The Academy Presents: 2016 Awards

We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Awards and Lectures Ceremony on Friday, November 11 from 8 to 10 AM in Ballroom E of the Anaheim Convention Center. Help us celebrate the 2016 award recipients who have demonstrated their contributions to the advancement of optometry and vision science! Join us to hear the Charles F. Prentice Lecture and the Glenn A. Fry Lecture (1 hour of CE provided for the 2 hour program) and to recognize and honor these outstanding individuals.

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 Martin S. Banks, MA, PhD. Professor Banks is a world-class vision researcher who investigates how humans use vision to acquire precise information about the spatial layout of the world. The first half of his career was dedicated to infant vision and development. His work helped to shape our understanding of human visual development and has guided optometric practice. During the second half of his career he has branched out into a variety of topics including stereopsis and depth perception, binocular vision, visuo-vestibular interactions, visual spatial relationships and associated topics. His work has also been particularly relevant to critical issues in optometric practice.

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.

Erica L. Fletcher, MScOptom, PhD, FAAO, is the recipient of the 2016 Fry Award. Dr. Fletcher’s research is focused on retinal disease, including retinal vascular disease and retinal neurodegeneration. Her body of work has significantly advanced our understanding of both normal and abnormal retinal biology. Her research has had a particular emphasis on determining the causes for photoreceptor death, methods to save and replace photoreceptors, and the role of glia in maintaining the health of the retina.

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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.

Nimesh Patel, OD, PhD, FAAO, is the Borish Award recipient for 2016. Dr. Patel is an outstanding young clinician-scientist who, as a young investigator, has demonstrated exceptional promise to conduct independent research in the area of structure-function relationships in glaucoma. His work is unique in that it involves both experimental glaucoma in animal models and evaluation of patients with glaucoma. Additionally, he has contributed to our understanding of the eye conditions experienced by astronauts. Dr. Patel has has experience in a wide variety of topics involving ocular disease, with particular reference to glaucoma.

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 awarded to Wolfgang Cagnolati, MS, DSc, FAAO. Dr. Cagnolati is a highly respected internationally known clinician, educator and professional leader. During his involvement in the European Council of Optometry and Optics, he actively took part in the design and structure of the European Diploma in optometry, which now is the current standard for optometric education in Europe. His work has emphasized the role of the optometrist as a primary eye care provider, and has helped to unify the education, training and advancement of optometry in Europe.

William Feinbloom Award
The William Feinbloom Award is presented to an individual who, through discovery and innovation, has made a distinguished and significant contribution to the advancement of clinical practice, and thus to the visual enhancement of the public.

The 2016 Feinbloom Award recipient is Rachel A. Coulter, OD, FAAO. Dr. “Stacey” Coulter’s research and scholarship has had a significant impact on the literature associated with pediatric eye care, pediatric pharmacology and the treatment of eye movement disorders and behaviors in autism. She demonstrates the link between her clinical research expertise while raising the standards of routine clinical optometric practice. Dr. Coulter is an outstanding role model for individuals aspiring to combine research and clinical practice in their career goals.

Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics
The American Optometric Foundation’s Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics is awarded to a student pursuing the Doctor of Optometry degree in a school or college of optometry who submits a first-authored original research paper on one of the following topics: Geometrical Optics, Physical Optics, Ophthalmic Optics, Optics of the Eye.

This year the Awards Committee selected the research article, “Peripheral Defocus of Myopic Eyes with Spherical Soft Contact Lenses,” by Kelly E. Moore, OD, MS. The article was written during her fourth year of optometry school at the University of Houston College of Optometry. Throughout her optometric training, Dr. Moore has maintained an active and productive role in clinical patient management and research evaluation of important clinical issues.

Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award
The Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award is presented to a distinguished clinician who has made outstanding and sustained contributions to the Academy’s Lectures and Workshops program.

The 2016 Ellerbrook award recipient is Richard London, MA, OD, FAAO. As a recognized clinician and educator worldwide, Dr. London has annually presented one or more lectures as part of the Academy’s Lectures and Workshops program over 35 years as well as hundreds of invited lectures worldwide. His contributions are particularly noteworthy in the area of neuro-ophthalmic disease disorders, an area that is now receiving much-needed attention in optometry. Dr. London has been one of the early leaders in this area and has been instrumental in providing useful clinical information to optometrists for improving their management of patients.

Life Fellowship Award
The distinction of Life Fellowship was created to provide recognition to those Fellows who through long-time membership in the Academy have rendered distinguished service to the science and art of optometry.

This year there are two recipients of this award.

Tony Adams, OD, PhD, FAAO, was a dynamic leader of the Academy as President in 1999 and 2000. He also helped to reshape the Academy’s journal, Optometry and Vision Science, as Editor-in-Chief for 13 years. For many years, Dr. Adams has demonstrated exceptional contributions to optometry in areas of leadership, research on diabetic eye disease, color vision and other topics, teaching, and administrative activities. The Life Fellowship Award is a small means of recognizing the tremendous benefit that Dr. Adams has contributed to the advancement of optometry.
Thomas L. Lewis, OD, PhD, FAAO, has a long history of distinguished service to the art and science of optometry and to the Academy, culminating during his term as President in 2003 and 2004. As President of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry from 1989 to 2011, he demonstrated his significant commitment to the profession. Dr. Lewis has also been a co-author of several comprehensive books on glaucoma, and has provided optometrists with valuable insights related to the care and management of glaucoma patients and those at risk of developing glaucoma. His contributions span a large range of scholarly, clinical and research activities.

