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Reaching the Citizens of Oklahoma



Gregory L. Skuta, MD

THE DEAN MCGEE EYE INSTITUTE'S ABILITY TO HELP preserve and restore vision for the patients we serve has been enhanced by the expansion of our beautiful facilities at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) in 2011. However, it is also very dependent on outstanding ophthalmologists, optometrists, and staff at our busy satellite clinics in northwest Oklahoma City, Edmond,

and Lawton. In fact, more than 33,000 total patient visits (about 20% of all clinical activity) occur in these outlying facilities. Although the locations have moved over time, DMEI established a presence in Edmond and Lawton in 1994 and in northwest Oklahoma City in 1995.

Our satellite offices and those who work there are featured on pages 28-31 of this edition of *InVision*. I encourage you to read that article carefully to learn more about how the Dean McGee Eye Institute is helping fulfill its organizational mission and more effectively reach the citizens of Oklahoma (and other states, of course) through the many doctors and staff providing world-class care outside of the OUHSC campus.

We fully recognize that DMEI's greatest resource is its people, and we are blessed to have national leaders and award-winning educators among our doctors in Lawton, northwest Oklahoma City, and Edmond. They and others also possess special expertise in such areas as neuro-ophthalmology, ocular inflammation/uveitis, glaucoma, retina, ocular oncology, contact lens, and refractive surgery in addition to providing comprehensive eye care and cataract surgery.

Dr. Ann Warn, who also holds an MBA and founded our Lawton office 20 years ago, serves on the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and on the Board of Directors of the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company. She has been a nominee for Oklahoma Woman of the Year and served in the past as President of the Oklahoma Academy of Ophthalmology, a role now held by her fellow DMEI-Lawton ophthalmologist Dr. Jean Hausheer. Dr. Hausheer, who joined the Eye Institute in 2012, is the current Chair of the AAO's Committee for Resident Education and served in the past as President of the Missouri Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. Both she and Dr. Warn continue to engage in resident education for ophthalmologists and/or family physicians.

Even while building one of the Institute's busiest practices, Dr. Ralph Hester, who joined DMEI from private practice in Oklahoma City in 1996, has remained actively involved in resident education and received the E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Faculty Honor Award for these efforts in 2012. In addition to seeing patients in our Edmond and OUHSC offices, Dr. Anil Patel is DMEI's Medical Director of Clinical Operations, a member of the Academy's Digital Media Committee, and a past department chair at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. Dr. Theresa Larson completed her residency at the Mayo Clinic and a uveitis fellowship at the National Eye Institute. Our newest addition to the medical staff in Edmond, Dr. Andrew Bailey,

received major teaching awards during his residency and glaucoma fellowship at DMEI.

Although space limitations prevent me from citing all of our satellite doctors by name, it is important to note that Drs. Angela Plant and Tasha Schellenberg provide comprehensive optometric care in Edmond and northwest Oklahoma City respectively, are key contributors to the team-based care provided by the

Institute, and are deeply respected (and personally adored) by their patients. Both were *summa cum laude* graduates of Northeastern State University's College of Optometry in Tahlequah.

As DMEI's president, I am incredibly proud to work closely with the doctors and staff

at OUHSC and in northwest Oklahoma City, Lawton, and Edmond. How very fortunate the people of Oklahoma are to have access to such exceptional care from the Dean McGee Eye Institute in four truly outstanding facilities!



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DEAN MCGEE NAMES PAVILIONS FOR PAST PRESIDENTS

ON MAY 31 AT THE 11TH ANNUAL ACERS SOCIETY RECEPTION, a special ceremony and unveiling was held in the Dean McGee Eye Institute's (DMEI's) Inasmuch Foundation Atrium to name its two pavilions for revered past leaders, Thomas E. Acers, MD, and David W. Parke II, MD.

To recognize the Institute's rich history and honor the legacies of its first two presidents, Pavilion A was named the *Thomas E. Acers, MD Pavilion*, and Pavilion B was named the *David W. Parke II, MD Pavilion*. The naming of the pavilions was the result of unanimous approval by the DMEI Executive Committee and by the DMEI Board of Trustees.

Dr. Thomas E. Acers was the first full-time chair of the OU Department of Ophthalmology, assuming that role in 1972 and serving for 20 years. He was the founding president of the Eye Institute and oversaw construction of and fundraising for DMEI's original building (now the Acers Pavilion), which was dedicated in December 1975 and has recently undergone extensive renovations. He assembled an outstanding faculty and nurtured an increasingly respected residency program in ophthalmology. Dr. Acers, who died in 2005, was particularly well known for his passion for residency education and personal devotion to DMEI residents and their families.

