Each year the Academy recognizes individuals who have demonstrated their contributions to the advancement of the Academy, optometry and vision science.

Please join us in honoring the 2018 award recipients at the Awards Ceremony on Friday, November 9 from 8 to 10 AM in Room 217CD of the Henry B. González Convention Center! Find inspiration in the awardees’ contributions to the advancement of optometry and vision science. Don’t miss the Charles F. Prentice and Glenn A. Fry Lectures (one hour of CE credit provided) and help us appropriately recognize these outstanding individuals.

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Excellence in Discovery

2018 AWARDS

2018 Charles F. Prentice Medal and Lecture
The Charles F. Prentice Medal is the Academy’s top award and lecture at the annual meeting, and is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge through research in the visual sciences.

The recipient of this year’s Prentice Medal is Chris A. Johnson, PhD, DSc, FAAO. Dr. Johnson played a pivotal role in the development of automated perimetry, improving clinical practice and making important clinical trials possible such as the Optic Neuritis Treatment Trial and the Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study.

2018 Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture
The Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture is sponsored by the American Academy of Optometry Foundation and recognizes a distinguished scientist or clinician for his or her current research contributions.

Fiona J. Stapleton, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO, is the recipient of the 2018 Fry Award. In addition to studying patient-based epidemiological research related to corneal inflammation and infection, Dr. Stapleton has also published a substantial body of animal and in vitro work related to the microbiology and immunology of contact lens-related adverse responses compared to other treatments.

AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding International Contributions to Optometry
The International Award recognizes an individual(s) or organization whose direct efforts and contributions have resulted in unquestionable significant and extraordinary advances in optometry and eye care internationally.

This year’s International Award will be awarded posthumously to Paul E. Berman, OD. Dr. Berman was the founder of the Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program and was a chief architect of the overall health platform (Healthy Athletes) within the Special Olympics movement. Dr. Berman recognized the need for individualized treatment and, through his leadership, created a program for Special Olympic athletes with 20,000 volunteers and countless partners providing some 200,000 prescription eyeglasses.

Brien Holden Humanitarian Award
The Brien Holden Humanitarian Award recognizes an individual or organization who has made significant contributions to improve eye care within a country or region. In particular, the award acknowledges humanitarian efforts in the non-profit/not-for-profit sector that build or support the development of sustainable eye care systems in developing communities.

The recipient of this year’s Holden Award is Akio Kanai, OD. Dr. Kanai is being honored for his tireless and sustained contributions in partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Since 1984, Dr. Kanai has been active in advocacy for access to eye care and in providing direct care to over 100,000 refugees in difficult and hazardous environments including Thailand, Nepal, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and, most recently, to the displaced Rohingya.

Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal
The Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal is awarded to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the enhancement and development of relationships between optometry and other professions.

The 2018 Koch Award recipient is Kovin S. Naidoo, OD, PhD, FAAO. An internationally celebrated public health leader, Dr. Naidoo is an advocate for the synergy between ophthalmology and optometry. Examples include his founding of the African Vision Research Institute, linking optometry and ophthalmology from all over the continent in the pursuit of confronting the challenges of Africa’s eye health issues and the Our Children’s Vision campaign, a cooperative project between optometry and ophthalmology that has reached some 19 million children.

Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics
The American Academy of Optometry Foundation’s Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics is awarded to a student pursuing the Doctor of
Optometry degree in a school or college of optometry who submits a first-authored original research paper on one of the following topics: Geometrical Optics, Physical Optics, Ophthalmic Optics, Optics of the Eye.

This year the Awards Committee selected two research articles: “Objective and Subjective Visual Performance of Soft Multifocal Contact Lenses of Various Add Powers and Center Optic Zone Sizes,” by Jacob Andrew Boroff, OD, MS, of The Ohio State University College of Optometry, and “Lag by Retinoscopy versus Autorefraction Spherical Equivalent or Horizontal Meridian,” by Jenna Wayne, OD, and Angeline Nguyen, OD, of the University of Houston College of Optometry (pictured clockwise from top article).

Eminent Service Award
The Eminent Service Award honors those persons who have rendered extraordinary and/or distinguished long-term service to the Academy.

This year the Awards Committee selected Bernard J. Dolan, OD, MS, FAAO, to receive the Eminent Service Award. Dr. Dolan has an outstanding record of service to the Academy and to numerous inter- and intra-professional organizations such as the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education, the American Optometric Association, the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, and as a key liaison with the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He served as chair of the Admittance Committee from 2001-2004 and on the Academy’s Board of Directors, culminating in his Presidency in 2013 and 2014.

Michael G. Harris Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
Presented by the American Academy of Optometry Foundation, the Harris Award recognizes an optometric educator who has demonstrated ongoing and consistent excellence in education of optometry students and/or advancement of optometric education.