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 world research literature in the preceding five years and has the vote of the Optometry and Vision Science Editorial Board.

The 2016 Clay Award paper is “Corneal Deformation Measurement Using Scheimpflug Noncontact Tonometry,” and its authors are Ying Hon, BSc(Hons)Optom, and Andrew K.C. Lam, PhD, MPhil, FAAO (pictured from left to right). The article was published in Optometry and Vision Science, 90(1):e1-e8, January 2013.

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.

This year the Harris Award is awarded to Timothy B. Edrington, OD, MS, FAAO. For nearly 40 years, Dr. Edrington has advanced the knowledge of contact lenses and their application to vision correction. His most significant contribution to optometry, however, is his extreme talent as a teacher. Dr. Edrington is an outstanding example of an optometrist with a passionate, strong commitment to providing excellence in optometric education.

Section Awards

Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Awards
These awards will be presented at the Section Awards Ceremony and Max Schapero Lecture, Wednesday, November 9, 4 to 5 pm, in Room 207 A-D of the Anaheim Convention Center.

Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award
The Schapero Award, which is the Section’s highest award, honors 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.

This year’s honoree is Perry Rosenthal, MD. Dr. Rosenthal is known for his work in the development of the first gas-permeable scleral contact lens. This “liquid corneal bandage” has restored sight and eased the eye pain of thousands of patients through the nonprofit Boston Foundation for Sight, an organization he founded.

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.

This year’s awardee is Alan Tomlinson, MSc, PhD, DSc. Professor Tomlinson has published extensively on contact lenses and anterior ocular surface physiology, most recently on the pathophysiology of dry eye and the pathogenesis of corneal infections associated with contact lens wear. He has also been Professor and Head of the Glasgow Caledonian University since 1992.

Public Health & Environmental Vision Section Award
This award and lecture will be presented Thursday, November 10, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, in Room 205 AB of the Anaheim Convention Center.

We look forward to seeing you at this year’s awards ceremonies to honor these distinguished individuals, acknowledging the countless contributions that have been made in advancing our profession.
Despite advances in contact lens design and disinfection, contact lens wear remains the most significant risk for corneal infection and inflammation in most developed countries. Yet the vast majority of contact lens wearers never experience such complications. This year's symposium, “Corneal Infections and Contact Lens Wear: An Evidence-Based Approach to Navigating the Risks and Complications,” will detail the complex interaction of microbes, contact lenses and the corneal surface. Attendees will walk away with an understanding of both why infectious keratitis occurs and the ways to prevent and treat it. Differences in nomenclature between ophthalmologists and optometrists will highlight differences in perspective concerning contact lens-related inflammatory disorders and improve communication between providers and researchers. Speakers will include Suzanne Fleiszig, OD, PhD, FAAO, Deborah S. Jacobs, MD, Thomas M. Lietman, MD, and Fiona J. Stapleton, PhD, FAAO. Join us on Thursday, November 10 from 10:00 AM to Noon in Hall A for this outstanding symposium.

The Academy’s Live Learning Center connects you to educational session recordings from past annual meetings. Members can access complimentary session recordings from Academy 2015 New Orleans, as well as other previous meetings. Plus, tests are available for purchase online for only $25. Start claiming COPE-approved distance learning credits today! Visit the Live Learning Center at http://aaopt.sclivelearningcenter.com.

Members also have access to an online library of academic journals through the Academy website, in addition to OVS, including:

- Canadian Journal of Optometry
- Optometry and Vision Development
- Behavioral Optometry
- Journal of Vision
- Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science

Visit www(aaopt.org and login. You will see “Online Journal Library” on your personal profile menu.

Donald Mutti, OD, PhD, FAAO presents to a full room during the first American Academy of Optometry and American Academy of Ophthalmology Joint Symposium at Academy 2015 New Orleans on “Amblyopia and Beyond: Current Evidence-Based Pediatric Eye Care.”
Unprecedented Submission Number Results in High Quality Scientific Program in Anaheim

Andrew B. Mick, OD, FAAO, Chair, Scientific Program Committee

For any organization, one telltale sign of a program’s well-being is the number of members that want to participate. By this metric, the Scientific Program at the annual meeting is flourishing. For the 2016 meeting in Anaheim we received close to 800 abstract submissions, setting a new record! With this depth of content, the Scientific Program Committee was able to plan an interesting and informative schedule of events.

In total, there will be 23 Scientific Paper sessions held between Wednesday, November 9th and Saturday, November 12th. These sessions will cover a wide variety of subjects including retinal imaging, contact lenses, ocular surface and anterior segment disease, visual functions, retinal and corneal physiology, optometric education, myopia, binocular vision during reading, and the visual systems of preschool-aged children. Two paper sessions will also be preceded by a keynote address that summarizes our current understanding of the topic and gives context to the presentations that follow.