Dr. David Parke II served as the second DMEI president from 1992 to 2009 and recently observed his five-year anniversary as Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the most influential leadership position in ophthalmology in the world. During his 17 years at DMEI, Dr. Parke shepherded tremendous growth in our clinical and surgical programs, helped establish DMEI/OU as one of the nation's premier departments in vision research, further advanced our outstanding educational programs, and embarked on a major construction and renovation project, for which \$32 million was raised during his tenure, culminating in our second building (now the Parke Pavilion) being dedicated in September 2011.



Standing left to right: Steve Crisp, Susan Stewart, Angie Crisp, Jackie Acers, Dr. Brett Warn, Dr. Ann Acers Warn, Anne Skuta, and Dr. Gregory Skuta.

Guests attending the pavilion naming ceremony included board members, donors, family members, alumni, faculty, residents, fellows and staff.



“Our new facility was designed and built to function in synchrony with our original building, and our two major pavilions reflect that harmony. We were very deliberate in naming each of our pavilions for the leader who most influenced the conception and construction of those structures that now stand as one,” said Dr. Gregory L. Skuta, DMEI President and CEO.

Presentations on May 31 were made by Dr. Gregory L. Skuta, President and CEO; Dr. M. Dewayne Andrews, Provost, OU Health Sciences Center and Executive Dean, OU College of Medicine; Mr. James R. Tolbert III, Chair Emeritus, DMEI Board of Trustees; and Dr. David W. Parke II, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Special guests included alumni, board members, donors, family members, faculty members, staff, and current residents and fellows. ■



Standing left to right: Anne Skuta, Dr. Gregory Skuta, Dr. Julie Parke, Dr. David Parke II, Becky Andrews, and Dr. M. Dewayne Andrews.

American Academy of Ophthalmology Recognizes OU College of Medicine Graduate, M. Bruce Shields, MD

AT THE NATIONAL MEETING OF THE

American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) in Chicago in October, M. Bruce Shields, MD, (center), a graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and the Marvin Sears Professor and Chair Emeritus of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at Yale University School of Medicine, was recognized as a Guest of Honor by AAO President, Gregory L. Skuta, MD. Pictured left to right are: Gregory L. Skuta, MD, M. Bruce Shields, MD, and David W. Parke II, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the AAO. ■



CONGRATULATIONS TO DMEI'S TEN OPHTHALMOLOGISTS NAMED TO "OKLAHOMA SUPER DOCTORS"

- Cynthia A. Bradford, MD
- Reagan H. Bradford, Jr., MD
- Bradley K. Farris, MD
- Stephen R. Fransen, MD
- Ronald M. Kingsley, MD
- Robert E. Leonard II, MD
- Steven R. Sarkisian, Jr., MD
- R. Michael Siatkowski, MD
- Gregory L. Skuta, MD
- Ann A. Warn, MD, MBA

Bradley K. Farris, MD, Receives Prestigious Friendship Award

DR. BRADLEY K. FARRIS received the prestigious TianFu Friendship Award from the Sichuan Provincial Bureau of Foreign Experts in the city of Mianyang, Sichuan, China on October 15. Dr. Farris, Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the Dean McGee Eye Institute and Adjunct Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery, was nominated by the Sichuan Provincial People's Hospital in Chengdu, Sichuan, China, where he has devoted more than a decade to advancing blindness prevention and ophthalmic education. The TianFu Friendship Award acknowledges Dr. Farris' extraordinary efforts in the Sichuan Province and is based on very stringent criteria. ■

The TianFu Friendship Award Ceremony was held in conjunction with the opening ceremonies of the Second Mianyang Science and Technology High-Tech Expo on October 15. Dr. Bradley K. Farris (center) accepts his award from the Governor of the Sichuan Province, Wei Hong. Dr. Farris was one of five honorees to receive this prestigious award.



Annie Moreau, MD, FACS, (right) was among 1,640 initiates from around the world to be inducted into the American College of Surgeons (ACS) at the ACS' annual meeting in October in San Francisco. Pictured with her (left) is former OU College of Medicine classmate, Dr. Lindsay Pena.

Annie Moreau, MD, FACS Honored with OU College of Medicine Excellence in Teaching Award

ANNIE MOREAU, MD, FACS, Assistant Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the Dean McGee Eye Institute, was honored with an Excellence in Teaching Award in Graduate Medical Education on September 24 as part of the University of Oklahoma (OU) College of Medicine's First Annual Academy of Teaching Scholars Education Day. Dr. Moreau was one of only four College of Medicine faculty recognized for excellence in graduate medical (residency) education. ■



From left to right: Dr. M. Dewayne Andrews, Executive Dean of the OU College of Medicine and Provost of the OU Health Sciences Center, Dr. Annie Moreau, and Robert Blair, PhD, Chair of the Academy of Teaching Scholars and Vice Chair of the Department of Physiology.

New Faculty Member Joins DMEI



JENNIFER L. WU, MD, joined the Dean McGee Eye Institute/OU Department of Ophthalmology's Cornea and External Disease Service on September 1.

