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November 3-6, 2021
Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
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The Charles F. Prentice Medal is the Academy’s top award and lecture at the annual meeting. It is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge through research in the vision sciences.

The year’s recipient is Stephen A. Burns, PhD, FAAO, who has had a 45-year career spanning vision science, including color vision, electrophysiology, visual optics, photoreceptor physiology, and retinal imaging of normal and diseased retinas. He enjoys an international reputation for experimental innovation and scientific excellence for clinically relevant investigations about the basic mechanism of human vision and ocular disease.

The Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture is sponsored by the American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF) and recognizes a distinguished scientist or clinician for their current research contributions.

Konrad Pesudovs, OD, PhD, FAAO, is the recipient of this year’s award. Dr. Pesudovs’ expertise is in outcomes research to better understand the impact of visual correction, ocular disease, and visual performance on a person’s quality of life and ability to function. His research has resulted in an extraordinary number of citations.
Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award
The Borish Award recognizes an outstanding young researcher who has shown exceptional promise to conduct independent optometric research directly related to etiology, prevention, detection, diagnosis, or management of clinical eye disorders.

The 2021 recipient is Tawna L. Roberts, OD, PhD, FAAO, a clinician-scientist committed to conducting independent research directly related to children’s vision and clinical ocular disorders.

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 recipient is Bina J. Patel, OD, FAAO. Her service to the profession has been most significant in the areas of international optometric education and curriculum development. She also has been extensively involved with the World Council of Optometry’s annual meeting planning committee, serving as chair of the scientific committee and in other roles.

William Feinbloom Award
The William Feinbloom Award is presented to an individual who has made a distinguished and significant contribution to clinical excellence and direct clinical advancement of visual and optometric service, resulting in the visual enhancement of the public.

This year’s Feinbloom awardee is Gang Luo, PhD. As associate professor of ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Luo has led the development and testing of devices for night blindness, tunnel vision, and central vision loss in a variety of technologies.

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 recipients of this year’s Holden Award are Robert E. Molter, Jr., OD, FAAO, and Kimberly S. Molter, OD. The Molters’ one-year commitment to the VOSH Corps (similar to Peace Corps) in Vietnam turned into a four-year commitment from 2016-2020. They not only taught in the classroom and clinic, but also worked with their Vietnamese colleagues to champion an optometry law to support the development of optometry in Vietnam.

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

This year’s recipient is Raymond Kraker, MSPH. Mr. Kraker is the director of the PEDIG Coordinating Center at the Jaeb Center for Health Research and is responsible for everything PEDIG does, including protocol development, operational and analytical methodology, the conduct of studies according to protocol, study oversight, quality control, and data analysis.

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

This year the Awards Committee selected the following first-author research article by University of Houston College of Optometry student Hannah Gregory, OD, MS.

Visual Performance of Center-distance Multifocal Contact Lenses Fit Using a Myopia Control Paradigm, Hannah R. Gregory, BS, Augustine N. Nti, OD, James S. Wolffsohn, PhD, FAAO, David A. Berntsen, OD, PhD, FAAO, and Eric R. Ritchey, OD, PhD, FAAO. Optom Vis Sci 2021; Vol. 98(3).
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 his/her publications, lectures, or research efforts.

This year’s honoree is Carolyn G. Begley, OD, MS, FAAO.

Public Health & Environmental Vision Section Award

These awards will be presented at the Section Awards Ceremony and Max Schapero Lecture on Wednesday, November 3 at 3:00 pm in Room 252 AB of the BCEC.

Founders’ Award

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

This year’s awardee is Joseph T. Barr, OD, MS, FAAO.

Henry B. Peters Memorial Award

The Henry B. Peters Memorial Award is given to an individual for his/her exemplary contributions to public health and/or environmental vision over many years.

This year’s recipient is W. Howard McAlister, OD, MPH, FAAO.

Garland W. Clay Award

The Garland Clay Award is presented to the authors of a manuscript published in Optometry and Vision Science (OVS), which has been among the top OVS papers cited in the world research literature in the preceding five years and has the majority vote of the Optometry and Vision Science editorial board.

The 2021 Clay Award paper is: A 3-year Randomized Clinical Trial of MiSight Lenses for Myopia Control. Paul Chamberlain, BSc (Hons), Sofia C. Peixoto-De-Matos, MSc, Nicola S. Logan, PhD, Cheryl Ngo, MBBS, MMed, Deborah Jones, BSc, FAAO, Graeme Young, PhD, FAAO. Optom Vis Sci 2019; 96:556-567.

Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education

Presented by the AAOF, the Harris Award recognizes an optometric educator who has demonstrated ongoing and consistent excellence in the education of optometry students and/or advancement in the field of optometric education. This year the award is presented to two especially deserving recipients: Etty Bitton, OD, MSc, FAAO, and Anne Mika Moy, OD, FAAO.

Dr. Bitton has had a full and accomplished career at the Ecole d’optometrie, Universite de Montreal. She is the first woman to obtain the title of full professor in the history of the school, an acknowledgment of her teaching quality as well as her research work, especially internationally. She was previously clinic director and is currently externship director, and has served as chair of AOCLE and on the board of IACLE.