This year the Harris Award is awarded to Patricia K. Hrynchak, OD, FAAO. Dr. Hrynchak is an exceptional educator and has advanced optometric education locally within the School of Optometry and Vision Science at the University of Waterloo, nationally as an active member of optometric Colleges (Canadian equivalent of State Boards of Optometry), as an active member of the Canadian Examiners in Optometry (Canadian equivalent of the NBEO), and internationally through her influential research in optometric education.

Garland W. Clay Award
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Section Awards

Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award

The Schapero Award, which is the Section’s highest award, honors a clinician, researcher, or scholar who has made a significant contribution to the cornea and contact lens field by virtue of their publications, lectures, or research efforts.

This year’s honoree is Helen A. Swarbrick, PhD, FAAO, noted for her work in the area of overnight orthokeratology as a researcher, mentor, teacher and prominent educator of students and practitioners worldwide.

Founders’ Award

The Founders’ Award is presented to an individual, group, or company who has made an outstanding contribution to the clinical aspect of the art or science of contact lens fitting.

This year’s awardee is Jerome A. Legerton, OD, MS, FAAO. Dr. Legerton is noted for his work bringing new lenses to market and research in the areas of orthokeratology, hybrid lenses, aberration control, contact lens enabled wearable displays, and other novel contact lens designs.

Henry B. Peters Memorial Award in Public Health and Environmental Vision

The Henry B. Peters Memorial Award, administered by the American Academy of Optometry Foundation, recognizes an individual for his/her exemplary contributions to public health and/or environmental vision over many years.

This year’s recipient is Robert D. Newcomb, OD, MPH, FAAO. Dr. Newcomb received his Doctor of Optometry degree from The Ohio State University in 1971. He then served as a Naval Officer, in the Veterans Administration, obtained a Master of Public Health degree and founded the National Association of VA Optometrists. Dr. Newcomb was appointed as the inaugural Vision Service Plan (VSP) Chair for the Advancement of Professional Practice at The Ohio State University and was President of the American Academy of Optometry in 2001 and 2002.

The Unique Opportunities of the Vision Science Special Interest Group

Would you be willing to step out of your comfort zone and consider sharing your vision science expertise? Despite the large overlap across specialized knowledge areas, members of the larger Academy community often remain siloed, focused primarily on their own areas of expertise. This narrowed focus has the potential to result in missed opportunities to advance scientific knowledge that is the underpinnings of the optometric profession.

It is important for the Academy to have a common forum, dedicated to increasing awareness and collaboration, one that facilitates the exchange of ideas across the translational research spectrum. The mission of the Vision Science Special Interest Group (SIG) is to foster and disseminate both clinical and basic science research, from the molecular level to the intact visual system, as it relates to visual function in health and disease. Though not everyone is engaged in research, I believe the Vision Science SIG represents a unique opportunity for individuals, from bench to bedside, to exchange ideas and develop new partnerships by being part of a common, interactive group.

The Vision Science SIG works to highlight the most cutting edge advances that shape our understanding of the visual system and guide clinical practice. In addition to expertise within the SIG, the Vision Science SIG hosts symposia at the annual Academy meeting with external experts that influence our understanding of the visual system and clinical practice. This year’s symposium, titled “New Approaches for Diagnosis and Management of Vision Threatening Disease,” will highlight novel findings and emerging techniques that enhance detection, diagnosis and management of ocular conditions.

As the incoming chair, I hope you will consider making the Vision Science SIG part of your Academy experience by bringing your expertise and interest to the group. We have a lot we can learn from each other.
Academy Online: Experience Exceptional Education Year Round

Have you visited Academy Online? This past May, the Academy launched its brand new online learning platform, bringing the world-class education offered at our annual meeting to you at home on all your electronic devices. Learn anywhere, anytime, at your own pace.

“The Academy now has a streamlined, easy-to-navigate portal for all members of the optometric community to use to further their education. It provides the ability to look up content of past meetings, while giving the flexibility to access online CE in a variety of modalities—video, audio, and visual posters,” shared Dr. Eilene Kinzer, Chair of the Academy’s Online Learning Task Force.

Academy Online generates a list of educational components based on your profile and interests. You can set your preferences in your profile menu to see more content on specific topic areas, from binocular vision and pediatrics to low vision.

Right now online you can watch several lectures from Academy 2017 Chicago or view virtual posters from Academy 2016 Anaheim. 22 Section and Special Interest Group symposia from past meetings as well as over 30 audiobooks that can be listened to like podcasts are also available.

Another session you won’t want to miss is the 2016 Plenary Session featuring renowned author Malcolm Gladwell, titled “Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®: Current State of Health Care and Research.” Mr. Gladwell discusses Trewerton’s paradox in the medical field and the implications—and possible solutions—to this problem.