Dr. Wu grew up in the Rochester, New York, area and joined the Dean McGee Eye Institute from the Doheny Eye Institute/University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles, where she completed her residency in ophthalmology and a fellowship in cornea and external disease. She was an ophthalmologist at the Los Angeles County and USC Medical Center and a clinical ophthalmology instructor with Keck Medical Center of USC.

Dr. Wu earned her undergraduate degree in biology from Yale College and her medical degree from the Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut. She completed an internship in internal medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She sees patients at the DMEI's Oklahoma Health Center facility in Oklahoma City. ■

FOUR ENDOWED CHAIRS AND ONE PROFESSORSHIP AWARDED TO DMEI FACULTY

IT WAS ANNOUNCED in October that four endowed chairs and one endowed professorship had been awarded to faculty members at the Dean McGee Eye Institute and in the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine's Department of Ophthalmology. The endowed chair/professorship recipients are pictured to the right.

Drs. Callegan, Carr, Cohen, Rajala, and Siatkowski are distinguished and highly accomplished leaders in their respective fields. These endowed faculty positions represent very special recognition of their extraordinary professional achievements. ■



James P. Luton Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology
Michelle C. Callegan, PhD
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Professor of Microbiology and Immunology



Stanton L. Young Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology
Daniel J.J. Carr, PhD
Professor of Ophthalmology
Professor of Microbiology and Immunology
Presbyterian Health Foundation Presidential Professor



W. Stanley Muenzler, MD Endowed Professorship in Corneal Disease
Alex W. Cohen, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology



M.G. McCool Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology
Raju V.S. Rajala, PhD
Professor of Ophthalmology
Adjunct Professor of Cell Biology



David W. Parke II, MD Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology
R. Michael Siatkowski, MD
Professor of Ophthalmology
Vice Chair for Academic Affairs
DMEI Residency Program Director

Pictured at the Annual University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center/Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on September 25 are, left to right: Gregory L. Skuta, MD, Jennifer L. Wu, MD, OU President David L. Boren, Brian K. Firestone, MD, and Dimitrios Karamichos, PhD.



FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES



MARTIN-PAUL AGBAGA, PhD, recently received a three-year grant from the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) on which he is the principal investigator to study the molecular mechanism of macular degeneration on autosomal dominant Stargardt-like-3 macular dystrophy (STGD3). He recently published: Agbaga M.P., Tam B.M., Wong J.S., Yang L.L., Anderson R.E., Moritz O.L. "Mutant ELOVL4 that Causes Autosomal Dominant Stargardt-3 Macular Dystrophy is Misrouted to Rod Outer Segment Disks," *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*, May 2014.



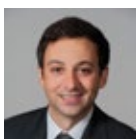
ANDREW K. BAILEY, MD, was appointed as Clinical Assistant Professor in the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine's Department of Ophthalmology, July 2014.



MICHELLE C. CALLEGAN, PhD, was named Vice President of the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center (OUHSC) Graduate Council; and recently published Parkunan S.M., Astley R., Callegan M.C. "Role of TLR5 and Flagella in Bacillus Intraocular Infection," *PLoSOne*, 2014; and Li X., Gu X., Boyce T., Zheng M., Reagan A., Mandal N., Cohen A., Callegan M., Carr D., Elliott M. "Caveolin-1 Increases the Pro-Inflammatory Chemoattractants and Blood-Retinal Barrier Breakdown but Decreases Leukocyte Recruitment in Inflammation," *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*, in press. She recently presented: Coburn P.C., Callegan M.C. "Retinal Pigment Epithelium Dysfunction Facilitates Endogenous Bacterial Endophthalmitis," Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, May 2014; Parkunan S.M., Callegan M.C. "Role of MyD88-dependent and MyD88-independent Pathways in Bacillus Cereus Endophthalmitis," ARVO Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, May 2014; Callegan M.C. "Plenary Lecture, Host/Pathogen Interactions in Bacterial Endophthalmitis," American Uveitis Society Spring Meeting, Orlando, FL, May 2014; Contact Lens Microbiology Workshop: Panel Member for "Emerging Pathogens in Contact Lens-Related Keratitis" (Panel 1) and "Role of Soil in Disinfection Efficacy Testing of Contact Lens Care Products" (Panel 2), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Silver Spring, MD, Sept. 2014; and Parkunan S.M., Callegan M.C. "Role of TLR4 in Bacillus Endophthalmitis," 5th International Conference on Gram-Positive Pathogens, Omaha, NE, Oct. 2014.




ROBERT J. CHRISTENSEN, MD, became the new medical director of the McGee Eye Surgery Center (MESC), July 2014.



ALEX W. COHEN, MD, PhD, was interviewed by the health reporter from *The Oklahoman* about "What's it like: To have a corneal transplant," Oct. 2014.



