Q: Where are you located?
A: Rye, New York, United States

Q: What year did you earn your Fellowship?
A: 2007

Q: Where did you earn your doctorate?
A: Illinois College of Optometry

Q: What inspired you to pursue optometry as a career?
A: A close friend in undergrad who was president of our school's POPS (pre-optometric professional society) club and working part-time in an optometrist's office while in undergrad.

Q: What is your most rewarding patient or professional experience?
A: Any of the patient encounters I've had at the VA or at a community health center have been great experiences.

Q: How did you become involved with the Academy?
A: My awesome VA residency director and attendings.

Q: What has your involvement meant to your career?
A: Being involved with the Academy means a lifelong commitment to learning and never thinking "I know it all!" It means coming to Academy meetings and getting excited about our profession all over again.

Q: What is the best part of being an OD?
A: The jokes, the cornea, the better.

Eye puns aside, I love being able to help better the gift of sight. I also love the patient interaction, especially when a patient thanks me for taking the time to explain their conditions in a way they haven't heard before.

Q: Tell us a fun fact about you or an interesting hobby you have?
A: I'm learning to play piano all over again, alongside my kids this time.