Dr. Moy has received California’s and Berkeley Optometry’s highest awards for teaching. Most recently, she was at the forefront of Berkeley Optometry’s award-winning pivot to online case-based teaching, virtual didactic courses, and safety driven clinical care. Dr. Moy is an associate dean of student affairs, serves on the AAOF board, and is ranked #7 on the latest Newsweek “America’s Best Eye Doctors” list.
Academy 2021 Boston is Back and in Person!

It’s the moment we’ve all been waiting for – the Academy is back and in person this Fall for Academy 2021 Boston, November 3-6, 2021, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC). Here’s what you need to know to prepare and ensure you have a fantastic and memorable Academy experience.

Before the Meeting
The Academy.21 meeting app is your master guide to all things Academy. Plan your daily schedule, peruse the Education offered, preview who you can meet in the Exhibit Hall, complete session evaluations, and much more from your mobile device.

Search for Academy.21 in the App Store or Google Play to download the app now.

A web version also will be available at www.academymeting.org.

Registration Check-In
Our registration desk will be open throughout the entire meeting. Beat the rush on Wednesday morning and pick up your badge on Tuesday, November 2 between 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. You may also visit registration in the North Lobby of the convention center during the following hours:

- Wednesday, November 3, 6:30 am - 7:00 pm
- Thursday, November 4, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Friday, November 5, 7:00 am - 5:30 pm
- Saturday, November 6, 7:00 am - 4:30 pm

Make sure to stop by and pick up your attendee bag and a copy of the Education Grid while supplies last.
Education

Academy 2021 Boston grants you access to more than 300 hours of continuing education with the potential to earn up to 32 hours of continuing education credits. Aside from paid sessions such as the leadership program, workshops, and ACE courses, all sessions are available to attend with first come, first served seating.

This year’s Plenary Session, “A Conversation on Racial Bias and Its Impact on Healthcare,” featuring best-selling author and noted expert on the psychology of racism and race relations, Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD. Building off the successful 2020 Diversity Symposium, Dr. Tatum will bring her unique insights to jump-start a productive conversation on racial bias and its impact on healthcare.

The popular rapid fire courses are back and offered each day during the meeting. Tune in for these fast-paced, captivating talks in 12-minute increments. With topics ranging from OCT Angiography in Glaucoma to Tips for Troubleshooting Myopia, you’re sure to find a session that piques your interest.

Do you need Continuing Education with Examination (CEE) credits to help fulfill your state license renewal requirements? These courses, all noted on the Education Grid, offer examinations through the University of Houston (testing fees may apply). Attendees who do not need CEE are also welcome to attend these courses.

Interested in a small group, more interactive education format? Consider adding an Academy Classroom Exchange (ACE) course to your registration for $25. ACE courses, with a limited number of seats, are offered throughout the meeting and feature topics like Performing an Eye Exam in Spanish, Prescribing Prisms for Binocular Disorders, Corneal and Scleral GP Multifocal Fitting, and more.

Want to practice some hands-on skills? Our presenters have organized several interesting and useful sessions for optometrists at all skill levels, ranging from scleral lens fitting to inserting and removing amniotic membranes. Sign up for one of our workshops when you register for the meeting. Prices vary by session. If you need assistance adding an ACE course or workshop to your registration, please email registration@aaoptom.org.

The Academy’s Scientific Program is better than ever with two poster sessions scheduled on Thursday evening from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm and Friday from 10:00 am - Noon in Exhibit Hall B1 at the convention center. An array of cutting-edge paper presentations are scheduled throughout the meeting. Don’t miss the special Hot Topic Paper sessions on Thursday morning from 7:30 am - 8:30 am on glaucoma, cornea, and traumatic brain injury.

Paper and poster presentations continue on Saturday, November 6 during Residents Day. Current optometric residents will present their research projects or interesting case reports. The paper session will be held from 8:00 am - Noon and the posters will be presented from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Earn CE credit for every 15 minutes spent in a paper or poster session during the meeting.

Exhibit Hall

We are pleased to feature more than 100 exhibitors in our exhibit hall during Academy 2021 Boston with multiple opportunities to interact with leaders of the optometric industry. Join us on Wednesday, November 3 as we open the exhibit hall with a Welcome Reception from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm in Hall A. On Thursday and Friday, swing by for complimentary lunch and spend some time networking and exploring the various booths. On Thursday evening, we will hold another Attendee Reception from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Look for full exhibit hall hours and other events later in this newsletter.
Special Events

Tune in for the virtual Academy 2021 Boston Press Conference on Tuesday, November 2 from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Brought to you by the Communications Committee, this event will kick off the Academy meeting by showcasing ten innovations from our industry partners and ten presentations of the best Scientific Program papers and posters being presented in Boston.

On both Thursday and Friday of Academy 2021 Boston, attendees will have the opportunity to start their day with one of our seven sponsored Academy Breakfast Talks. These 45-minute presentations will leave attendees with a breadth of new industry related knowledge. Topics include explorations of the most effective treatments for dry eye disease and myopia, results of research uncovering strategies and management directives for various age-related eye diseases, and more.

This year the Academy is pleased to present 11 sponsored lunches following the conclusion of the Plenary Session on Wednesday, November 3. These informative 50-minute productions include lunch and cover an array of topics, including neurotrophic keratitis, myopia management, vernal keratoconjunctivitis, chronic dry eye management and treatment, new product developments to enhance your practice, and so much more.