“Absolutely loved the insight and way he framed the world in which we now live and the challenges associated with it in daily living as well as in medical care. The problem or privilege of too much information and the different mindset and skill set it requires as a clinician was discussed with elegance and care,” raved one attendee.

Don’t wait too long to watch, as these sessions rotate throughout the year. Content like Malcolm Gladwell’s Plenary Session and the 2016 Scientific Program posters will be replaced with exciting new sessions and posters this October. Be sure to check back to view virtual posters from Academy 2017 Chicago and more.

Members of the Academy have complimentary access to all education sessions available on Academy Online. Tests are also available for purchase online for $25 for select courses, allowing individuals to earn COPE-approved distance learning credits.

What are you waiting for? Explore Academy Online now at learning.aaopt.org.

Section and SIG Business Meetings

Please join us at the Section and Special Interest Group Business Meetings at Academy 2018 San Antonio.

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Whether you're a new attendee or a tried and true longtime Academy Fellow, here's what you need to know to get the most out of your time at Academy 2018 San Antonio.

**Before the Meeting**

Plan out your daily schedule in the Academy.18 meeting app or online planner. You can use the app to browse available CE sessions, find exhibitors, and complete session evaluations.

Search for Academy.18 in the App Store or Google Play to download the app to your device. A web version will also be available at www.aaopt.org/2018.

**Registration Check-In**

Beat the Wednesday morning registration rush by picking up your badge and materials on Tuesday. Registration Central in the convention center will be open from 1 to 8 PM. In addition, a satellite registration site at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio will be open on Tuesday from 7 to 9 AM, Noon to 8 PM, and Wednesday from 6:30 to 9 AM. While you're at registration be sure to pick up an Education Grid that lists all educational offerings.

**Education**

The headlining event is this year's Plenary session, “Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®: The Future of Health Care Delivery,” to be held on Wednesday, November 7 from 10 AM to Noon. The session will address the trends and concepts that will shape your future practice. Speakers will include Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Gordon Guyatt, Distinguished Professor at McMaster University; and Dr. Anthony Cavallerano, Executive Director, Clinical and Patient Care and Adjunct Professor, New England College of Optometry.

This year’s program will again feature a variety of rapid fire courses that will offer you fast-paced, captivating talks in 12-minute increments. Pick from 12 topics including Taming the Unusual LASIK Complications, to Myopia Control – From Evidence to Implementation, to What’s New in Scleral Lenses. See the education grid or Academy.18 app for specifics.

Do you need Continuing Education with Examination (CEE) credits to help fulfill your state license requirements? These courses, also marked on the Education Grid, offer examinations from the University of Houston to help you meet those requirements. Attendees who do not need CEE are also welcome to attend those courses.

Have 15 minutes in between meetings or classes and want to earn some extra CE? Stop by the Scientific Program paper or poster sessions! Posters will be displayed during a special evening poster session on Thursday from 4 to 6 PM (be sure to check your badge for a free drink ticket at this event). Paper sessions will take place throughout the meeting.

Lastly, support current optometric residents by engaging with them during the Residents Day presentations on Saturday, November 10. Residents will present their interesting case reports or the results of their research projects. Papers will be presented from 8 AM to Noon in Room 008 and posters from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in Room 006.

**Exhibit Hall**

Be sure to take advantage of our expansive exhibit hall while you're at the meeting. Start by attending our Welcome Reception generously sponsored by Luxottica on Wednesday evening for complimentary refreshments and to visit with over 150 companies. On Thursday and Friday plan to stop by the exhibit hall for free lunch, and Thursday evening will feature another attendee reception from 5 to 6 PM. Also, don't miss the schedule of Vision Theater presentations in which companies will conduct product information sessions on the show floor!

Also, new this year is our Industry Innovations: Lunch + Learn sessions on Wednesday during the lunch hour. Join our industry partners in learning about their latest products, technology, and services. Lunch will be provided, but advanced RSVP is required. Sign up for these interesting sessions when you register for the meeting.

**American Academy of Optometry Foundation**

Support the future of optometry while you're in San Antonio! The American Academy of Optometry Foundation provides financial support for optometric research and education in vision and eye health to improve clinical patient care. Stop by their booth in the Exhibit Hall to donate or participate in the silent auction.
Social Events

New this year! The Academy is pleased to partner with Essilor for the Essilor Academic Challenge at Academy Stadium on Thursday, November 8 from 7 to 10 PM. This event is a team competition among all the optometric schools in North America. It pits 3 students from each school against other schools in a 15-question, interactive quiz that covers all levels of optometric education and culminates with a champion being crowned. Join us and cheer on your alma mater at this exciting and lively event.