BRADLEY K. FARRIS, MD, recently published Chen H., Fan Y.C., He Q.H., Wu X.Y., Wei M., Eichner E.J., Farris B.K., Hildebrand P.L., Lei C.T., Wu S.H., and Yang J.Y. "Changed Trends of Major Causes of Visual Impairment in Sichuan, China from 1987 to 2006," *International Journal of Ophthalmology*, Feb. 2014. He recently made the following presentations: "The Consequences



of Poor Decision Making in Neuro-Ophthalmology,” Grand Rounds, Jules Stein Eye Institute, University of California at Los Angeles, April 2014; “Global Eye Care,” The Veirs Lecture, Scott & White Clinic Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, April 2014; “Transient Visual Loss,” 11th International Conference of Ophthalmology, Chengdu, China, June 2014; “Serving with Love,” University of Oklahoma Christian Medical and Dental Association, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, August 2014; “Neuro-Ophthalmology for the Comprehensive Ophthalmologist,” Table Rock Regional Conference, Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, MO, Sept. 2014.



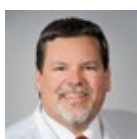
P. LLOYD HILDEBRAND, MD, FACS, participated in a media briefing, “Telemedicine Aids Early Detection of Eye Disease in Premature Infants,” OU Health Sciences Center, July 2014.



DIMITRIOS KARAMICHOS, PhD, presented at the Visual Science Seminar in Dallas, TX, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Sept. 2014; and joined the Editorial Boards of: *JSM Ophthalmology*, *Journal of Functional Biomaterials*, and *Clinical Journal of Ophthalmology*. He recently published the following articles: “Keratoconus: In Vitro and In Vivo,” *Clinical Journal of Ophthalmology*, Sept. 2014; Karamichos D., Hjortdal J. “Keratoconus: Tissue Engineering and Biomaterials,” *Journal of Functional Biomaterials*, in press.



NANCY A. LAMBERT, BCO, was interviewed by the *The Oklahoman*, “Personal Eyes: Institute Ocularist’s Work,” July 2014.



ROBERT E. LEONARD II, MD, was promoted to Clinical Professor in the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine’s Department of Ophthalmology, July 2014. He presented results of the VIBRANT Trial for the treatment of macular edema after branch retinal vein occlusion as part of Retina Subspecialty Day at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) in Chicago, IL, Oct. 2014.

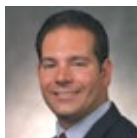


ANNIE MOREAU, MD, FACS, has been inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS). See page 7. She recently presented: “Management of Ocular Trauma,” Innovation Conference, Quebec Optometry Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, April 2014; “The Blind Painful Eye,” 16th Annual JCAHPO Ophthalmic Technician Lecture Series, Samis Education Center, University of Oklahoma, Dean McGee Eye Institute, Oklahoma City, OK, May 2014; and “Orbit Challenges,” American Academy of Optometry Oklahoma Chapter Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, Aug. 2014.

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RAJU V.S. RAJALA, PhD, recently published the following articles: Rajala R.V.S., Rajala A., Morris A.J., Anderson R.E. “Phosphoinositides: Minor Lipids Make a Major Impact on Photoreceptor Cell Functions,” *Scientific Reports*, June 2014; Rajala A., Wang Y., Zhu Y., Ranjo-Bishop M., Ma J.X., Mao C., Rajala R.V.S. “Nanoparticle-Assisted Targeted Delivery of Eye-Specific Genes to Eyes Significantly Improves the Vision of Blind Mice In Vivo,” *Nano Letters*, Sept. 2014.



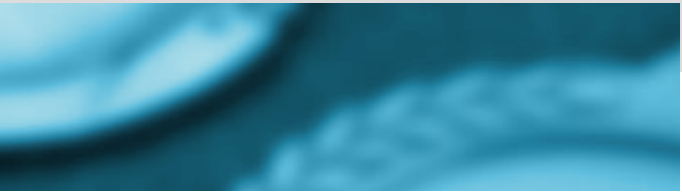
STEVEN R. SARKISIAN, JR., MD, was promoted to Clinical Professor in the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine’s Department of Ophthalmology, July 2014. He moderated the Surgical Spotlight session at Glaucoma Day during the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Boston, MA, April 2014; directed the OU Resident and Alumni Annual Meeting for the Department of Ophthalmology, May 2014; presented “Glaucoma Care: Where Will We Be in the Next 10 Years?” and “MIGS, the Next Frontier in Glaucoma Surgery” at the annual Brazilian Ophthalmology Congress, Recife, Brazil, Sept. 2014; and presented “MIGS Implantation of Trabecular Micro-Bypass Stent, Cataract Extraction, and Endoscopic Cyclophotocoagulation (ICE): Review of Surgical Technique and Postoperative Findings,” European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, London, England, Sept. 2014. Dr. Sarkisian also published two papers recently: Bailey A.K., Sarkisian S.R. Jr., Vold S.D., “Ab Interno Approach to the Suprachoroidal Space,” *Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery*, Aug. 2014; Bailey A.K., Vold S.D., Sarkisian S.R. Jr., “Ab Interno Approach to Schlemm Canal: Ab Interno Trabecular Ablative Procedures,” *Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery*, Aug. 2014.



