a page in the SCCO and Berkeley yearbook about the Chapter. An informational poster will be presented at Academy 2011 Boston encouraging membership for the Chapter.

## Florida

The Florida Chapter will have their 2012 annual meeting at Mission Inn, Howey-In-The-Hills, FL, April 20-21, 2012. Tammy Than, MS, OD, FAAO, will be presenting four hours of CE and Brad Sutton, OD, FAAO, will be presenting six hours of CE/TQ. **For more information, please contact Michael Cady, OD, FAAO (bcady1@cfl.rr.com).**

## Illinois

The Illinois Chapter recently held their semi-annual Rosenbloom Rounds at The Chicago Lighthouse, at which two wonderful presentations by Mary Flynn Roberts, OD, FAAO and Matt Twadarski, OD, were given. In addition to the educational cases, the Chapter also celebrated Al Rosenbloom, MA, OD, FAAO's 90th birthday, for which our Rounds are named.

## New Jersey

The New Jersey Academy of Optometry has been busy this year. They have already sponsored two dinner meetings where two oral credits were presented at each. The first in March was sponsored by SUNY and the second in May was an interesting evening about post surgical care presented by the well known retinal specialist, Mark Friedberg, MD; he is one of the founding editors of the Wills Eye Manual.

In April, NJAO sponsored their Ninth Annual Continuing Education meeting in Myrtle Beach with fifty attendees this year. Drs. Thimons and Bloomenstien presented sixteen hours of COPE approved credits. While golf is available, many of the returning attendees



Dr. Bloomenstien presenting at the Ninth Annual NJAO Continuing Education Conference in Myrtle Beach

are there for the excellent continuing education. Besides the lectures, exhibitors are in attendance offering their support. Both are enjoyed by those present.

The Annual Summer Seminar will take place this August 10th in Neptune, NJ six oral credits are being presented. This event has grown to between 150 – 200 attendees a year. Both members and non members from all over are coming to this very well received continuing education event. Usually between 20 to 25 exhibitors are present, as well.

The chapter will host the November meeting where PCO/Salus University sponsors our evening dinner lecture.

The NJAO provides scholarships to students from NJ attending both PCO/Salus and SUNY every year and presents the checks at the March and November meetings. The chapter also gives out approximately five travel grants to NJ residents from the schools attending the national meeting of the American Academy of Optometry.

**Anyone interested in more information or to register for any of the upcoming lectures may contact treasurer, Dennis Lyons, OD, FAAO at [DHL2020@aol.com](mailto:DHL2020@aol.com).**

## Quebec

The Quebec chapter has been in full buzz over the past few weeks. First and foremost with the increasing interest amongst students in attending the AAO, a student chapter was created at the École d'optométrie, Université de Montréal last fall. The first activity was a student luncheon to promote the activities of the AAO and the upcoming Boston meeting (see photo). The title "The road to knowledge...en route to Boston" was chosen as the theme of the activities of the year reinforcing the mission of the AAO. Lunch and learns are planned for the year to raise funds for transportation for students to the annual meeting.

Claudine Courey, first president of the Student Chapter and presently a 4th year student, shared her experience firsthand with students on her first AAO



Montreal students at luncheon

meeting last year in San Francisco. She stated, "My first meeting was impressive and memorable and I hope that all students have the opportunity to attend at least one meeting while in school. The most impressive part of the meeting was to experience the passion and devotion that optometrists have for the advancement of their profession. Optometrists, researchers, educators, residents, students all have a mutual respect for each other and celebrate each other successes. An organization that inspires excellence is something that I want to be a part of."

In order to promote the activities of the Academy to more Quebec optometrists, an article was published in "L'Optométriste," the Quebec Association of Optometrist's journal (1300 subscribers) describing the Academy, the different activities at the annual meeting and the steps towards Fellowship. The student chapter was also announced in the article.

We have already raised awareness amongst the graduating class, who plan to have a reunion in Boston. We hope to have a new attendance record this year in Boston!

## Academy Hunt: A Fun Filled Student Event at Academy 2011 Boston

There is sure to be some excitement during the Exhibit Hall hours on Friday, October 14! Students, if you want to be part of the action, form a team from your school to find answers to Academy trivia. Talk to optometry stalwarts, test your Academy knowledge, make new friends and have a blast! Prizes will be awarded to the winning school team. Watch for further information on this fantastic event!