The first keynote session on Wednesday morning concentrates on driving, mobility, and vision. The second keynote session is on Thursday afternoon and will discuss animal models for glaucoma and myopia research. Similar to last year, there will be an interactive glaucoma-themed hybrid paper-poster session on Friday morning. Finally, four “Hot Topic” paper sessions will be held at their regularly scheduled time early on Thursday morning.

The poster sessions have always been a defining part of the Scientific Program at the annual meeting and this year will be no different. Posters can be viewed on Thursday and Friday in a spacious ballroom on the third floor of the Anaheim convention center. Please plan on grabbing a complimentary glass of wine or beer on Thursday evening and interacting with poster authors. On Friday poster authors can be addressed during scheduled morning and afternoon time blocks.

The Scientific Program Committee reminds attendees that continuing education credit will be granted in 15-minute increments for all paper and poster sessions. Please make an effort to stop by one of the sessions and see the best research and clinical case reports our profession has to offer.

Malcolm Gladwell to Present Plenary Session on Health Care

Plenary Session: Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®: Current State of Health Care and Research
Wednesday, November 9, 1 – 2 PM
Sponsored by Essilor
Malcolm Gladwell is the author of five New York Times bestsellers — The Tipping Point, Blink, Outliers, What the Dog Saw, and now, his latest, David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants. He has been named one of the 100 most influential people by TIME magazine and one of the Foreign Policy’s Top Global Thinkers. He has been a staff writer for The New Yorker since 1996 and has won a national magazine award and been honored by the American Psychological Society and the American Sociological Society. He was previously a science and medicine reporter for The Washington Post. Mr. Gladwell’s presentation is pending COPE approval for one hour of CE.

An Hour with Malcolm Gladwell
Wednesday, November 9, 2 – 3 PM
Co-sponsored by Alcon, Allergan, and Essilor
Mr. Gladwell will host a panel discussion with members of senior management from Alcon, Allergan, and Essilor. This dynamic exchange will address issues such as the value of ongoing research and introduction of new products for the future. The session will be moderated by Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, FAAO. No CE will be provided.
Welcome Reception  
Wednesday, November 9, 4 – 7 PM  
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We invite you to join us for refreshments and to meet face-to-face with our optometric industry partners who are ready to demonstrate their latest products, equipment, supplies, and services for your practice.

New! Vision Theater  

Join us in the Exhibit Hall for new “Vision Theater” sessions. A total of six informative, commercial programs will be conducted by exhibitors in a specially constructed theater on the exhibit floor. Grab some lunch and have a seat! Three sessions will be offered on Thursday and three on Friday. Seating is limited to the first 100 attendees. Watch for a schedule of presentations and session times as the meeting approaches.

Exhibit Hall Hours  
Wednesday, November 9  
4:00 – 7:00 PM  

Thursday, November 10  
10:00 – 11:00 AM (Student Focus)  
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Lunch in the exhibit hall.  

Friday, November 11  
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Lunch in the exhibit hall.

Academy 2016 Anaheim Exhibitors (as of August 26, 2016)

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Career Development Award Makes an Impact

Research is fundamental in enabling innovation and advances in the profession. In many cases, engaging in research at the capacity needed to make new strides in the field requires a great deal of financial support. Unfortunately for young investigators, Federal research funding leans in favor of more seasoned optometric investigators, with the mean age of first time National Institutes of Health (NIH) grantees over 40 years of age.

The Academy launched the Career Development Award in 2015 to aid against this funding obstacle that young optometric researchers often face. The Career Development Award has done just that for the inaugural recipient, Dr. Dean VanNasdale.

Dr. VanNasdale currently works as an Assistant Professor at the Ohio State University College of Optometry and has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry since 2007. Prior to receiving the Career Development Award, Dr. VanNasdale was establishing a retinal imaging lab at Ohio State University, working on constructing and refining systems that would allow for the study of complementary aspects of retinal diseases through high resolution imaging, polarization sensitive imaging, functional testing, and clinical instrumentation. After receiving this award, Dr. VanNasdale is currently in the midst of his second year of research, exploring various aspects of diagnosing and treating diabetic eye disease.

“The Career Development Award has allowed me to further develop the systems we have been building in the lab and look at different techniques to better study normal retinal structure and differentiate those changes from pathological processes. It has allowed me to establish collaborative relationships with individuals in other departments with clinical expertise in retinal disease, as well as expertise in optical engineering, and electrodiagnostic testing,” Dr. VanNasdale explained. “We now have collaborations and instrumentation that allow us to study retinal function on a level we would not have been able to achieve otherwise.”

When asked how this award will impact his next steps, Dr. VanNasdale said, “I believe this award will have a considerable impact on my future research endeavors and professional goals. I believe the environment and capacity we have developed in the lab have enabled us to begin studying retinal structure and function with complementary tools using very sophisticated techniques in a single lab. The primary goal is to advance our ability to understand the underlying mechanisms for different sight-threatening diseases and I believe we are now even more competitive with respect to achieving those goals.”

To learn more about the Career Development Award, visit http://www.aaopt.org/about/careerdevelopment.

Annual Meeting Hidden Gems and Useful Tidbits

There are hundreds of dedicated Academy Fellows who have attended each and every Academy meeting for the past 20 years or more. However, the Academy recently discovered that there is a sizable group (about 30% of meeting attendees on average) who are actually attending for the first time! Whether you’re a seasoned meeting veteran or planning your first visit to the Academy meeting, here are some often overlooked hidden gems and useful tidbits.