Located right on the exhibit hall floor, the Academy’s Vision Theater will offer several sponsored 30-minute presentations on Thursday and Friday. These short presentations are the perfect way to learn about the new developments in treatment and management of various ocular diseases while you enjoy your lunch in the exhibit hall. Sign up for the Vision Theater, Academy Breakfasts, and sponsored lunches when you register for Academy 2021 Boston.

Alumni Receptions are back! Join your colleagues on Friday, November 5. The following schools will be hosting events.

- Illinois College of Optometry
- Indiana University School of Optometry
- New England College of Optometry
- Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry
- Pacific University College of Optometry
- Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
- Southern College of Optometry
- Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University
- State University of New York College of Optometry
- The Ohio State University College of Optometry
- University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry
- University of California Berkeley School of Optometry
- University of Houston College of Optometry
- University of Missouri–St. Louis College of Optometry

Keep your eyes open for more exciting events and updates to come about what’s in store for you at Academy 2021 Boston. Be sure to download the Academy.21 app to ensure you don’t miss any updates.

Health and Safety Guidelines

Prior to attending the meeting, all registered attendees will be required to attest that they have either:

1. Received a completed vaccine (completed means both doses plus the two-week “incubation period” following the second dose) and/or;
2. Received a negative COVID-19 test within 72-hours prior to arriving at the annual meeting

To make this easier for currently registered attendees, please take a moment and complete this brief form and your attestation will be added to your registration. It is important you complete this in ADVANCE of reaching Registration in Boston to avoid any delays in picking up your registration badge and materials:

- For those who have not registered and are still considering, this has now been added to the registration form and you will complete it at the time of registration.
- The city of Boston has mandated mask usage in public spaces and the Academy fully supports this mandate and will require masks to be worn at all times when indoors at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) and all host hotels.
- The Academy, in partnership with Avellino Labs, will provide on-site rapid COVID-19 testing in the Academy Wellness Area. This testing option is also available to anyone traveling internationally and requiring a test prior to returning home.
- The Convention Center will have hand sanitizing stations readily available throughout the facility.

You can pick up a designated sticker denoting your social distance preference to add to your badge at Registration:
- Green = Comfortable with Handshakes and High Fives
- Yellow = Happy to Talk, No Touching Please
- Red = Happy to See You but Keeping My Distance

For more information about the Academy’s Health and Safety Guidelines, please visit our meeting information webpage.
The 2021 Comprehensive Eye Care Section Annual Ocular Photography Contest received 146 image submissions. The submissions were divided into anterior and posterior segment categories, which received 75 and 71 submissions, respectively. Grand prizes were awarded for the Anterior and Posterior Segment categories, followed by four honorable mentions from the combined submissions. Submissions were graded in seven categories, each assigned a numerical value between 1 and 10: focus, exposure, field of view, difficulty of capturing image, absence of distracting elements, lighting and visual impact (wow! factor). The total scores from eleven optometrist judges were averaged to determine the winners.


**Grand Prize: Anterior Segment**

Richard Weisenberger, OD, FAAO

*University of South Florida Eye Institute, Tampa, Florida, United States*

**Special Acknowledgment:**

Chris Wegener, BA, COT; Wyatt Saxon, BSMIS

**Title:** Capillary Hemangioma

**Image System:** Zeiss Photo Slit Lamp with Nikon DSLR

*A new patient presented to the clinic with concerns that their capillary hemangioma was growing. A referral to the orbital surgeon was made for concerns of extension into the orbit.*
**Grand Prize: Posterior Segment**

Jabeen Jaffer, BS Optometry  
*Medcare Eye Centre, Part of Medcare Hospitals LLC, Dubai, UAE*

**Special Acknowledgment:**  
Dr. Prasan Rao, MS, FRCS, Ophthalmologist, Vitreoretinal Surgeon; Ansu Sara John, BSC Optom  

**Title:**  
Retina Racemose Hemangioma  

**Image System:**  
Heidelberg Engineering (HRA+OCT Spectralis)  

A nine year-old girl presented to clinic with BCVA of 20/200 in her left eye. She was diagnosed with retinal racemose hemangioma. Fundus photography, OCT scan, and fundus fluorescein angiography were performed to confirm diagnosis. Since the patient was young and less cooperative, the fluorescein for FFA was administered orally. It was challenging to capture quality images in a young child.

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**Honorable Mention 1**

Krushna Gopal Panda, M. Optom  
*L V Prasad Eye Institute, Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India*

**Special Acknowledgment:**  
Mangaliyoti Rath, Optometrist  

**Title:**  
Multifocal Serpiginous like Choroiditis  

**Image System:**  
Zeiss FF-450 Fundus Camera  

A color montage wide-field fundus photograph of a 42 year-old male with multifocal serpiginous-like choroiditis. The patient complained of decreased vision in both eyes since six months of age. Fundus images of both eyes showed extensive healed lesions with pigmentary changes in the posterior pole and peripheral fundus.
**Honorable Mention 2**

Manchikanti Neelima,
B. Optometry
L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, Telangana, India

Special Acknowledgment:
Dr. Deepika CP, MBBS, DNB

Title: Gyrate atrophy with macular schisis

Image System: ZEISS CLARUS 700

A 12 year-old patient visited the L V Prasad Eye Institute with complaints of blurred vision in both eyes since six months of age. Both eyes were diagnosed with Gyrate atrophy with macular schisis.