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# The American Academy of Optometry: Helping Students Become Fellows

Patricia Fulmer  
AOSA National Liaison



Recently, I was honored by being appointed the new AOSA National Liaison to the Academy—a position that I am excited to hold. The American Academy of Optometry is the forerunner in providing continuing education through its annual meeting and acknowledgement of professional excellence through the distinction of being a Fellow. Membership in the organization offers immense benefits. My main focus over the next year will be to increase awareness of the Academy's various advantages available to students both during their years of optometry school and beyond.

As part of this mission, I am proud to announce that the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Optometry has recently approved a new Student Fellowship program. This proposal was passed during their April 30 meeting, and it seeks to expose students to all aspects of the American Academy of Optometry meeting and to educate them about the vast opportunities for education and networking offered there.

All students seeking to earn the title of Student Fellow must first become student members. Then, prior to their

graduation, certain requirements must be met at the Academy's annual meeting. These include:

- Attending one breakfast session-Wednesday or Thursday
- Attending six hours of Lectures and Workshops/continuing education
- Attending one hour of scientific talks (papers)
- Attending one hour of poster presentations
- Attending the Plenary Session OR the Monroe J. Hirsch Symposium
- Attending the Business Meeting
- Attending one Section Symposium
- Attending the Awards Program
- Attending a Merton Flom Leadership course may substitute for one hour of poster presentations, the Business Meeting or one Section Symposium

*Note: Students with an OD degree are not eligible for Student Fellowship*

Upon completion of these requirements, Student Fellows will receive a lapel pin recognizing their status, a waiver that will cover the cost of their Candidacy for Fellowship during the year of gradu-

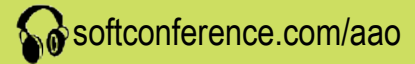


## Reminisce With Optometric History

The Academy's annual meeting program is like a menu in a good restaurant – lots of things to taste and devour. At this year's Academy meeting, one the choice "morsels" will be the yearly Reminisce-IN conducted by the Optometric Historical Society on Friday, October 14, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, immediately following the Academy's Awards Ceremony. If it is anything like last year's get-together, this will be an Academy meeting highlight. At the Reminisce-IN, attendees will learn about what went behind the scenes in this important phase of optometric history. Audience participation will be encouraged. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 AM; the exact room will be announced as we get closer to the date. **If you plan to attend the Reminisce-IN, please e-mail Irving Bennett, OD, FAAO, OHS President (irvbennett23@gmail.com).**

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ation and free registration to the next Academy meeting as a student member. If a student be inducted into this program as a fourth year, he or she will be allowed receive free registration to the meeting following graduation.

With encouragement from the Fellows of the Academy and the work of the liaisons at each optometry school, this program has the potential to create a bright and promising class of future Candidates. These driven individuals will fully grasp what the Academy stands for and the proactive role that it plays in advancing the state of optometry, thereby increasing the chances that they will desire to have an active role in the profession's future.

Please join me in supporting this new and groundbreaking addition to the American Academy of Optometry. I look forward to seeing its success kick off at the Academy 2011 Boston this fall!

## Residents Day at Academy 2011 Boston Saturday, October 15, 2011

Residents will have the opportunity to present their research projects! Papers will be presented 8:00 AM – 12 PM and posters, 1:30 – 4:30 PM

This special event is created just for residents to showcase their work with meeting attendees. Your grand round-type cases are due September 1, 2011 for Resident's Day.



Presentations should be approximately 15 minutes, and PowerPoint® is the required method for all presentations. HIPAA rules involving patient identification must be followed by presenters.

**For more information or to email case reports, contact Helen Viksnins at [helenv@aaoptom.org](mailto:helenv@aaoptom.org).**

# President's Callings You Might Have Missed...

## Location, Location, Location: Registration, Registration, Registration! (May 2011)

Imagine you're a professor at an optometry school. You enter your classroom with a bundle of midterm examinations in your hand, running a little late because you've been having a spirited scientific discussion with a former student. As you enter the room less than five minutes before the start of the midterm, you hear the sound of a few pairs of hands clapping. Soon, the entire room applauds, and the sound of that applause builds to a crescendo before stopping. You can hardly fathom what's happening. Are these students so appreciative of your teaching skill that they applaud BEFORE an exam? Are they being sarcastic because you're running so late? Do they applaud routinely for any little thing?