1) Beat the Registration Rush
Registration Central is open on Tuesday before the meeting starts from 1 to 8 PM. Stop by early and pick up your badge and conference materials, and you’ll get the best seat at the first lecture on Wednesday morning.

2) Pick Up a Green Sheet
Stop by Registration Central to pick up a “Green Sheet” – this document lists the time and location of every affiliate event, reception, and meeting being held in conjunction with the Academy meeting.

3) Academy Press Conference
On Wednesday, November 9 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM the Academy will host its annual Press Conference. This event is open to meeting attendees. The Press Conference will feature 20 quick summaries of the ground breaking research being presented at the meeting and the latest product launches from selected meeting exhibitors.

4) Free Food in the Exhibit Hall
The Academy provides lunch vouchers for attendees on Thursday and Friday to be used in the Exhibit Hall, in addition to an evening Welcome Reception on Wednesday with food and refreshments. Stop by for a bite to eat and to visit with exhibitors selling the latest products, services and technology!

5) Product Information Breakfasts
Product Information Breakfasts take place at 6:45 AM every day at the meeting. The Academy provides continental breakfast to attendees, and companies share latest information on their products and services to help your practice thrive. No cost to attend, no CE provided.
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2016 Academy Board of Directors Elections

Elections to fill vacancies on the Academy Board of Directors will take place at Academy 2016 Anaheim. We strongly encourage your participation in the voting process!

The Academy Board consists of eight members, including four officers and four at-large members. Every other year, votes are cast to choose the four at-large members, the Secretary-Treasurer and the President-Elect.

On Thursday, November 10, from 6 to 7 PM, join your colleagues at the Business Meeting in Room 210 A-D of the Anaheim Convention Center (Business Meeting I on the program at a glance) where the election of officers and nomination of at-large board members will take place. The Academy’s Nominating Committee is reviewing many nominations of highly qualified individuals, and will be conducting numerous interviews. They will put forth their recommendations at the Business Meeting, which will also include presentations on the state of Academy programs and finances.

On Friday, November 11 from 10 AM to 2 PM on Level 2 in the convention center, please plan to stop by to cast your vote! The four highest vote-getters of all those nominated for at-large positions will be elected as the four at-large directors. In order to vote, you must have paid your 2016 dues and be one of the following: Fellow, Life Fellow, Senior Fellow, Senior Retired Fellow, Emeritus Fellow, Life Emeritus Fellow or Honorary Fellow. Please bring photo ID with you (i.e. your meeting name badge and a valid driver’s license).

Election results will be announced at the second Business Meeting (Business Meeting II on the program at a glance) on Friday, November 11 from 6 to 7 PM in Room 210 A-D, if it is necessary to hold the second Business Meeting. If there is only one at-large nominee put forth and no additional nominees from the floor, there may not be a need to hold the second Business Meeting.

Plan to be part of Academy history by casting your vote during Academy 2016 Anaheim. Thank you in advance for your participation!
Special Discounts on FAAO Application for Recent Grads

Become a Fellow and dedicate yourself to professional and clinical excellence.

Are you a recent optometry school graduate? The Academy offers special discounts for recent graduates on the Candidate for Fellowship application. If you submit your Candidacy for Fellowship application by December 31st of your OD graduation year, we’ll waive the $60 application fee and the first year of your membership dues! If you graduated in 2014 or 2015, you are still eligible for tiered pricing that is significantly discounted.

Take this opportunity to set yourself apart from your peers and continue your quest for excellence by becoming a Fellow! Apply online at https://candidate.aaopt.org. Questions? Email membership@aaoptom.org.

Activities for Residents in Anaheim

Resident Interview Skills Lunch
Friday, November 11, 12:00 - 1:45 PM
At this lunch you will hear tips to help your networking and interviewing skills.
Generously sponsored by Allergan.

Resident/Practitioner Networking Event
Thursday, November 10, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Network with practitioners from the US and abroad looking to hire residency-trained ODs in the near future. RSVP required – look for your invitation in the coming weeks!
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Residents Day
Saturday, November 12
During a series of paper and poster presentations, residents will present grand rounds cases. Papers will be presented from 8:00 AM to Noon and posters will be presented from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. This special event is for current residents to share their work with all meeting attendees.
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Residents Day Luncheon
Saturday, November 12, Noon – 1:15 PM
Enjoy this opportunity to meet and network with residents from other programs. Don’t forget to submit your Candidacy for Fellowship application during the meeting to be entered into a prize drawing! Winners will be announced at the luncheon. Generously sponsored by Alcon.

Residents Day Reception
Saturday, November 12, 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Celebrate the end of Residents Day by mingling with your peers and enjoying complimentary refreshments.
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Visit Us in the Exhibit Hall!
Stop by the Academy membership booth (#455) in the Exhibit Hall to apply to become a Candidate for Fellowship. If you apply during your residency the application fee and first year of dues are waived!