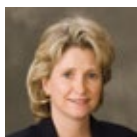
R. MICHAEL SIATKOWSKI, MD, serves as the Principal Investigator for the National Eye Institute-funded implementation study for “Telemedicine in ROP;” participated in a media briefing, “Telemedicine Aids Early Detection of Eye Disease in Premature Infants,” OU Health Sciences Center, July 2014; was elected as a member of the Program Directors Council for the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology (AUPO); and was elected as a member of the Association for Research in Strabismus (“Squint Club”), Indianapolis, IN, 2014. He recently published the following articles: Elshatory Y.M., Siatkowski R.M. “Wiley Post, Around the World with No Stereopsis,” *Survey of Ophthalmology*, May-June, 2014; Elshatory Y.M., Siatkowski R.M., Shah V.A., Vajzovic L., Mahmoud T.H. “Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges: Profound Visual Loss in Antiphospholipid Syndrome,” *Retina*, March, 2014; and Adler E., Ding K., Siatkowski R.M. “Factors Related to Strabismus Decompensation After a Period of Prolonged Postoperative Stability,” *Journal of American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus*, May, 2014. He recently taught the following courses: Leiba H., Siatkowski R.M., Capo H.A., Weinstein J.M. “Is this Functional or Not?—Pearls to Avoid Getting Burned;” and Edmond J.C., Siatkowski R.M. “Neuro-Ophthalmic Manifestations of Systemic Disease;” Workshops, American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, Palm Springs, CA, April, 2014.



GREGORY L. SKUTA, MD, presided over AAO 2014, the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), in Chicago from October 18-21. His address at the meeting’s Opening Session was entitled “Witnessing Service to the Profession.” His one-year term as Academy president was completed on December 31, 2014. On October 4, Dr. Skuta was inducted into the



Tuscola (Illinois) Community High School (TCHS) Hall of Fame. A 1974 graduate of TCHS, Dr. Skuta was class valedictorian, senior (and sophomore) class president, recipient of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Citizenship Award, state winner of the Elks Youth Leadership Contest, and a member of the Illinois All-State Choir. Recent presentations include: “American Academy of Ophthalmology Update” and “Glaucoma Surgery 2014: Trends, Challenges, and Advances” at the SouthEast Eye Regional Meeting (for the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee) in Destin, FL., July, 2014; and “American Academy of Ophthalmology Update” for the Hawaii Ophthalmological Society, Nov. 2014. Recent publications include: Allan E., Khaimi M., Jones J., Ding K., Skuta G. “Long-term efficacy of the Baerveldt 250 mm² compared with the Baerveldt 350 mm² implant.” *Ophthalmology*; in press.



ANN A. WARN, MD, MBA, was interviewed by *The Lawton Constitution*, “Macular Degeneration’s First Lesson—Don’t Be Blinded By Fear,” Nov. 2014; and was named to this year’s Circle of Excellence—an honor reserved for those being selected for *The Journal Record* newspaper’s “50 Making a Difference” for the third time, Oct. 2014. Dr. Warn was recognized at the 34th Annual Woman of the Year Gala sponsored by *The Journal Record* on Oct. 2. The event recognized Oklahoma female business and community leaders who excel in their chosen fields.



DEANA S. WATTS, MD, was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine’s Department of Ophthalmology, July 2014.



LILY L. WONG, PhD, was invited to serve as a member in the Women in Eye and Vision Research (WEAVR, a program of the ARVO Foundation) Leadership Committee for a three-year term from 2014 to 2017.



TAMMY L. YANOVITCH, MD, MHSc, was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine’s Department of Ophthalmology, July 2014. She recently published: Prakalapakorn S.G., Proia A.D., Yanovitch T.L., DeArme y S., Mendelsohn N.J., Aleck K.A., Kishnani P.S. “Ocular and Histologic Findings in a Series of Children With Infantile Pompe Disease Treated With Enzyme Replacement Therapy,” *Journal of American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus*, Aug. 2014, Epub ahead of print; Hartnett M.E., Morrison M.A., Smith S., Yanovitch T.L., Young T.L., Colaizy T., Momany A., Dagle J., Carlo W.A., Clark E.A., Page G.P., Murray J., DeAngelis M.M., Cotten C.M. “Genetic Variants Associated with Severe Retinopathy of Prematurity in Extremely Low Birth Weight Infants,” *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*, Aug. 2014, Epub ahead of print.

PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

Sarkeys Foundation Board Members Visit DMEI Microsurgical Education Center

SARKEYS FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS visited the Dean McGee Eye Institute on September 9 to view the recently funded Sarkeys Foundation Microsurgical Education Center. Dr. R. Michael Siatkowski, DMEI Residency Program Director and Vice Chair for Academic Affairs, led the tour and was assisted by DMEI Residents, Jonathan Perkins, MD, Jared Jackson, MD, and Evan Sussenbach, MD. ■



Observing resident Jonathan Perkins, MD, (far right) use the EYESI surgical simulator are left to right: Kim Henry, Cecilia Abrams, and Dr. John Bell.

Pictured left to right (back row): R. Michael Siatkowski, MD, DMEI Residency Program Director and Vice Chair for Academic Affairs, Dan Little, Sarkeys Foundation Board Member, Kim Henry, Sarkeys Foundation Executive Director, Cecilia Abrams, guest, John Bell, MD, Sarkeys Foundation Board Member, Lana Ivy, DMEI Vice President of Development, Gregory Skuta, MD, DMEI President & CEO, and Matthew Bown, DMEI Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; (front row, left to right): Evan Sussenbach, MD, Jared Jackson, MD, Chief Resident, and Jonathan Perkins, MD.



Lana G. Ivy
Vice President of Development



Evaluating the EYESI surgical simulator is ophthalmologist and Sarkeys Foundation Board Member, Dr. John Bell.



Dan Little, Sarkeys Foundation Board Member, and Kim Henry, Sarkeys Foundation Executive Director, participate in the demonstration given by Chief Resident Jared Jackson, MD.



Have You Left the DMEI Foundation in Your Estate Plans?

Please let us know by completing the following form and returning it to us in the envelope provided. Thank you!

Name (First/Last) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

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I have named the Dean McGee Eye Institute Foundation as a beneficiary of my:

- Will/Trust
- Life Insurance Policy
- A specified amount
- Charitable Trust
- A specified percentage
- IRA or Retirement Plan

Other (please specify) _____

My gift is: Unrestricted Designated for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

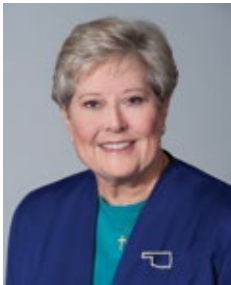
I understand that this information represents my gift intention and is not a binding agreement. This intention may be withdrawn for any reason and it is understood that market conditions may alter the value. If my intentions change, I will contact the Dean McGee Eye Institute.

Please use the enclosed envelope and mail to:

Lana G. Ivy, Vice President of Development, Dean McGee Eye Institute,
608 Stanton L. Young Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Questions? Please call 405-271-7803

NEW BOARD MEMBERS JOIN DMEI Foundation Board



JARI ASKINS has served the people of Oklahoma for over 30 years. After leaving elective office in 2011, she was named Associate Provost for External Relations at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC). In that

capacity, she provided leadership for the services offered at OUHSC with a priority focus on the Stephenson Cancer Center as Director of Marketing and Outreach. In August 2014, Askins was running her own consulting company, JARICO, LLC, when she was asked to return to public service as Interim Executive Director of the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board.

Born and reared in Duncan, Askins received her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma and earned a Juris Doctorate from the OU College of Law. When she was sworn in as Oklahoma's 15th Lieutenant Governor in 2007, Askins achieved the distinction of being involved in public service in all three branches of state government.

Askins has received numerous awards during her career in public service. Honors include "outstanding legislator" awards from more than three dozen organizations, Leadership Oklahoma's Outstanding Graduate, the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women's Kate Barnard Award, the Association for Women in Communications' Byliner Award, and the Commitment to Excellence Award from The Oklahoma Academy.

In 2001, Askins was inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame.

Askins serves on the Board of Directors of Arvest Bank in Southwest Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame; the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence; and the Board of Trustees for Phillips Theological Seminary. She is a member of the First Christian Church in Duncan, where she still sings in the church choir.



KIMBERLEY D. HENRY currently serves as the Executive Director of the Sarkeys Foundation, a role she assumed in 2009. Henry's civic involvement has garnered numerous awards and honors. In 2008, she received the Oklahoma

Institute for Child Advocacy's Champion of Children's Award and received the Honorary Young Mother of the Year Award by American Mothers, Inc. In 2009, Henry was honored as the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals and was a Festival of Hope honoree, presented by Heartline, for outstanding community leadership and improving the quality of life in Oklahoma. She was also inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame in 2009. In 2010, she was recognized as the Outstanding Woman Leader of the Year by the Oklahoma Women's Leadership Conference and received an Oklahoma Teachers of the Year 2010 Vision Award for her work in education reform.