Friday evening’s schedule is overflowing with social events. Most of the schools and colleges of optometry will host alumni receptions at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio. Those who didn’t graduate from a US or Canadian optometry school are invited to attend the International Reception. Finally, don’t miss the Australia Party co-sponsored by the Brien Holden Vision Institute from 9 PM to 1 AM for live music, dancing and fun. Check your badge for your complimentary beer ticket.

On Saturday evening join us for the annual Fellowship Banquet to honor the incoming Fellows and Diplomates. This year’s theme is “Denim to Diamonds” so dress down or dress up. The Second City will return with an expanded improv comedy performance. Tickets are not automatically included in your registration package but can be purchased for $25 each.

Miscellaneous Events

One hidden gem of the meeting is the Resident / Practitioner Networking Event generously sponsored by Allergan and Johnson and Johnson Vision. This event pairs practicing optometrists wanting to hire residency trained ODs. The event will be held on Friday, November 9 from 4:30 to 6 PM. Watch for more information on how to RSVP.

Need a few minutes to sit down and relax during the meeting? Do you like to help people? Knock both out at once by participating in our blood drive to benefit South Texas Blood & Tissue Center. Stop by room 206B in the convention center between 10 AM and 6 PM on Friday, November 9 to participate. Reserve a time that works for your schedule at www.aaopt.org/blooddrive18.

Interested in a high-level overview of the most newsworthy scientific presentations and new products being presented at the meeting? Attend the Press Conference! That’s right, it’s not just for press. Join us Wednesday, November 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 AM.

Don’t forget to explore the charm of San Antonio while you’re there! Visit http://visitsanantonio.com/2018AAO.aspx to plan your leisure time outside of the meeting.

Board of Director Elections

Elections to fill vacancies on the Academy Board of Directors will take place at Academy 2018 San Antonio. On Thursday, November 8 from 6 to 7 PM, join your colleagues at the Business Meeting I in Room 302 where the election of officers and nomination of at-large board members will take place.

On Friday, November 9 from 10 AM to 2 PM outside Room 214A, please plan to stop by to cast your vote! In order to vote, you must have paid your 2018 dues, be a Fellow of the Academy, and bring your photo ID. The four highest vote-getters of all those nominated will be elected as the four at-large directors.

Election results will be announced at the Business Meeting II on Friday, November 9 from 6 to 7 PM in Room 302. Thank you in advance for your participation!
Opportunity Awaits in Unforgettable San Antonio: Will You Be There?

Jordan Speir, UIWRSO Student Chapter President, Class of 2020

Attending the American Academy of Optometry annual meeting is important for so many reasons. It is a truly rewarding and engaging experience that promotes the art and science of vision care.

As future optometrists, we should be advocates of life-long learning to facilitate proper patient care. You can optimize yourself professionally by learning about new disease related research, advancements in technology, and changes in treatment approaches. The articles you read in optometric journals may be based on research from months or even years in the past, while the research presented at the Academy annual meeting may be presented prior to being published. This conference allows us to learn current practice and evidence-based medicine changes possibly before the general optometric society learns about them.

This is an opportunity for you to renew and grow your enthusiasm for your future career as an eye doctor. Although the learning at the meeting is unmatchable, the people you meet, and the passion the presenters display is something you don’t want to miss. Personally, attending a career-based conference is the most enjoyable way to experience a year’s worth of optometry in only a few days. What better way to advance your patient knowledge, exam approach, and understanding of evidence-based medicine than at the American Academy of Optometry meeting in San Antonio this November?

For these reasons, I want to encourage every student to attend the meeting this year. Become a Student Fellow and engage in cutting edge knowledge and technology through lectures, workshops, posters and much more! Connect with your peers and strive to be the best clinician you can be. Be sure to check out the Student Networking Luncheon to learn about residency programs available across the country and come show your school spirit at the brand new Essilor Academic Challenge at Academy Stadium this year. Academy 2018 San Antonio will not disappoint!

The 36th Australia Party

San Antonio 2018

Calling all Academy San Antonio delegates

You are invited to the 36th Australia Party, hosted by the Brien Holden Vision Institute and the American Academy of Optometry (AAO).

Join us for live music and as always, the Foster’s will be flowing! Look for your beer ticket in your registration materials.

Grand Hyatt San Antonio
Lone Star Ballroom
Friday 9th November 2018, 9pm – 1am
Student and Resident Events

Student Welcome Reception
Wednesday, November 7, 5 - 7 PM
Generously sponsored by Allergan, Johnson & Johnson Vision, VSP and National Vision
Kick off the annual meeting at this students-only reception.

Special Student Focus Exhibit Hall Hours
Thursday, November 8, 10 – 11:30 AM
Students will have a special opportunity to meet and network with over 150 exhibitors in attendance and win special prizes. While you’re there, stop by the Academy membership booth (1033) to ask a Fellow any question you have about membership or the Academy.