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**Honorable Mention 3**

Bita Asghari, OD, FAAO
BostonSight, Needham Heights, MA, United States

Title: Keratoprosthesis Type 1

Image System: Nikon D200

Keratoprosthesis Type 1 in a patient with neurotrophic keratopathy following several failed penetrating keratoplasties due to complications of recurrent herpes zoster keratitis.

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**Honorable Mention 4**

Stéphane Fitoussi, OD
Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami, FL, United States

Special Acknowledgment:
Beatriz Diaz and Sherley Cabrera, Ocular Photographers

Title: CMV retinitis post vitrectomy and RD repair

Image System:
Topcon 50 XS (2010), Clarus 7 OP DOC (2021), Heidelberg Spectralis OCT (OCT 2021)

A 50 year-old female presented to clinic in 2010 with CMV retinitis and retinal vasculitis with a CD4 count of one. In 2020, she had a macula-off retinal detachment in the left eye and underwent a complicated RD repair. At her 2021 office visit, her BCVA was 20/40 in the left eye. Unfortunately her right eye has poor vision, but with the successful RD repair of her left eye she now has functional vision. Image A was taken in 2010; images B and C were taken in 2021.
Plan to attend one of the many Scientific Program paper or poster sessions, carefully curated by the Academy’s Scientific Program Committee. The Scientific Program is the perfect forum to hear about the latest optometric research in a wide variety of topic areas. Attendees may earn COPE-approved CE in 15-minute increments when attending any of the below sessions.

**Wednesday, November 3**
- P-01 Papers: Anterior Segment 9:00 am – 10:00 am
- P-02 Papers: Animal Myopia 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- P-03 Papers: Contrast Sensitivity and Color Vision 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Thursday, November 4**
- P-04 Papers: Public Health 8:30 am – 9:30 am
- P-05 Papers: Demodex 8:30 am – 9:15 am
- P-06 Papers: Contact Lens Antimicrobials 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- P-07 Papers: Pediatric /Binocular Vision 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
- P-08 Papers: Low Vision 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**Friday, November 5**
- P-09 Papers: Novel Approaches in Posterior Segment Keynote: Jennifer Sun, MD, MPH 8:00 am – 9:30 am
- P-10 Papers: Optometric Education 8:30 am – 9:30 am
- P-11 Papers: Clinical Myopia 10:00 am – 11:45 am
- P-12 Papers: Glaucoma Super Session 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- P-13 Papers: Cool Topics in Contact Lens 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Saturday, November 6**
- P-14 Papers: Traumatic Brain Injury Keynote: Jacob Brodsky, MD 9:30 – 11:00 am

**Hot Topic Paper Sessions**

**Thursday, November 4**
- SE-04 Hot Topics: Glaucoma 7:30 am – 8:30 am
- SE-05 Hot Topics: Cornea 7:30 am – 8:30 am
- SE-06 Hot Topics: Traumatic Brain Injury 7:30 am – 8:30 am

**Poster Sessions**

**Thursday, November 4**
- Poster Presentations: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

**Friday, November 5**
- Posters on Display: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Poster Presentations: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

“An existing head-mounted tablet, the RealWear HMT-1TM, was modified with the goal of assisting people with vision impairment. We present data on reading tasks, including comprehension questions and critical print size measurements, as well as subjects’ acceptance and impressions of the device.”

- Rebecca Deffler, OD, MS, FAAO
Ezell Fellow, presenting at Thursday Posters
The Academy’s Sections and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have organized more than a dozen exciting and innovative symposia for Academy 2021 Boston this year. All meeting attendees are welcome to attend these two-hour CE sessions.

**Joint Anterior Segment and CCLRT Section Symposium: Therapeutics vs. Sclerals: Is the Best Defense a Good Offense?**
Wednesday, November 3, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in 253 ABC

**Comprehensive Eye Care Section Symposium: ExCELL & FLARE: A Uveitis Symposium**
Thursday, November 4, 10:00 am - Noon in 107 ABC

**AMCO SIG Symposium: From the Trenches: Complex Cases at Academic Medical Centers**
Thursday, November 4, 10:00 am - Noon in 252 AB

**Glaucoma Section Symposium: Monitoring Glaucoma – Optimizing OCT Analysis**
Thursday, November 4, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm in 205 ABC

**Public Health and Environmental Vision Section and Vision in Aging SIG Symposium: Immunology of Aging: What to Expect as We Get Older**
Thursday, November 4, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm in 107 ABC

**Retina SIG Symposium: Hot Topics in Retina: Management of Complex Retinal Detachment and Macular Hole, and Inherited Retinal Disorders**
Friday, November 5, 10:00 am - Noon in 107 ABC

**Section on CCLRT Symposium: Breaking the Chains of Presbyopia**
Friday, November 5, 10:00 am - Noon in 153 ABC

**Joint Low Vision and Optometric Education Section Symposium: Effective Connections with Patients: Cultivating Skills for Difficult Conversations in Eye Care**
Friday, November 5, 10:00 am - Noon in 151 AB

**Joint Vision in Aging SIG and Public Health & Environmental Vision Section Symposium: Immunology of Aging: What to Expect as We Get Older**
Friday, November 5, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm in 205 ABC
Section and SIG Symposia (continued)

**Nutrition, Disease Prevention, and Wellness SIG Symposium: You Are What You Eat (And Smoke)**
Friday, November 5, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm in 107 ABC