Resident Travel Grant Opportunities Available
The Academy, through generous support from our sponsors, is pleased to provide a limited number of $750 travel fellowships for residents to attend Academy 2016 Anaheim. Please visit http://www.aaopt.org/regsite/resident-travel-fellowships for more information or to apply.
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Credits at Academy 2016 Anaheim

The courses listed below will be presented with an option to take an exam, administered by the University of Houston. All CEE exams are offered by mail or online.

All are welcome to attend the courses without taking the exam. Instructions to request the exams will be available at the Education Desk on site at the meeting.

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Special Professional Development Workshop Opportunity for Students

Academy 2016 Anaheim will offer a special workshop opportunity for students titled, “Becoming a Competitive Applicant: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Making the Best First Impression!” The session will be held on Thursday, November 10 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

The session will focus on giving you the skill set needed to become a competitive applicant in future residency or employment pursuits. The workshop will consist of a brief lecture addressing CV/resume development, effective communication, and successful interview strategies.

There is a $25 fee to attend. Add this to your Academy 2016 Anaheim registration!

Paid Student Workers Needed for Academy 2016 Anaheim

The Academy is currently seeking students attending Academy 2016 Anaheim to work assisting the Lectures and Workshops Committee with room monitoring and introducing presenters. Students will earn $50 per 4-hour shift (maximum of $100 for 8 hours worked).

Have you completed the Student Fellowship program? If so, we need your expertise working at the Student Information Desk! Please indicate you’d like this assignment when you inquire.

If you are interested, please email Betty Rodriguez at BettyR@aaoptom.org.

The Australia Party

California CD Room, Hilton
Friday, November 11, 2016
9 PM to 1 AM

Join us for live music and as always, the Foster's will be flowing! Look for your beer ticket in your registration materials.
Awesome Assemblage Anticipated at Academy in Anaheim

Christopher Lopez, AOSA National Liaison to the Academy

This year’s Academy meeting in Anaheim, CA is shaping up to be the best one to date. The Academy meeting will take place November 9-12, 2016, at the Anaheim Convention Center. Academy meetings provide a premier opportunity to educate and improve oneself to be the best clinician and/or researcher possible. The conference will be filled with world-class CE lectures, outstanding networking opportunities, and unforgettable social events for all to enjoy.

We are very excited to highlight this year’s speaker, Malcolm Gladwell, a widely respected writer who has been named one of the 100 most influential people by TIME Magazine and one of Foreign Policy’s Top Global Thinkers.

The Academy is excited to host CE lectures, paper presentations and poster sessions involving a wide variety of exciting topics, including myopia control, dry eye, specialty contact lenses and many more. You are bound to come across new and cutting-edge information. Furthermore, it will be easy to get away from the academic environment for a while and venture out to enjoy Disneyland®, California Adventure®, and other local attractions!

The Academy meeting has enjoyed a healthy boost in attendance over the past few years, which can be attributed in large part to the huge growth in student involvement. We are very excited to highlight this year’s speaker, Malcolm Gladwell, a widely respected writer who has been named one of the 100 most influential people by TIME Magazine and one of Foreign Policy’s Top Global Thinkers.

Currently, the Academy has a total of 4,385 student members and has taken on initiatives to promote student participation, including offering discounts and scholarships for students to attend the meeting. A list of events specifically for students can be found on the Academy website.

A tremendous opportunity that many students take advantage of each year is completing the Student Fellowship program. Currently, there are a total of 1,003 Student Fellows. Some of the benefits of Student Fellowship include a lapel pin to wear on your white coat, recognition on your CV, and most importantly, expanding your intellectual horizons. Furthermore, completing your Student Fellowship helps set the foundation to become an Academy Fellow after optometry school. Many clinicians have told me on a variety of occasions that it was an Academy meeting that inspired them to specialize in a certain field of optometry. I encourage all students to complete Student Fellowship on their path to becoming well-rounded clinicians. More information on the Student Fellowship process can be found on the Academy’s website.

I ask you to join me in taking part in what will be the most memorable Academy meeting to date. Let us continue our support of research and its influence on vision care worldwide. Thank you for helping the Academy continue to fulfill its mission of promoting the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning. I hope to see you in Anaheim!

Student Events at Academy 2016 Anaheim

Student Welcome Reception
Wednesday, November 9, 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Kick off the annual meeting at this students-only reception. Co-hosted by the American Optometric Student Association. Generously co-sponsored by Marco, Luxottica, and Allergan.

Optional Student Fellowship Information Session
Thursday, November 10 - 7:00 to 8:00 AM
At this session, members of the Faculty-Student Liaison Committee will answer questions about the Student Fellowship process (attendance not required as part of Student Fellowship requirements). Students will be required to watch a mandatory orientation videotape advance of the meeting. Generously sponsored by VSP Globe.

Special Student Focus Exhibit Hall Hour
Thursday, November 10, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Students will have a special opportunity to meet and network with over 200 exhibitors. While you’re there, stop by the Academy membership booth (#455) in the Exhibit Hall to ask a Fellow any question you have about membership or the Academy. Also, enter a drawing to win a Fellowship Banquet ticket!