Ask the Experts - ASCO Exhibit Hall Booth
Thursday, November 8, 10 - 11:30 AM
Friday, November 9, 10 - 11:30 AM
Considering a career in academia or research? Stop by the ASCO booth (1555) in the exhibit hall to speak with distinguished scholar and researchers who are willing to share their career journey and offer advice. There will also be finger food, giveaways and other surprises.

Student and Resident Awards Lunch
Thursday, November 8, Noon - 1 PM
This luncheon will honor the best student scientific program presenters from Academy 2017 Chicago and the 2018 student travel fellowship recipients.

Student Networking Luncheon
Friday, November 9, Noon – 1:30 PM
Generously sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Vision and Vision Source
Meet and network with students from other schools. Staff from residency programs will be available to answer questions.

Resident/Practitioner Networking Event
Friday, November 9, 4:30 - 6 PM
Generously sponsored by Allergan and Johnson & Johnson Vision
Network with practitioners from the US and abroad looking to hire residency trained ODs in the near future. RSVP required.

Residents Day Luncheon
Saturday, November 10, Noon – 1:15 PM
Generously sponsored by Alcon and CooperVision
Enjoy this opportunity to meet and network with residents from other programs. Don’t forget to submit your Candidacy for Fellowship application during the meeting to be entered into a prize drawing! Winners will be announced at the luncheon.

Residents Day Reception
Saturday, November 10, 3:30 - 4:30 PM
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Celebrate the end of Residents Day by enjoying complimentary refreshments and mingling with your peers.

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ENGAGE EXCHANGE EVOLVE

The exhibit hall gives you one-stop access to the tools you need to take your practice to the next level.

Academy 2018 San Antonio Exhibit Hall Hours
Wednesday, November 7: 4 to 7 PM
Thursday, November 8: 11 AM to 6 PM
Friday, November 9: 10 AM to 3 PM

Welcome Reception, Wednesday, 5 - 7 PM
Attendee Reception, Thursday, 5 - 6 PM
Student Focus Hours, Thursday, 10 - 11:30 AM
Lunch provided for attendees in the exhibit hall on Thursday and Friday

Exhibitors (as of August 13, 2018)

AAO Sections & SIGs
AccuLens Inc.
Acuity ProVisionScience Software, Inc
Akorn Pharmaceuticals
Alcon Foundation, Inc.
Alcon Laboratories
Alcon Novartis Pharmaceuticals
Allergan
American Academy of Optometry
American Academy of Optometry Foundation
American Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control
American Board Certification Medical Optometry
American Board of Opticianry - National Contact Lens Examiners
American Board of Optometry
Art Optical Contact Lens, Inc.
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
Bausch + Lomb
Beauty and Beyond Bemell
BioTissue
BirdEye
Blanchard Contact Lens, Inc.
BlephEx LLC
Brien Holden Vision Institute
Bruder Healthcare Company
Bryn Mawr Communications, LLC
CareCredit
Chadwick Optical, Inc.
Cleartens
Clara Llc
Coburn Technologies
Compulink Healthcare Solutions
CooperVision, Inc.
Crystal Practice Management
Designs For Vision, Inc.
DGH Technology Inc.
Digital Heat Corp.
Diopsys
Docbible
Elsevier, Inc.
Eschenbach Optik of America
eSight
Esslor Custom Contact Lens Specialists
Esslor of America
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Eye Care and Cure
Eye Designs LLC
Eye Photo Systems, Inc.
eyeBrain Medical, Inc.
eyeEfficient, LLC
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Freedom Scientific/Optelec
Globecheck
Good-Lite Co.
Guardian Health Sciences
Haag-Streit USA/Reliance
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HAI Laboratories, Inc.
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Don’t miss out on these industry-sponsored, information packed sessions taking place directly following the Plenary Session. These 45-minute presentations will provide annual meeting attendees with real take home value from the leaders in the optometric community. There will be seven Industry Innovations: Lunch + Learn sessions this year and they will fill up fast! Lunch is complimentary and seating is limited so be sure to sign up when you register for Academy 2018 San Antonio. No cost to attend, no CE provided.

### Vision Theater in the Exhibit Hall

Don’t forget to join us in the Academy Vision Theater on the exhibit hall floor! A total of 11 informative, commercial programs will be conducted by exhibitors in our specially constructed theater. These 30-minute presentations will cover an array of topics and give attendees a chance to learn about everything from new technology and industry developments to ocular disease management. Vision Theater sessions include lunch. No cost to attend, no CE provided. RSVP is required in advance and each session is limited to 50 attendees. Please look for full session details and the opportunity to RSVP in your inbox next month!