**Optometric Education Section Symposium & Workshop: From Diversity to Inclusivity: Cases in the Health Professions Education Leadership**
Friday, November 5, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm in 252 AB
Workshop: Friday, November 5, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm in 204 AB

**Joint BVPPO & PHEV Section Symposium: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Pediatric Vision Care**
Friday, November 5, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm in 156 ABC

**Vision Science SIG Symposium: Natural and Artificial Light: Visual Modulators of Human Physiology and Performance**
Friday, November 5, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm in 107 ABC

**Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry SIG Symposium: Larry Gray Memorial Symposium on Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders: Understanding Your Role in Neurosurgical Interventions of the Sellar Region**
Saturday, November 6, 10:00 am - Noon in 157 ABC

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Please check the Academy.21 app for confirmation on time and location of each meeting. All Fellows are welcome to attend.
The Academy and our industry partners have planned many exciting and engaging events exclusively for students and residents at Academy 2021 Boston. Look for more information about all of these events via email and in the Academy.21 mobile app leading up to the meeting.

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*Event is a required session for those seeking to earn Student Fellowship.
Exhibit Hall Hours

Wednesday, November 3
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 4
9:30 am to 6:30 pm

Friday, November 5
9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Special Events

Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception

Wednesday, November 3
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Join us for appetizers, drinks, and the excitement of Academy 2021 Boston’s first few hours of exhibits.

Student Focus Hour

Thursday, November 4
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Students, come network and explore the exhibit hall for a chance to win special prizes.

Attendee Reception

Thursday, November 4
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Lunch will be provided for attendees in the exhibit hall on Thursday and Friday. Be sure to stop by and refuel for the rest of the day and check out the great companies joining us in Boston.

The exhibit hall at Academy 2021 Boston provides access to our industry partners who are ready and equipped to help take your practice to the next level. Be sure to stop by and see what they have to offer the optometric community.
Exhibitors

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Choroideremia Research Foundation, Inc.
CLAIRE (Contact Lens Artificial Intelligence Research and Engineering)
Clerio Vision
Coburn Technologies
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CooperVision, Inc.
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Innova Systems, Inc.
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Johnson & Johnson Vision
Kala Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Konan Medical
LENZ Therapeutics
LKC Technologies, Inc.
Lumenis Vision
M&S Technologies, Inc.
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Med Learning Group
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Midwestern University - Arizona College of Optometry & Chicago College of Optometry
MODERN OPTOMETRY
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Notal Vision
Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry
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Oculus, Inc.
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Optometry Times
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Practice Exchange, LLC
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Why Myopia? Why Now?

Mark A. Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO

Why Myopia?
Cast your mind back to optometry school. If this was decades ago, it is likely that you were taught that myopia was a benign refractive condition. I know I was. Yes, we learned that some highly myopic patients will develop retinal problems, including detachments. Maybe we were taught that myopes were at greater risk of open-angle glaucoma but less risk of closed-angle glaucoma. Forgive my hazy memory as, for me, it was almost 40 years ago.

In the past few years, myopia has been brought into sharper focus as a disease. We now have a better understanding of its complications and implications. Ian Flitcroft coined the phrase “there is no safe level of myopia.” In this respect, we now understand that each additional diopter increases the risk of myopic maculopathy, for which there is no established treatment, by around 60%. The prevalence of open-angle glaucoma is elevated by around 20% per diopter of myopia and the incidence of retinal detachment by 30%. Most importantly, each additional diopter of myopia is associated with a 25-30% increase in visual impairment. At Academy 2021 Boston, I will present a paper in the Scientific Program showing that as much as one third of all visual impairment can be attributed to myopia.

These figures must be placed in the context of the increasing prevalence of myopia in all countries. In the US, only 25% of the population were myopic in 1970, but over half will be affected by the middle of this century. Fortunately, research on animals and humans has given us the tools to do something about it. Clinicians have a broad range of optical and pharmaceutical options that have been proven to slow myopia progression. The next five years will broaden all these options. Studies all over the world have demonstrated that increased outdoor time is associated with a lower incidence of myopia, offering us a chance to counsel parents on their young patient’s refractive destiny while also impacting their systemic health.

Why Now?
Clinicians are well aware of risk factors for disease. Many, like race and age, cannot be modified, while others can. We floss. We pay attention to what and how much we eat. We exercise. We get vaccinated. Refractive error is also a modifiable risk factor. Given the statistics I shared above, preventing and controlling myopia has the potential to improve our young patients’ long-term visual health. Furthermore, shaving a diopter or more off a myope’s ultimate refractive error will improve outcomes of any future refractive surgery.

So what’s stopping you from expanding myopia management in your practice? Some may claim you need to go big or go home. Recently, I read that 90% of one practitioner’s young myopia management patients were in orthokeratology lenses. That is the exception, not the rule. I encourage an incremental approach. Start with lifestyle advice to parents of pre-myopes—those with 0.75 D or less of hyperopia. Here is where the potential for impact is greatest. Start with straightforward solutions on straightforward cases. Effective FDA-approved spectacle options are a few years away, but soft contact lenses or low concentration atropine (0.02% or above) are good places to begin.

An Opportunity
Whether or not you are actively engaged in myopia management, the Academy Meeting is an outstanding opportunity to broaden your knowledge and explore new opportunities for your practice. The education committee has programmed over ten hours of myopia content throughout the meeting.

