Q: Where are you located?
A: Cleveland, Ohio, United States

Q: What year did you earn your Fellowship?
A: 2017

Q: Where did you earn your doctorate?
A: The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Q: What inspired you to pursue optometry as a career?
A: As a teenager, I had a corneal ulcer and had to visit our local optometrist almost daily for several weeks. After spending this much time at the office, I learned more about the profession, and it sparked my curiosity to pursue optometry as a career.

Q: What is your most rewarding patient or professional experience?
A: My most rewarding patient experience is being able to provide eye care to veterans at the Cleveland VA Medical Center. Professionally, I have found it very rewarding to work with optometry externs and residents and watch them go on to provide excellent patient care in their communities and contribute to the optometric profession.

Q: How did you become involved with the Academy?
A: Through the mentorship and encouragement of past professors at Ohio State and faculty at my residency program.

Q: What has your involvement meant to your career?
A: Being involved with the Academy has inspired me to become a life-long learner, so that I can provide high quality eye care to my patients and contribute to the optometric profession.

Q: What is the best part of being an OD?
A: For me, one of the best parts of being an OD is how diverse a work day can be. I get to provide direct patient care, collaborate on research projects, participate in academic grand rounds, and work with residents and students. Each day provides new opportunities and challenges.

Q: Tell us a fun fact about you or an interesting hobby you have?
A: I am a big Cleveland sports fan, but my favorite sport to watch is baseball.