Henry serves on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, the Conference of Southwest Foundations, and the Bank of Oklahoma. She serves as an Advisory Board Member for A+ Schools and for the Oklahoma City University Master of Arts Degree in Applied Sociology Emphasizing Nonprofit Leadership. Henry has devoted much of her life to education, from her 10 years teaching in the classroom to raising three daughters with her husband, Brad, who served as Governor of Oklahoma from 2003 to 2011. She spent most of her teaching career at her alma mater, Shawnee High School, where she taught Oklahoma History, Economics, Government, and Advanced Placement American History.



RICHARD H. PARRY has been the President and Chief Investment Officer of Tom Johnson Investment Management (TJIM), LLC, since 2003. He began his investment career in 1981, working with other TJIM principals in the Trust

Investments department of First National Bank and Trust Company, which later became First Investment Management Corporation (FIMCO), a subsidiary of First Interstate Bank of Oklahoma City. Other work experience includes service as a member of the Executive Committee Planning and Advisory Staff and Staff Auditor for First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City. Parry received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from the University of Colorado with an emphasis in international business and his Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst charterholder member, past adjunct Professor for Oklahoma City University and past President of the Oklahoma Society of Financial Analysts.

Currently, Parry serves on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Oklahoma City University, and Community Oklahoma on the Water. He is also a volunteer for Friends of Lake Hefner and an alumnus of Leadership Oklahoma City.



KEVIN S. PERRY is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Perry Publishing & Broadcasting, a second-generation, family-owned company based in Oklahoma City. Perry is a native Oklahoman and a well known business and community leader.

The Perry Publishing & Broadcasting Company owns and operates 13 radio stations in Oklahoma and five radio stations in Georgia and South Carolina. In addition, Perry Publishing & Broadcasting owns and distributes the Oklahoma statewide newspaper, *The Black Chronicle*. Perry Publishing & Broadcasting also owns O'City Source, an apparel and music store in Oklahoma City.

Perry is involved in the community through several boards and civic activities. He is a board member of the First Security Bank, the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, the Oklahoma City All Sports Association, and the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters. He is also a member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO).

Perry obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Banking and Finance from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, Perry is a graduate of the National Association of Broadcaster Educational Development Program, Leadership Oklahoma City, and National Broadcast Leadership Training Program. He and his wife, Tori, have two sons. ■

OU VISION WORKSHOP

DMEI RESEARCHERS PARTICIPATED in the Eighth Annual OU Vision Workshop held on September 18-19 in the Rainbolt Family Auditorium at the Samis Education Center located at The Children's Hospital. The guest speaker was Dr. Mary Elizabeth Hartnett, Professor of Ophthalmology from the John A. Moran Eye Center at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.



Chelsea Larabee (left) accepts her Robert E. Anderson Best Student Paper Award. Dr. Mary Elizabeth Hartnett, guest speaker from the University of Utah, is pictured at right.

This year's workshop awarded travel awards to the top paper presentations. Best paper winners were Elizabeth Moran, a graduate student from Dr. Jian-Xing Ma's laboratory, who received the *Wei Cao Award for Innovation*; Chelsea Larabee, a graduate student from Dr. Scot Plafker's laboratory, who received the *Robert E. Anderson Best Student*

Paper Award; and Raheel Zulliger, a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Muna Naash, who received the *Robert E. Anderson Best Postdoctoral Fellow Paper Award*. ■



Dr. Mary Elizabeth Hartnett (left) stands with Elizabeth Moran (right) as Moran accepts her Wei Cao Award for Innovation.



Seifollah Azadi, PhD, (left) and Raju V.S. Rajala, PhD, (right) take notes during the 8th Annual OU Vision Workshop.



Derek J. Royer, PhD candidate from Dr. Daniel Carr's laboratory, speaks at the 8th Annual OU Vision Workshop.

Dr. Martin–Paul Agbaga Receives OCAST Grant

MARTIN–PAUL AGBAGA, PHD, an Assistant Professor of Research in the Department of Ophthalmology and Cell Biology and a member of the Oklahoma Center for Neuroscience, has been awarded a three-year grant by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST). The grant supports his research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of blindness in autosomal dominant Stargardt macular dystrophy, a disease that starts by the teenage years. Dr. Agbaga and his group are working to develop therapeutic targets for treating this blinding early-childhood disease. With the OCAST grant, they will test the efficacy of a group of novel compounds in attenuating the rate of disease progression *in vivo* and *in vitro*. ■



Madhu Parkunan, PhD Candidate, Receives Award

MADHU PARKUNAN, who works in the laboratory of DMEI vision scientist Dr. Michelle Callegan, received a travel award from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC), to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) May 4-9, 2014 in Orlando, Florida. ■