Student Networking Lunch
Friday, November 11 - Noon to 1:30 PM
Join us for lunch and to meet and network with students from other schools! Staff from residency programs will be on hand to answer questions about their programs. Generously sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc.
Chapter News

Arizona Chapter

The Arizona Chapter would like to announce their upcoming Annual Fall Meeting being held at Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry on Saturday, October 1st from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Six hours of COPE-approved continuing education will be offered to attendees. A keynote lecture will be given by Arizona Chapter co-founder, Gregory Wolfe, OD, MPH, FAAO, exploring the intersection of ocular disease and public health, in addition to lectures covering interesting red eye cases and an update on the 2016 Plaquenil™ testing guidelines. There will also be a Grand Rounds presentation where Fellows will highlight uniquely challenging cases. For registration and other meeting information please visit https://az-aao-fall2016.eventbrite.com.

North Carolina Chapter

The North Carolina Chapter will be hosting a Summer CE Symposium on Saturday, September 24th from 8:30 - 11:30 AM in Charlotte, NC. Speakers will include Doug Benoit, OD, FAAO, Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies, and Laurie Hoffman, OD, FAAO. Please contact Beth Cody, OD, FAAO, at Elizabeth.Cody@VA.gov for more information.

University of Waterloo Student Chapter

The University of Waterloo Student Chapter became an official chapter in 2015, and now has 37 student members and four active Student Fellows. In its first year, the chapter raised over $800 for student travel fellowships for Academy 2016 Anaheim and hosted a Fellowship information session for graduating students, featuring Waterloo’s very own Fellows of the Academy who encouraged students to pursue Fellowship. The chapter took on a creative fundraising stance and sold necklaces with eyeglass charms as well as eyeglass-themed cuff links, which were a hit with the student body! The Chapter will be announcing an essay competition to award the student travel scholarships in September 2016. The Chapter is excited to launch more fundraising campaigns for the 2016-2017 year as student membership continues to grow and students are keen to attend the Academy meeting to enhance their student experience.

South Carolina Chapter

The newly formed South Carolina Chapter held its inaugural meeting on June 4, 2016. The meeting was a success with over 60 ODs in attendance and well-received CE lectures were provided by Drs. Melton and Thomas on emergency eye care. The Chapter will be holding its next meeting on January 28, 2017. For more information about the South Carolina Chapter, please contact Tony Van Alstine, OD, MS, F AAO at tony.vanalstine@gmail.com.

New Jersey Chapter

The New Jersey Chapter would like to invite Academy Fellows to its 15th Annual Educational Conference on April 5-9, 2017 at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC. Incoming Academy President, Joseph Shovlin, OD, FAAO, along with Eric Schmidt, OD, will present 16 hours of COPE-approved CE. For additional information, please contact Dennis Lyons, OD, FAAO, at dhl2020@aol.com.

University of Alabama (UAB) Student Chapter

The UAB Student Chapter hosted their annual membership drive lunch meeting on August 23, where students heard from Dawn DeCarlo, OD, MS, FAAO, Diplomate, Low Vision. During the spring semester the Chapter held a successful towel fundraiser and CE night that helped raise money to send students to Academy 2016 Anaheim. The Chapter has had a lot of student interest, particularly from upperclass students, and hopes to award each active student member with a travel grant to offset costs. In New Orleans, 43 of the 78 students who attended from UAB completed the requirements to receive a Student Fellowship.

Northeastern State University Chapter

In 2015 the NSU Chapter had 18 students obtain Student Fellowship, which is 16% of the student population! Before Academy 2016 Anaheim, the school will have 100% student membership school wide. Also two students, Amy Field and Jacqueline Duong, have been awarded AOF Student Matching Travel Grants for the 2016 meeting.
Blood Drive Set to Take Place in Anaheim

The Academy invites you to give back during Academy 2016 Anaheim by participating in a blood drive benefiting the American Red Cross. All blood donations will directly benefit local Anaheim hospitals.

**Date:** Friday, November 11, 2016  
**Hours:** 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Anaheim Convention Center, Room 208B

Donors will receive snacks, drinks and a t-shirt. Please join us in supporting the local Anaheim community!

To make your life-saving appointment, please sign up online at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: AAOPTOM

Take Your Leadership Skills to the Next Level

Roya Attar, OD, Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of PR, University of Pikeville

The Merton C. Flom Leadership InSight™ program was designed for individuals at all levels and in all areas of optometric practice. After taking the courses, I can say each course was delivered by subject matter experts in a fun, engaging and inspirational environment.

Upon completion of the program, I had a broader grasp and understanding of my personal strengths and with greater confidence I returned to my organization better prepared to apply the information, knowledge, and skills I learned. In particular, the StrengthsFinder course, given by Dr. Schornack significantly increased my self-awareness. Going through the book and course material helped facilitate my self-reflection and led me to identify my natural strengths and weaknesses. Completion of the program encouraged me to refocus my efforts on a daily basis and invest my energy in developing my strengths instead of correcting my deficiencies.

The skill set that I gained has allowed me to better communicate efficiently with my colleagues, develop my talents and abilities in further advancing my career and overall enhancing my skills as an effective leader.

