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**FRIDAY
FELLOW
Q&A**

Q: Where are you located?

A: Boston, Massachusetts, United States

Q: What year did you earn your Fellowship?

A: 2018

Q: Where did you earn your doctorate?

A: New England College of Optometry,
Boston, Massachusetts, United States

Q: What inspired you to pursue optometry as a career?

A: Being a patient. My first pair of glasses was in elementary school, and then I had a rare corneal infection in high school — so I saw lots of eye doctors through the years!

Q: What is your most rewarding patient or professional experience?

A: The ability to help teach students, residents, and patients every day.

Q: How did you become involved with the Academy?

A: I started attending Academy meetings in 2011 during my first year of optometry school in Boston and have been going to the annual meetings ever since. I have been fortunate to present posters and lectures at previous Academy meetings and helped engage potential new Fellows at the 2019 Academy meeting in Orlando.

Q: What has your involvement meant to your career?

A: The Academy provides wonderful educational opportunities and highlights many exciting aspects of the profession, encouraging optometrists to continually expand their knowledge base and advance their practice.

Q: What is the best part of being an OD?

A: The unique ability to help recognize ocular manifestations of systemic conditions and coordinate care with other medical specialties to best help our patients maintain optimal vision and general health.

Q: Tell us a fun fact about you or an interesting hobby you have?

A: Movies! I collect them and studied film in college. I have more than 1,000 DVDs and Blu-Rays.



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