The Academy meeting may be unique in that it allows attendees to earn COPE-approved CE in 15-minute increments when attending scientific sessions. A two-hour Friday morning session on Clinical Myopia will highlight cutting-edge therapies and consider such important topics as post-treatment acceleration, choroidal changes, and the importance of accommodation and pupil. You can gain further insights by attending a one-hour Wednesday morning session focused on animal studies. Landmark research conducted in optometry institutions around the world underpin our current therapies. This session gives attendees the opportunity to explore what might be next.

So remember, when it comes to the Academy meeting, it’s All CE, All The Time™. Don’t pass up this opportunity. I’ll see you in Boston.
References

Interested in learning more?
Attend one of the many myopia education sessions scheduled during Academy 2021 Boston.

Vignettes in Clinical Myopia Management
Wednesday, November 3
8:00 am - 9:00 am
The Science and Logistics of Myopia Management in Practice
Wednesday, November 3
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Papers: Animal Myopia
Wednesday, November 3
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Building a Myopia Control Ortho-K Lens and Not Just an Ortho-K Lens
Thursday, November 4
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Up your Myopia Game
Thursday, November 4
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Featuring Clinical Corner author, Mark Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO

Papers: Clinical Myopia
Friday, November 5
10:00 am - 11:45 am
Featuring Clinical Corner author, Mark Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO
Myopia Management of the Astigmatic Patient
Friday, November 5
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Rapid Fire: The Next Step: Tips for Troubleshooting Myopia
Saturday, November 6
8:00 am - 9:00 am
Rapid Fire: Successful Fitting with Scleral Lenses, Corneal Lenses, and Myopia Management
Saturday, November 6
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Featuring Clinical Corner author, Mark Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO
Chapter Updates

Get involved with your local Academy Chapter.
Find a list of all current Chapters on our website.

Florida Chapter
The Florida Chapter hosted the first Florida optometry resident poster session during the March 2021 annual meeting, providing an opportunity to expand the Chapter to a new generation of colleagues. The 2021 Florida Chapter meeting brought in more than 100 attendees to hear lectures from April Jasper, OD, FAAO, and Brad Sutton, OD, FAAO.

Save the date for the 2022 Florida Chapter meeting, April 8-9, 2022, in Howie-in-the-Hills, Florida. Alice Sterling, OD, and Greg Caldwell, OD, FAAO, will present 10 hours of CE, including Jurisprudence and Prevention of Medical Errors, with six hours of TQ. The Chapter also will be hosting the second annual resident poster session, in addition to a new resident paper session eligible for up to two hours of continuing education.

India Chapter
The India Chapter conducted the first Rajeswari Mahadevan, PhD, FAAO Memorial Scientific Session to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Rajeswari Mahadevan, on July 16, 2021, the first anniversary of her passing. Dr. Mahadevan was a renowned pioneer in Indian contact lens specialty and known for her immense contribution in the field of contact lens education and research. Dr. Mahadevan also was awarded with the Posthumous Diplomate in the CCLRT Section of the Academy during Academy 2020 At Home.

The scientific session consisted of three tracks: 1) Case-based discussion on specialty contact lens by a panel of clinicians that included Prasad Sawant, MOptom, FIACLE, FAAO, (Director, Sawant Optometry Clinic) and Lakshmi Shinde, OD, FAAO, (CEO, Optometry Council of India), 2) Evidence-based contact lens practice by Shehzad Naroo, MSc, PhD, FAAO, (Reader, Aston University & Vice-president, IACLE) and 3) Role of journal clubs in contact lens education, by Runa Mazumdar (Assistant Professor, Vidyasagar College of Optometry & Vision Sciences), all of whom offered their insights and expertise. The meeting was coordinated by Nilesh Thite, MOptom, FAAO, (Executive Manager of Educational Programs, IACLE), and Jameel Rizwana Hussaindeen, MPhil, PhD, FAAO (President, AAO India Chapter). This meeting was aired live on the India Chapter’s Facebook page and has received more than a 1,000 engagements.

In continuation to this memorial, Dr. Hussaindeen invited Susan Gromacki, OD, MS, FAAO, the former chair of the CCLRT Diplomate committee, who was instrumental in Dr. Mahadevan’s Diplomate journey, to deliver a keynote lecture on “Contact Lens Fitting for Keratoconus” as part of the state association’s scientific oration. This keynote oration was well received by more than 500 members who watched it online and offline on the Zoom and YouTube platforms respectively.

The chapter also continues to provide mentoring support to the Fellowship candidates from India.
Chapter Updates (continued)

Nova Southeastern University Student Chapter
The Nova Southeastern University Student Chapter has been busy at work raising funds to send some of our students to the upcoming meeting, Academy 2021 Boston. The Chapter leaders have created awesome “optometry-themed” wine glasses that have been a huge hit! Students also have been busy working on posters for the Scientific Program that have been accepted, and we are all looking forward to a great LIVE meeting in the fall!

Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University Chapter
The Academy’s PCO/Salus Student Chapter is fundraising through multiple avenues, including selling optometry-related glasses and t-shirts. The Chapter also is planning a LinkedIn professional photo fundraiser for students. Current student and faculty Fellows will speak to the incoming class of 2025 regarding the benefits of Student Fellowship. A special thank you to Satya Verma, OD, FAAO, for serving as the faculty advisor for the past five years. The PCO/Salus Chapter wishes him well in retirement.