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Student Travel Fellowship
Recipients at ARVO 2018

Thanks to our generous sponsor, Johnson and Johnson, The Vision Care Institute, LLC, five students received $750 student travel fellowships to help offset the cost of attending the ARVO meeting to present their research. An additional student travel fellowship, funded by the American Academy of Optometry, was also awarded.

2018 ARVO STF Recipients
Supported by Johnson & Johnson, The Vision Care Institute, LLC
- Katie Bales
- Hannah Burfield
- Jessica Jasien
- Laura Pardon, OD, MS, FAAO
- Daisy Shu, BOptom(Hons)/BSci

Supported by the American Academy of Optometry
- Billie Beckwith-Cohen, DVM, MBA, FAAO

Member Spotlight: Nimesh Patel

How did you first become involved with the Academy?
I attended my first annual meeting while completing a residency, but didn’t realize the importance and value of the Academy until much later on. It was at an annual meeting that I first met my graduate school mentor, and many important collaborators.

Tell us a little about your background. What was your main focus of study?
My graduate work was on improving optical coherence tomography derived retinal nerve fiber layer thickness measures by including ocular magnification and removing major retinal vasculature. This work was expanded on through an NIH career development grant, in which we investigated optic nerve head and retinal nerve fiber layer measures in experimental glaucoma.

You were the recipient of the Borish Award in 2016. How has this award affected your career?
This is the highest award I have ever received, and has given me confidence in the work being done in my lab.

What are you working on now?
There are changes in optic nerve head morphology that precede retinal ganglion cell loss in glaucoma. My current studies are focused on investigating characteristics of the neuroretinal rim tissue, with a goal of identifying features that would predict glaucoma development or rate of disease progression.

What is the most interesting study or project you’ve had the opportunity to work on?
I was given the opportunity to be part of the NASA ocular health study that investigated ocular changes that occurred with space flight. To quantify subtle changes, we had to develop appropriate OCT structural analysis, which we hope will be useful in clinical care.

Do you have any advice for students looking to get into the research field?
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Arizona Chapter

The fifth annual spring meeting of the Arizona Chapter took place on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Approximately 60 optometrists including residents were in attendance at the 6 hour CE event hosted by Midwestern University, Arizona College of Optometry in Glendale, AZ.

The business meeting was held in conjunction with the Spring meeting, where 6 new 2017 Arizona Fellows were recognized and new officers elected. Congratulations to the new officers!

The Arizona Chapter’s Fall meeting will be on September 15, 2018.

Florida Chapter

The Florida Chapter’s annual meeting was held April 21, 2018 at Mission Inn, Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida. There were 96 optometrists in attendance. This year’s meeting was sponsored by Alcon Medical IOL’s Alcon Vision Care, BlephEx, Mid Florida Eye Center, MyEyeDr and St. Lukes at the Villages. The speakers were Drs. Brad Sutton, Jeff Perotti, Todd Peabody, Albert Woods, and John McClane. The chapter also voted to provide four resident travel grants to the American Academy of Optometry. Each travel grant is $750 for a total of $3,000.

The dates for next year’s meeting are April 26-27, 2019. The meeting will be held at Mission Inn, Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida. The speakers will be Drs. Tammy Than, Susan Frick, and John McClane. A total of 10 hours of CE will be offered, of which 6 will be CEE/TQ. There will be two hours of Medical Errors and two hours of Florida Jurisprudence offered.

New Jersey Chapter

The New Jersey Chapter will host its end of year Fall CE Dinner on November 14, 2018 at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, New Jersey. More details on the education that will be offered will be available in the coming weeks.

Save the date for the Annual Golf Seminar to be held April 3-6, 2019 at Kingston Plantation Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Nova Southeastern University Student Chapter

The Nova Southeastern University Student Chapter of the Academy has been busy raising money to send students to the American Academy of Optometry meeting in San Antonio. Our students were hard at work selling t-shirts and sweatshirts and had overwhelming support from our student body. We met our goals and are thrilled to be sending two students to the annual meeting. We will meet in the fall to discuss Student Fellowship and general Academy information and look forward to having nice student representation at the San Antonio meeting.

Rosenberg School of Optometry Student Chapter

The student chapter is currently offering 15 registration scholarships toward Academy 2018 San Antonio. This year Good-Lite will also be sponsoring prizes and scholarships for participation.

University of Waterloo Student Chapter

The University of Waterloo Student Chapter has had quite a year, having grown in our representation at the school. The chapter kicked off the year with a cake sale fundraiser for student travel grants for UW students to attend Academy 2017 Chicago. This sale was very successful (not to mention enjoyed by many staff and students), and its proceeds were put towards supplementing travel costs for two of our own, Stuart Bennett and Nicole Maione, who represented UW at the Academy meeting. A record number of 11 OD students from UW obtained their Student Fellowship designation in 2017.

