Q: Where are you located?
A: Salt Lake City, Utah, United States

Q: What year did you earn your Fellowship?
A: 2018

Q: When did you earn your doctorate?
A: 2016

Q: What inspired you to pursue optometry as a career?
A: My love of science and medicine.

Q: What is your most rewarding patient or professional experience?
A: I really enjoy serving our veteran population, many of them are so humble and grateful.

Q: How did you become involved with the Academy?
A: I was encouraged to become involved with the Academy during my residency year. Many of my colleagues and mentors are Fellows, and the annual meeting is an exciting conference to learn and connect with people.

Q: What has your involvement meant to your career?
A: Attending the annual conference allows me to connect and collaborate with optometry colleagues from all over the country. These professional connections have helped me throughout my career. The continuing education provided through the Academy is top notch! For the benefit of my patients, I am able to stay educated on the latest evidence-based research and innovated technology that surrounds our industry.

Q: What is the best part of being an OD?
A: I love the critical thinking and problem-solving involved with being an OD. Every patient has a specific chief complaint and a unique combination of ocular conditions. Keeps me on my toes!

Q: Tell us a fun fact about you or an interesting hobby you have?
A: I ran my first half marathon when I was 7 years old...and haven’t stopped running since!