The current PCO/Salus Student Chapter Executive Board is Hania Mahmood (President), Jennifer Liu (Vice-President), Raisa Ahmed (Secretary), and Sarah Salman (Treasurer).

Quebec Chapter
Academy 2020 At Home was a huge success. Quebec optometrists, researchers, and students participated in record numbers. Numerous faculty and students presented posters, papers, and conferences. Kevin Messier, OD, FAAO, and Reza Abbas Farishta, OD, PhD, FAAO, earned their Fellowship and the Chapter celebrated “At Home” with a custom banner. Due to the virtual nature of the meeting, students were able to participate in record numbers. A Student Fellowship poster board was created to help students celebrate once they received their certificates.
Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are well and continuing to stay healthy.

I am so excited that we are just a few weeks away from Academy 2021 Boston! We are looking forward to attending educational sessions, visiting the exhibit area and having the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of friends we have missed seeing during the past two years.

Your Foundation has continued to provide annual grants and awards to students, residents, researchers, and faculty during the last year. Thanks to the generous support of donors and industry partners, the Foundation provided more than $800,000 in scholarships, awards, grants, and special funds in 2020.

As you are aware, the Foundation has developed six new programs to support the strategic plan of the Academy, which you can review here. In Spring 2021, we launched a Staff Training program for newly onboarded staff and the Clinical Investigator Certification (CIC) course, providing the skills required to conduct rigorous sponsored, clinical trials within your current practice setting. The CIC inaugural class of 25 completed the course in June, and we are pleased one of the participants received IRB approval to join a clinical trial that started in July. The second CIC course is currently underway and runs through October 2021.

Often we do not have enough time or access to read all the relevant published research papers. The Foundation is answering this challenge by developing a program that provides summaries of trending, clinically relevant research, which may directly impact daily patient care. The recordings will be presented in a five-minute podcast format. We expect to launch the program this Fall.

Research funding is always a priority of the Foundation, and the Board of Directors has authorized the start of a new pilot grant program. Details and announcements to follow soon.

Your Foundation’s commitment to promoting optometric education and research in vision and eye health is unwavered. I hope you will visit the Foundation booth located in the Exhibit Hall during the Academy meeting to learn more about these programs that have been developed for you.

Please reach out if you would like to help the Foundation with your time and talents or consider making a donation. Every little bit helps our success and your support makes our programs possible.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Wendy Harrison, OD, PhD, FAAO
President, AAOF
The Foundation has selected 12 outstanding vision researchers to receive the esteemed Ezell Fellowships. Now in its 73rd 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 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.

AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses, and Refractive Technologies (CCLRT) Ezell Fellow

Young Hyun Kim
University of California at Berkeley School of Optometry
Research Focus: Contact Lens Research

“I am honored and humbled to be a second-time Ezell awardee and grateful to AAO for selecting me to be the CCLRT Ezell Fellow this year. This award will allow me to continue pursuing my goal of becoming a scientist and an educator in the field of vision. I am grateful to the AAOF and would like to thank Meng C. Lin, OD, PhD, FAAO, and Clayton J. Radke, PhD, for their unwavering support and mentorship throughout my education.”

American Academy of Optometry (AAO) Ezell Fellow

Jennyffer D. Smith, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research Focus: The Use of Electrophysiology, Retinal Oxygen Saturation, and Blood Biomarkers for the Early Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy

“It is a huge honor to be the recipient of the Ezell Fellowship award. I sincerely thank AAOF for supporting my research endeavors. I love my work in diabetic research, but to be acknowledged by the AAOF motivates me even further. I am humbled. I want to thank my PhD committee, Laura Frishman, PhD, MSc, FAAO, and Nimesh Patel, OD, PhD, FAAO, as well as my committee chair, Wendy Harrison, OD, PhD, FAAO for their encouragement, advocacy, and insight. These brilliant doctors have put me on track to becoming a clinician scientist in pursuit of reducing the prevalence of blindness from diabetic eye disease.”

American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF) Ezell Fellow

Yiyi (Charlotte) Wang, OD, FAAO
University of California at Berkeley School of Optometry
Research Focus: Photoreceptor Structure and Function in Normal and Retinal Diseases

“I am honored to be selected as this year’s Ezell Fellow. As a residency-trained optometrist, while I help patients with the current standard of care, I have a research interest in understanding retinal structures and functions at the cellular level in both healthy and diseased eyes. My research goal is to utilize high resolution retinal imaging and functional testing with psychophysics to further understand disease development, progression, and prognosis to advance development of new diagnostic tools and improve understanding of disease mechanisms that may lead to novel treatments. I would like to thank my advisors, Austin Roorda, PhD, William Tuten, OD, PhD, and Jacque Duncan, MD, for their exceptional guidance and mentorship. I am also very grateful that UC Berkeley School of Optometry has given me invaluable support since the very beginning of my optometric research career.”

Danne Ventura/Essilor Ezell Fellow

Maureen D. Plaumann, OD, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Research Focus: Analyzing and Improving Visual Deficiencies in Amblyopic Adults

“I would like to thank the AAOF for this honor, and Danne Ventura and Essilor for making this Ezell Fellowship possible. I appreciate both the financial support and professional accolade this award provides, particularly as a second time awardee. As the Ezell Fellowship has advanced my career, I in turn look forward to advancing the profession of optometry through my dedication to translational research. I would like to thank my advisor, Teng-Leng Ooi, BOptom, PhD, FAAO, for her invaluable insight and support and Sue Cotter, OD, MS, FAAO, who inspired me to pursue a career as a clinician scientist.”

