Q: Where are you located?
A: Winnipeg, Canada

Q: What year did you earn your Fellowship?
A: 2000

Q: Where did you earn your doctorate?
A: University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science

Q: What inspired you to pursue optometry as a career?
A: LOL, it’s not an inspiring life changing vision story, but it’s the superficial story that started me on the path. The optometrist in our small town was single and looked just like Mel Gibson (this was in the 1980s), and he was the most eligible bachelor in town. I thought, “Hey, maybe I should check out this optometry career,” and it turns out it actually is a great career.

Q: What is your most rewarding patient or professional experience?
A: My most rewarding professional experience was serving as President of Canadian Association of Optometrists.

Q: How did you become involved with the Academy?
A: Started when I worked at the UW School of Optometry as a research assistant when I was a student.

Q: What has your involvement meant to your career?
A: I love the ideals of academic and clinical excellence that the Academy represents.

Q: What is the best part of being an OD?
A: Being able to help people see better – everyone takes their vision for granted until it is reduced.

Q: Tell us a fun fact about you or an interesting hobby you have?
A: I have a YouTube channel helping to educate patients on optometry and eye care. You can like and subscribe at: www.youtube.com/c/GoodOptometryMorning.