This program is a worthwhile and valuable investment. I am certain it will have a positive impact on others seeking to develop and improve their leadership skills, confidence, direction, and potential for long-term growth. I highly recommend this leadership program to all of my fellow colleagues and students, both seasoned leaders and emerging leaders.
Student Travel Fellowship Recipients at ARVO 2016

(From left to right): Chau-Minh Phan, MSc, Billie Beckwith-Cohen, DVM, MBA, Zhuolin Liu, Brett G. Bence, OD, FAAO (Academy President), Katie M. Litts, Cameron K. Postnikoff, MAsc

Funded by a generous grant from

FDA Workshop on Myopia Control

Registration is open for “Controlling the Progression of Myopia: Contact Lenses and Future Medical Devices,” a one-day workshop taking place on September 30, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the FDA White Oak Campus in Silver Spring, MD. The cost (live and webcast) is $250 for members of co-sponsor organizations and $400 for non-members.

The event is co-sponsored by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Devices and Radiological Health, the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), the American Academy of Optometry (AOA), the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS), the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS), the American Optometric Association (AOA), and the Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists (CLAO).

For more information, visit http://www.cfom.info/meetings/myopia/.

Diplomate Preparatory Courses

Several Academy Sections are offering Diplomate Preparatory Courses to help Fellows accelerate the completion of the Diplomate process. Participants in these courses will get a jump-start on the Diplomate pathway by taking advantage of this specifically designed education. CE credit will also be awarded (COPE approval pending) in some instances. In addition, all registrants who submit their Diplomate application during Academy 2016 Anaheim will have the application fee ($100) waived!

- Anterior Segment, Tuesday, November 8 (afternoon)
- Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry, Tuesday, November 8 (full day offsite)
- Comprehensive Eye Care, Tuesday, November 8 (full day)
- Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies, Tuesday, November 8 (full day)
- Glaucoma, Thursday, November 10 (1:00 - 4:30 PM)
- Low Vision, Tuesday, November 8 (12 - 9 PM)
- Public Health and Environmental Vision, Tuesday, November 8 (full day)

Read full program schedules online at http://www.aaopt.org/regsite/diplomate-preparatory-courses.

Fellows Doing Research Special Interest Group Study

The Fellows Doing Research (FDR) SIG will collaborate with the Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry SIG to conduct the 2016 American Academy of Optometry’s Exhibit Hall “FDR Booth” research project. The title of the research is, “Comparison of ocular functional parameters in those with and without history of mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) or neurodegenerative disorders– a pilot study.” For short, it will be called the “What Pupils Remember” Booth.

The purpose of the study is to explore the relationship between pupil responses and/or saccade parameters and a history of traumatic mTBI or other types of brain injury or disorders. The Academy Fellow investigators will use clinical instruments for the pupil and/or saccade measurements, and brain injury history and brain injury symptom surveys will be self-administered by volunteer participants attending Academy 2016 Anaheim.

Please plan to stop by Booth #361 in Anaheim to participate in this study and to learn more about the FDR SIG!
Dear Colleagues,

The recipients of your generosity and the AOF Board of Directors thank you for your support! This year the Foundation will provide over $400,000 in fellowships, scholarships, and grants to deserving students, residents, and faculty.

It has been an honor to serve as the President of the American Optometric Foundation. I have had the pleasure of working with you to further the Foundation’s educational, research, and financial support of optometrists in the U.S. and around the world. The AOF is advancing optometry’s future.

I’m proud that with the help of my board we have initiated a Student Giving Travel Fellowship program in which the AOF matches funds donated by individual students to provide two travel fellowships for students to attend the annual meeting. Through this program we are trying to encourage students to start early in giving back to their profession.

I am grateful to the members of the AOF Board of Directors for their generous time commitment and contributions to the goals of the Foundation. We also rely heavily on the Research Committee to provide input in evaluating our various awards. I would like to publicly thank them for their hard work and dedication. I would also personally like to thank the staff in the Orlando office, without whom none of our philanthropic work would be possible.

I encourage you to continue to support the Foundation’s mission. The website www.aaopt.org/AOF provides the latest information. Together, we can make a greater impact on vision and eye health to improve clinical patient care.

I look forward to seeing you in Anaheim in November!

Sincerely,

David G. Kirschen, OD, PhD, FAAO
President, AOF

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The AOF, under the support of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., is pleased to announce the outstanding recipients of the 2016 Sheldon Wechsler, George W. Mertz, and Terrance N. Ingraham residency programs. These awards recognize and honor contact lens and pediatric residents whose combination of clinical aptitude, academic leadership, and commitment to their patients and the profession make them distinct from others. Please join us in congratulating them on their achievements:

George W. Mertz Contact Lens Resident
Elaine Chen, OD
Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University

Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Resident
Michelle Man, OD
Illinois Eye Institute, Illinois College of Optometry

Terrance N. Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residents
Jameel Kanji, OD, MS
New England College of Optometry
Ann Morrison, OD, MS
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

These exceptional residents will be recognized during the AOF Celebration Luncheon at Academy 2016 Anaheim.

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We encourage you to visit our website, www.aaopt.org/aof to learn more about our organization and stay apprised of the many programs that we administer. Like the AOF’s page on Facebook™ to connect with your colleagues and to receive important updates related to AOF’s programs: www.facebook.com/AmericanOptometricFoundation
The AOF has selected nine outstanding vision researchers to receive the esteemed Ezell Fellowships. Now in its 67th year, the Ezell Fellowship program, named after AOF founder Dr. William C. Ezell, is intended to recognize talented optometric researchers who are pursuing careers in research and education.