Facebook Ezell Fellow

Rebecca Deffler, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Research Focus: Low Vision Rehabilitation

“I am honored and humbled to have been selected as the 2021 Facebook Ezell Fellow. I am immensely grateful for the American Academy of Optometry Foundation’s support as I work towards my PhD in vision science and a future career in patient-based clinical research. I would also like to extend my thanks to my advisor, Bradley Dougherty, OD, PhD, FAAO, and Roanne Flom, OD, FAAO, for their encouragement throughout my post-graduate training.”
Irvin M. Borish/Essilor Ezell Fellow

Neeraj Singh, BSOptom, MPhil
Indiana University School of Optometry
Research Focus: NextGen Myopia Control: Optical, Imaging, and Perceptual Implications

“The William C. Ezell Fellowship is undoubtedly a dream award for any vision researcher pursuing a higher research degree. I am truly honored to receive the 2021 Irvin M. Borish/Essilor Ezell Fellowship. I thank the AAOF and Essilor of America for supporting my journey as a vision scientist. This fellowship will serve as a determining benchmark of the impact of my accomplishments to date, but more importantly provide me with the support at this critical, formative time of my career as I advance my research and academic training to the next level. I have been very fortunate to have great mentors during my short career to date, and I am grateful to the many mentors who guided and supported me. Throughout my career as a vision scientist, educator, and as an ally for my patients and community, I will do my best to live up to the high standards expected of an Ezell Fellow.”

John N. Schoen Ezell Fellow

Erin Sayoko Tomiyama, OD, MS, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research Focus: Myopia Control Treatments for Astigmatic Patients

“I am extremely honored to be a two-time Ezell Fellowship recipient. I would like to thank the Schoen family and the AAOF for this prestigious recognition. I would also like to express my appreciation for my mentors, Kathryn Richdale, OD, PhD, FAAO, David Berntsen, OD, PhD, FAAO, and Jason Marsack, PhD, FAAO, for their exceptional guidance and continued encouragement during the past few years. I am truly grateful for the entire University of Houston College of Optometry community and their support of my aspiration to become a successful and independent clinician scientist.”

Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellow

Erica R. Shelton, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Research Focus: Population Vision Health

“I am honored to be a first time Ezell awardee and recipient of the 2021 Ezell Fellowship. I would first and foremost like to thank my advisor, Dean A. VanNasdale, OD, PhD, FAAO, for his support and mentorship. I would also like to thank John Crews, OD, Megan Hurley, OD, and all of my BVP clinic colleagues at The Ohio State University for their continued support and mentorship. I would also like to thank fellow optometrists, Amber Lange, OD, MS, and Kevin Rodda, OD, for their endless support and friendship. Without the support of my colleagues and friends, I would not be where I am today, thank you. I would also like to thank the AAOF and Michael G. Harris, OD, MS, FAAO, for their shared importance of my research. Pediatric vision care accessibility and understanding in the patient population is at the core of my research drive, and I feel truly honored and grateful that the AAOF chose to support my endeavors this year. Thank you!”

Merton C. Flom Leadership Ezell Fellow

Breanne McGhee, OD, MEd, FAAO
Pacific University College of Optometry
Research Focus: Education and Healthcare Disparities

“I am beyond grateful, humbled, and honored to be selected as a 2021 recipient of the Merton C. Flom Ezell Fellowship. It is truly a honor to receive an award named after an extraordinary pioneer, phenomenal educator, leader, and optometry legend. This award and my PhD research would be impossible without the exceptional support from the AAOF as well as my mentors, Jennifer Coyle, OD, MS, FAAO, Fraser Horn, OD, FAAO, Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, FAAO, Laura Dimmiler, PhD, MPA, and Sherrol Reynolds, OD, FAAO. I dedicate this award to all the faculty, staff, and friends at Pacific University College of Optometry who have always been my village since I began my optometric journey.”

Mike Daley/Essilor Ezell Fellow

Rabia Mobeen
University of New South Wales School of Optometry and Vision Science
Research Focus: The Effect of Age and Contact Lens Wear on the Inflammatory Status of the Cornea

“I am truly honored to be the recipient of the 2021 Mike Daley/Essilor Ezell Fellowship award, and I have no words to thank the American Academy of Optometry Foundation for extending their full support towards my research. I am humbled by this appreciation and honor, thank you for infusing me with new energy and ambition. This fellowship isn’t just immensely consequential towards my research work, but also to my personal growth in realizing the importance of my work and how it has strengthened my belief in myself. I am grateful to the Academy for considering me befit for a dual Ezell Fellowship award. I also want to extend my heartfelt thank you to my mentors, Fiona Stapleton, FCOptom, PhD, FAAO, Blanka Colekhowski, BOptom, PhD, Cecilia Chao, MOptom, PhD, FAAO, and Asad Aslam Khan, MBBS, PhD, for empowering me to reach my fullest personal and professional potential. I feel more enthusiastic and pleased that my contributions are appreciated by the extremely prestigious American Academy of Optometry. I will continue my hard work with enhanced zeal.”
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