Following the meeting, the chapter held another successful fundraiser, selling eyeglass-themed tie clips and necklaces to send students to Academy 2018 San Antonio. Future plans for the UW chapter include hosting an information session on the Fellowship process for graduating OD students and potentially another fundraiser.

Chapter News
We can debate about the value of residency training, but I happen to be one who wouldn’t trade it for anything. Feeling well-prepared by my residency, it surprised me how much I still had to learn about managing keratoconus (KC) patients when I entered my Cornea and Contact Lens fellowship. It goes to show both my naivete as a young clinician and the fact that patient care is a lifelong learning process.

Fortunately, studying under Peter Hersh, MD, and Donald Hersh, OD, gave me the exposures to learn new treatment options like corneal crosslinking (CXL), and that proper KC management is greater than the sum of specialty lens fitting and corneal transplants. I hope you will indulge me in honoring the late Dr. Donald Hersh by sharing some of the clinical pearls I learned.

1) KC progression slows down with age, but protection against KC advancement is not guaranteed after the 4th decade of life\(^1\). Patients need to be instructed about clinical monitoring frequencies tailored to their clinical profiles.

2) Pregnancy may pose a risk factor for KC progression\(^2\) and clinicians need to discuss this with appropriate female patients.

3) Early KC detection is essential given the clinical ability to stabilize KC with CXL.

4) KC can also manifest with a “kissing dove” topography pattern resembling Pellucid Degeneration (Figure 1), so carefully inspect corneal findings for differentiation.

5) Diagnosing KC requires clinicians to go beyond biomicroscopy and Placido ring-based topographer to account for posterior corneal contributions\(^3\), i.e., Scheimpflug imaging tomographers.

6) Quality of life for KC patients can decrease over time even in those who wear contact lenses\(^4\). Thus, discussing CXL stabilization is an essential part of KC management (Figure 2).

7) Emphasize to patients about avoidance of eye rubbing. Timely uses of chilled preservative-free tears can be helpful in calming down stimuli for rubbing.

8) Customize contact lens recommendations to each individual profile. Gas permeable lenses are not the only contact lens options, and sometimes patients are best served to wear different lens types in each eye.

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Dear Colleagues,

I shared with you the great successes we have had this last year due to the generosity of our donors and sponsors. In this message I would like to reflect on how we got there. I have had the honor of serving as the AAOF president for four years. I have watched this organization grow and mature. It takes more than a village, it takes an entire infrastructure of dedicated people to move an organization like this forward.

I have had the opportunity to work with an amazing board of directors. They come from very diverse backgrounds with different skill sets. Believe me, they all have very strong opinions on a variety of topics. But I must say, that in the end we, as a group of dedicated volunteers, have embraced the vision of the AAOF and have worked tirelessly to fulfill its mission.

The heavy lifting is done by our staff professionals. Each of them is a joy to work with. They keep track of the details of the fundraising the board does, and they also are a significant part of the fundraising effort. I also must highlight the dedication of the Academy Research Committee. They play a key role in supporting the AAOF board in choosing our grantees each year.

I would like to invite each you to invest further in the future of optometry. Please consider joining the President’s Circle. It would be wonderful to celebrate the addition of new President’s Circle members at Academy 2018 San Antonio, November 7-10, 2018.

The American Academy of Optometry Foundation is proud to be the Academy’s Foundation, your Foundation, and we continue to take great pride in its growth and the successes of the exceptional individuals who we have supported. Contributions to the Foundation are continuing to advance optometry’s future.

Sincerely,

David G. Kirschen, OD, PhD, FAAO
President, AAOF

Newest President’s Circle Members

The AAOF is deeply grateful for the ongoing commitment from this special group of donors. The President’s Circle was established in 1997 to recognize donors who contribute total gifts of $10,000 or more through either a pledge, one-time gift, or over time. The Foundation recognizes the President’s Circle members who have increased their level of giving to a higher level (February 1 - August 1, 2018).

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the prestigious President’s Circle, please contact Maureen Dimont, Director, Development at MaureenD@aaoptom.org or 321-319-4871.
2018 Ezell Fellowship Recipients

The AAOF has selected 13 outstanding vision researchers to receive the esteemed Ezell Fellowships. Now in its 69th year, the Ezell Fellowship program, named after AAOF founder Dr. William C. Ezell, is intended to recognize talented optometric researchers who are pursuing careers in research and education. The Ezell Fellows will be recognized at the annual AAOF Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, November 10, 2018.

“We look forward to honoring this year’s 13 Ezell Fellowship winners. They represent our next generation of optometric researchers and teachers. From the looks of their collective CVs, research, and practice, the optometric profession has a bright future,” said AAOF President Dr. David Kirschen.