The nine recipients for 2016 were chosen based on their educational qualifications, research abilities, and current plus future teaching capabilities. Candidate reviews were made by the Academy Research Committee, in collaboration with the AOF Programs Approval Committee, and were approved by the AOF Board of Directors.

Fellowships are for one year with each receiving support funds, travel grants to the annual meetings of the Academy and the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, a commemorative plaque, and complimentary registration to Academy 2016 Anaheim. The Ezell Fellows will be recognized at the annual AOF Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, November 12.

“We look forward to honoring this year’s nine Ezell Fellowship winners. They represent our next generation of optometric researchers and teachers. From the looks of their collective CVs, optometric research and practice, the profession has a bright future,” said AOF President Dr. David Kirschen.

The Ezell Fellowship program is made possible through the commitments of generous endowments, the ongoing contributions of members, donors and friends of the Foundation, and through the visionary support of corporate leaders Essilor of America and The Alcon Foundation.

**The Alcon Foundation Ezell Fellow**
Jessica Wei, BS
University of California Berkeley, School of Optometry
Research Focus: Conducting gene therapy, cancer immunotherapy and retinal inflammation research

**American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow**
Kristen Bowles, OD, MS
University of Houston, College of Optometry
Research Focus: Design and implementation of experiments to better understand photoreceptor dysfunction in genetic diseases

**AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Ezell Fellow**
Cameron K. Postnikoff, MASc
University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Optometry
Research focus: The cross-talk amongst the closed eye leukocytes in ocular surface homeostasis and the potential implication of closed eye leukocytes in dry eye disease

**Irvin M. Borish - Essilor Ezell Fellow**
Aiswaryah Radhakrishnan, BS Optom, M. Phil. Optom
Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Research focus: Neural adaptation to multifocal optics

**Merton C. Flom Leadership Ezell Fellow**
Anna F. Ablamowicz, OD, FAAO
University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Optometry
Research focus: Exploring the effects of dry eye inflammation on the conjunctival mucins and goblet cells

**Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellow**
Alexandra E. Boehm, BS
University of California Berkeley, School of Optometry
Research Title: Investigating the relationship between structure and function in the human retina using scanning laser ophthalmoscopy

**Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fellow**
Jack Phu, B.Optom, MPH, FAAO
University of New South Wales School of Optometry
Research Focus: Psychophysics of visual field testing in glaucoma, with the key objective of devising new protocols to detect early functional deficits

**Vision Impact Institute Ezell Fellow**
Preeji S. Mandathara, BSc, MSc
University of New South Wales School of Optometry
Research Focus: Investigating ocular symptoms, corneal nerves and neuromediators in keratoconus

**Mike Daley - Essilor Ezell Fellow**
Wenlin Zhang, MD
Indiana University School of Optometry
Research focus: Physiology of corneal endothelial cells and pathophysiology of Endothelial Corneal Dystrophy (ECD)
2016 Residency Awards

The AOF is pleased to announce the outstanding recipients of the 2016 Douglas K. Hopkins, Bert C. & Lydia M. Corwin, Fredric Rosemore, and Alfred A. Rosenbloom Awards. Support is provided by the named families honoring exceptional leaders in the field. The awards provide incentive and support to sustain talented optometric residents who demonstrate a passion and commitment to practice, research and education.

Please join us in congratulating them on their achievement.

Douglas W. Hopkins Primary Care Residency Award
Shannon K. Leon, OD
University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry

Bert C. & Lydia M. Corwin Contact Lens Residency Award
Caitlin Morrison, OD
New England College of Optometry

Fredric Rosemore Low Vision Educational Grants
Richard Jamara, OD, FAAO
New England College of Optometry
Tammy Lebreche, BSc, OD
University of Waterloo, School of Optometry & Vision Science

Alfred A. Rosenbloom, Jr. Low Vision Residency Award
Erin Kenny, OD
The Eye Institute, Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

These exceptional residents will be recognized during the AOF Celebration Luncheon at Academy 2016 Anaheim.

Support the AOF at Academy 2016 Anaheim

Silent Auction ( Ends Friday, November 11!)

The AOF’s Silent Auction raises funds for the future of optometry. Last year’s event was one of the AOF’s most successful. A special thanks to those who donated items and donors who placed their bids. The 2016 AOF Silent Auction items will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall at AOF Booth #754. When the auction opens, you will receive an invitation to create your login in order to bid electronically on fantastic auction items from anywhere. Thank you in advance for participating and Advancing Optometry’s Future!

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Save the Dates for Future Academy Meetings

The Academy is pleased to announce that the dates and locations for our meetings have now been finalized. We hope to see you there!

**Academy 2017 Chicago**
October 11 - 14, 2017

**Academy 2018 San Antonio**
November 7 - 10, 2018

**Academy 2019 Orlando**
October 23 - 26, 2019

**Academy 2020 Nashville**
October 7 - 10, 2020

**Academy 2021 Boston**
November 3 - 6, 2021

**Academy 2022 San Diego**
October 26 - 29, 2022

**Academy 2023 New Orleans**
October 11 - 14, 2023

**Academy 2024 Washington DC**
November 6 - 9, 2024

**Academy 2025 Boston**
October 8 - 11, 2025