No, as with many things, it turns out to be about location, location, location. Their class was rescheduled to a nicer classroom, and they think you're responsible, even though it was a central administrative decision, hence your raucous accolades.

The Academy meeting benefits from location, too. Because the Academy meeting moves around, it's not like Groundhog Day. It means that I remember that I became a Fellow in St. Louis and that the Steve Grant, Glenda Secor, Joe Shovlin, Joe Barr, and Jeff Dougal crowd became Diplomates in Denver. A memorable Academy meeting can be inextricably associated with its location.

Our record-breaking meeting attendance in San Francisco in 2010 is attributable in no small part to that magical city. Well, there's more magic on the way! This year, the meeting is in one of the most vibrant of American cities: Boston. Earlier this week, AOA Board member and Academy Fellow, Mitch Munson, (and, it turns out, past Neumueller awardee!) sighed, "Boston is my favorite city." It's got history, food, walkability, sightseeing, lovely autumn weather ... all components worthy of a long, loud round of applause.

But it's also got content. If you are considering sitting for a Board Certification examination anytime soon, check out the schedule for Academy 2011 Boston. All the categories outlined by the American Board of Optometry are represented in the Boston scientific papers, Section symposia, lectures, and workshops, several times over. It's a four-day comprehensive review course in a beautiful city, and it happens every autumn! Who knew? You all do.

So, you've heard me. Fabulous location, great science, comprehensive education, and unparalleled camaraderie with your favorite optometrists and vision scientists. What should you do? Go to the registration page for registration, registration, registration. See you for a cup of chowdah and countless rounds of applause!

## Pride In The Name Of...Optometry (June 2011)

I am writing this as I sit in the Denver airport on my way home from the AOA meeting in Salt Lake City. The meeting felt historic, memorable, and tear-inducing, as Dori Carlson, OD, FAAO became the first woman to become president of the AOA. She gave the Academy an enthusiastic shout out in her first speech as President as she described the representation of women leaders in optometry in 2011, including Tone Garaas-Maurdalen, FAAO, president of the World Council of Optometry; Kirsten North, OD, president of the Canadian Association of Optometrists; and concluding with, as Dori put it, "my friend, Dr. Karla Zadnik, president of the American Academy of Optometry." I was there because I was proud of her; she seemed proud of me.

I found other evidence of pride about Academy fellowship in connection with the AOA. The majority of the AOA 2011-12 Board of Trustees are Fellows of our Academy. President-Elect Ron Hopping, OD, MPH, FAAO, is a Fellow and Diplomate in the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses, and Refractive Technologies. An erudite presentation



on third party payment was given by Drs. Stephen Montaquila and Bobby Jarrell in the AOA House of Delegates, with their FAAO designations proudly displayed on their talk's title slide for all to see. LaMar Zigler, OD, MS, FAAO, who I just ran into at the gate in Denver became the 2011-12 Chair of the AOA's Contact Lens & Cornea Section. In the final session of the House of Delegates, "Good and Welfare" items included descriptions of both the AOA meeting in Chicago in 2012 and the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Academy in Boston. Then, this morning at 5:30 am in the Salt Lake City airport, I overheard an optometrist I didn't know describing his practice setting to another optometrist. He was praising the abilities of his two junior partners and, in giving a shorthand version of their resumes, declared, "You know, residency-trained, top of their class, Academy, best of the best..."

We are like the pride of lions in The Lion King. We may sometimes have interests that seem to be at odds or competitive in nature, but we are ultimately all engaged for the common good of the optometric profession. It was evident in Salt Lake City and will be equally evident in Boston in October that we are all much, much more similar than different. What is that common ground? Whether Academy Fellow, Academy Diplomate, or a doctor aspiring to those achievements as soon as he or she finds the time to pursue them, we are all proud to be optometrists.

-Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, FAAO

# "Imaging and Measurement in the Eye: Now and Ahead"

Feature Issue

Call for Papers

Deadline for submission October 1, 2011



In recent years *Optometry and Vision Science* (OVS) has published a number of advances in research revealing remarkable non-invasive imaging within the eye; the imaging is accompanied by startling precision and unprecedented resolution. The application of these advances in ocular imaging has revealed important details of the anatomy, physiology and clinical anomalies of most of the tissues in the living human eye.

OVS plans a Feature Issue entirely devoted to those advances, highlighting those technological achievements and their applications in research and patient care. The Feature also aims to identify the most pressing research questions and critical clinical issues that might be answered with further specific technology advances in ocular imaging.

Now OVS invites Original Articles, Invited Reviews, Case & Clinical Reports and Technical Reports that highlight these technologies, in the context of the research and clinical advances that have resulted, including:

- *High resolution imaging of the retina, choroid and optic nerve including:*
  - *Visualization and characterization of individual retinal cells through adaptive optics*
  - *Visualization of retina and choroid-and the measurement of retinal layers with OCT*
  - *Detailed imaging and measurement of the optic nerve head structure*
- *Rapid in-vivo determination of the dimensions and biomechanical properties of the cornea*
- *Non-invasive measurements of tear film characteristics (thickness, stability/dynamics)*
- *Imaging and measurement of the ciliary body*
- *Advanced characterization of the crystalline lens and its dynamics in accommodation*
- *MRI and imaging of the globe and orbital structures*
- *Precise non-invasive measures of axial length and eye shape*

All manuscripts will be peer reviewed and must be submitted online at <http://ovs.edmgr.com>.

They should be prepared according to the Instructions for Authors available at [http://edmgr.ovid.com/ovs/accounts/ifauth\\_online.pdf](http://edmgr.ovid.com/ovs/accounts/ifauth_online.pdf).

Indicate during the submission process in "Author's Comments" that your paper is being submitted for this feature issue.

The Guest Editors are leading international researchers, including pioneers with these technologies in their own research. Among them are David Williams, Paul Kaufman, Maciej Wojtkowski, Scott Read, Leo Carney, Jason Nichols and Donald Mutti. Scott Read will be coordinating submitted manuscripts with the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor. Please contact the Editorial Office ([ovs@osu.edu](mailto:ovs@osu.edu)) if you have any questions.

The Feature Issue will be published early in 2012.

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## Residency Award Recipients

With the generous support of VISTAKON®, a Division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., the American Optometric Foundation selected six exceptional residents as the 2010-2011 recipients of the Terrance Ingraham Pediatric Optometry, the George W. Mertz Contact Lens, and the Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Awards. These awards are intended to promote post-graduate optometric clinical education by supporting residents who demonstrate talent and commitment in the fields of children's vision and contact lenses.

**The 2010-2011 winners are as follows:**

**Dr. George W. Mertz Contact Lens Residency Awards**  
Christen Kenrick, OD -New England College of Optometry  
Lindsay A. Sicks, OD -Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry

**Dr. Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Awards**  
Michael Rebarchik, OD - Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University  
Steven J. Warne, OD -University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry

**Dr. Terrance Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residency Awards**  
Jenelle L. Mallios, OD -New England College of Optometry  
Yos M. Priestley, OD -New England College of Optometry

Each received \$4,000 toward their graduate education that includes a \$750 travel fellowship to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Optometry in Boston, October 12 -15.

VISTAKON® has partnered with the American Optometric Foundation for over a decade, providing over \$1,500,000 of support for scholarships, residency awards, fellowships, and research grants. "These awards remain some of the most hotly contested programs in the AOF's portfolio. We expect great things from these young professionals" stated Mark A. Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO, Development Director, American Optometric Foundation.

## Kirschen Takes on New Role



The Foundation is pleased to announce AOF Board member Dr. David Kirschen has accepted an appointment to become the Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation.

David, a long time supporter of Foundation programs, is a Presidents Circle Gold member, and has served on the AOF Board since 2005. Dr. Kirschen received his OD and PhD degrees from the University of California - Berkeley. He is currently the Chief of Binocular Vision and Orthoptic Services at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, at the David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA.