The Ezell Fellowship program is made possible through the commitments of generous endowments, the ongoing contributions of membership donors and friends of the Foundation, and through the visionary support of corporate leaders like Essilor of America.

American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow
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University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry
Research focus: Metabolic reprogramming of diabetic retina by attenuating the endoplasmic reticulum stress response via modulation of TRIP3 signaling

Merton C. Flom Leadership Ezell Fellow
Phillip Thomas Yuhas, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Research focus: Modulation of ganglion cell photoreceptor function with repeated light stimuli

American Academy of Optometry Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Ezell Fellow
Maria K. Walker, OD, MS, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research focus: Evaluating the effects of scleral gas permeable lenses on the eye

Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellow
Elise N. Harb, OD, MSc, FAAO
University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry
Research focus: Investigating the role of human behavior, and its dynamics, on myopia development using wearable technologies

American Academy of Optometry Foundation Earl L. Smith, III, Ezell Club Fellow
Gareth D. Hastings, MPhil, BOptom
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research focus: Visual image quality metrics and wave front-guided corrections of normal and highly aberrated diseased eyes

Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fellow
Laura P. Pardon, OD, MS, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research focus: The effects of elevated intracranial or intraocular pressures on optic nerve structure

Baycross Christian Family Foundation Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Ezell Fellow
Suraj Upadhyaya, OD, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research focus: Neural circuits of the oculomotor system in monkey model of strabismus

John H. Schoen Ezell Fellow
Jasmine S. Junge, OD, FAAO
University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry
Research focus: Quantifying visual functions in children with cerebral visual impairment (CVI)

Danne Ventura—Essilor Ezell Fellow
Katherine M. Bickle, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Research focus: Comparison of the ocular surface in adult and pediatric contact lens wearers

Rod Tahran—Essilor Ezell Fellow
Jessica V. Jasien
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry
Research focus: Characterization of intraocular pressure, ocular perfusion pressure, and intracranial pressure measured with continuous telemetry in normal and experimental glaucoma nonhuman primates

Irvin M. Borish—Essilor Ezell Fellow
Daisy Y. Shu, BOptom
University of New South Wales School of Optometry and Vision Science
Research focus: Cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the pathogenesis of cataract

Vision Impact Institute Ezell Fellow
Kaitlyn Anne Sapoznik, OD
Indiana University School of Optometry
Research focus: High resolution, adaptive optics imaging of retinal microvascular remodeling in diabetes

Mike Daley—Essilor Ezell Fellow
Ann Morrison, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Research focus: Anterior segment influences on refractive error development
Award Announcements

Congratulations to Vinh D. Vu, OD, the 2018 Jill and George Mertz Fellowship awardee. A graduate from the New England College of Optometry, Dr. Vu is currently employed at Child and Family Eye Care in Wichita, Kansas. Dr. Vu is planning to carry out his Mertz Fellowship, in conjunction with the Brien Holden Institute, at Hanoi Medical University in Vietnam to contribute to the elimination of avoidable blindness and vision impairment primarily, but not exclusively, due to uncorrected refractive errors in Vietnam.

The American Academy of Optometry Foundation is pleased to announce Eugene Appenteng Osae, OD, as this year’s recipient for the Joseph T. Barr Early Career Cornea and Contact Lens Research Award. Dr. Osae is a PhD candidate in physiological optics and a teaching assistant at the University of Houston College of Optometry.

Inaugural Fellowships

The American Academy of Optometry Foundation would like to announce the inaugural year of four fellowships. Please visit our website for more information on these awards.

- David and Diane Goss Optometry History Fellowship
- Brett G. Bence Clinical Student Travel Fellowship
- Brett G. Bence Leadership Student Travel Fellowship
- Lois Schoenbrun Student Travel Fellowship

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We look forward to seeing you at Academy 2018 San Antonio. Stop by the American Academy of Optometry Foundation booth (1027) in the exhibit hall to meet the 2018 Ezell Fellows. While visiting the booth, you can bid on many exciting silent auction items or make a donation. Thank you for Advancing Optometry’s Future!

Giving Campaign

During Academy 2018 San Antonio, the AAOF will launch a giving campaign. Funds raised will support an initiative to build future educators of the profession as well as existing initiatives. The goal is to raise $2,020,000 by the end of 2020. Wendy Harrison, AAOF President-Elect, is chair of the campaign.

The Alcon Foundation Event

The support of the Alcon Foundation has, and will continue to have, far-reaching impact on the optometric profession and patient care. Join us at Academy 2018 San Antonio for another fun, awareness-building event that will culminate in a $25,000 grant from the Alcon Foundation to the AAOF.

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