He has been in private practice in California for 35+ years while continu-

ing his teaching and research efforts. He also serves as Full Professor of Basic and Visual Science and Optometry at the Southern California College of Optometry. Dr. Kirschen has also been the team optometrist for the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Boston Red Sox for the last 15 seasons. He has served as president of the California Chapter of the AAO, president of Occupational Vision Services, Inc and has served on the Board of Directors of Vision West, Inc.

Dr. Kirschen has lectured extensively in the United States and abroad. In his private practice he specializes in Pediatric Optometry, the treatment of binocular vision anomalies, computer-related vision problems, strabismus and amblyopia, contact lenses and sports vision.

# Pacific University Leader James Sheedy joins AOF Board Of Directors



James Sheedy, OD, PhD, FAAO, was appointed the newest member of the Foundation Board of Directors. Jim received his OD, MS and PhD from The Ohio State University (OSU) College of Optometry with a keen focus on Physiological Optics. He has consistently served academia and has taught numerous courses at the University of California – Berkeley, OSU and currently Pacific University (PUCO) where he is a tenured Professor. In addition he held the position as Dean of the College in 2006-2008 and serves as the Director of the Vision Performance Institute at PUCO.

A recipient of numerous awards and honors, Jim has mentored several outstanding graduate students and was

integral in the development of many programs within the teaching institutions he served. As a top researcher, accomplished scientific author and lecturer with an impressive grant portfolio, he has published four books, numerous chapters and has over 70 peer reviewed articles. His business achievements also include management and lead research positions at both Humphrey Instruments and SOLA Optical and well as credit on several patents. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and member of the Foundation's Presidents Circle. The AOF is delighted that he has agreed to serve and promote the mission of the Foundation

## AOF Celebration Luncheon

Please join us in celebrating our 2010-2011 Foundation award recipients during the AOF Celebration Luncheon at Academy 2011 Boston. Look for your invitation to the Saturday, October 15th event to arrive in August.



## Carl Zeiss Vision Fellowships

The American Optometric Foundation is pleased to present the 5th class of AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows. The Fellowships honor outstanding achievement by third-year optometry students and include a \$5,000 award to the student's college to offset fourth year optometric education expenses. Each recipient also receives two student travel fellowships to attend Academy 2011 Boston and Academy 2012 Phoenix.

### The 2011-2012 AOF- Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows are:

Doan Trang Huynh Jill Liechty	Illinois College of Optometry Indiana University at Bloomington School of Optometry
Pamela D. Reckow	Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
Caitlyn A. Kennedy Savanah Janae Burch See S. Vang	New England College of Optometry Northeastern State University College of Optometry NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry
Sara Yurkowski Brad Genereux	Pacific University College of Optometry Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
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Melanie Akau	University of California at Berkeley School of Optometry
Brian Cherry Dustin Wiles	University of Houston College of Optometry University of Missouri at St. Louis College of Optometry
Claudine Courey Mariam Nahal	University of Montreal School of Optometry University of Waterloo School of Optometry



## 2011 VISTAKON® Award Of Excellence recipients announced

This industry sponsored award recognizes outstanding fourth-year student clinicians who have demonstrated excellent overall knowledge of the contact lens field plus skillful, considerate and professional care of contact lens patients during their optometric education. Each receives a \$1,000 award and a personalized plaque commemorating their accomplishment.

*University of Houston recipient  
Katie Wicks*

Stefanie Ratermann, OD  
Colby Fletcher, OD  
Charlie C. Dao, OD

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Katherine Paulsen, OD  
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Pam Satjawatcharaphong, OD  
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Richard Wardé, OD  
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## Silent Auction 2011

AOF's silent auction raises funds for the future of optometry. Donations provide our attendees with an exciting way to contribute to AOF and receive a tax deduction as well.

For AOF's wish list of silent auction items or to make arrangements for your unique artistic contribution, please call or email Tracy Kitts, Foundation Coordinator, at 301-984-4734 or TracyK@aaoptom.org.

*Items with a minimum value of \$100 are preferred.*





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PhD, FAAO, AAO President

**"As a Student Travel Fellowship [recipient], I had the great  
opportunity to share research findings and knowledge with vision  
care professionals and scientists. It was an exceptional event!"**

**-Jean-Marie Hanssens, OD, MSc**