AWARD GIVEN TO POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

GINA GRIFFITH, a postdoctoral fellow who worked with Alex W. Cohen, MD, PhD and Michael H. Elliott, PhD on a corneal wound healing/stem cell project, won the *Members-In-Training (MIT) Outstanding Poster Award for the Cornea Section* at this year's Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Annual Meeting in Orlando. Griffith was selected as one of five finalists to compete for the award. In addition, she received an ARVO travel award to attend the meeting and present this work. ■

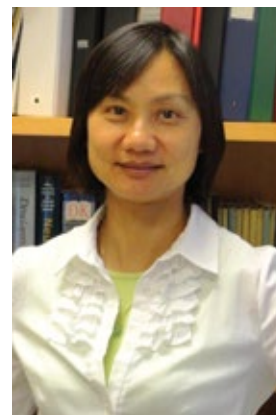
DMEI Researchers Receive Patent



James F. McGinnis, PhD

TWO DEAN MCGEE EYE RESEARCHERS,

James F. McGinnis, PhD, Professor of Ophthalmology and Cell Biology and Presbyterian Health Foundation Presidential Professor, and Lily L. Wong, PhD, Assistant Professor of Research, Department of Ophthalmology, have received a patent for the use of nanoceria to inhibit pathological neovascularization in mammalian diseases. Nanoceria are being used to develop a therapeutic treatment for “wet” age-related macular degeneration (AMD). They have discovered that when nanoceria are delivered



Lily L. Wong, PhD

to mouse eyes with abnormal new vessels, the new vessels disappear in 85% within two weeks. These data suggest that nanoceria could also be effective in humans with wet-AMD or diabetic retinopathy. ■

RPB President Visits Scientists at DMEI

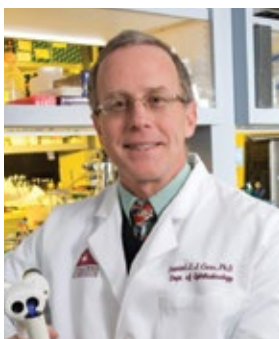
BRIAN F. HOFLAND, PHD,

President of Research to Prevent Blindness (RPB) in New York City, made a special visit to the Eye Institute on Monday, October 27, to meet with DMEI vision scientists and Dr. Gregory L. Skuta, President and CEO of DMEI. A national leader in vision research, the OU Department of Ophthalmology ranks twelfth in the nation in cumulative funding from RPB. ■



Pictured left to right (back): Nawajes A. Mandal, PhD, Dimitrios Karamichos, PhD, Robert E. Anderson, MD, PhD, James F. McGinnis, PhD, Raju V.S. Rajala, PhD, and Daniel J.J. Carr, PhD; left to right (front): Michelle C. Callegan, PhD, Martin-Paul Agbaga, PhD, Gregory L. Skuta, MD, Brian F. Hofland, PhD, and Michael H. Elliott, PhD.

NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE GRANT AWARDED TO TRAIN NEXT GENERATION OF VISION SCIENTISTS



Daniel J.J. Carr, PhD

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER (OUHSC)

has been awarded a major training grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH)/National Eye

Institute (NEI) to support aspiring vision researchers. Daniel J.J. Carr, PhD, a basic scientist at the Dean McGee Eye Institute who holds the Stanton L. Young Endowed Chair and is also Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and a Presbyterian Health Foundation Presidential Professor, will serve as the principal investigator for the \$700,000 grant, which is entitled “Cellular and Molecular Cascades in Vision Research.”

This five-year training grant will support graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in their study of ocular conditions such as diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, and corneal disease. It will engage faculty from OUHSC’s Departments of Ophthalmology, Cell Biology, Medicine, Microbiology/Immunology, Pathology, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Physiology as well as the Oklahoma Center for Neuroscience and the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

Training grants from the NIH/NEI are awarded to stimulate and support a pipeline of vision researchers in order to advance treatments for blinding diseases and other disorders of the eye. This represents the first such vision training grant at the OU Health Sciences Center and is one of only two NIH training grants currently active there. ■

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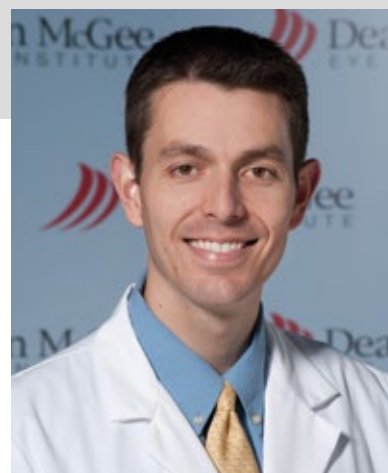
Robert E. Anderson, MD, PhD
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Ana Chucair Elliott, PhD
Phillip S. Coburn, PhD
Michael H. Elliott, PhD
Dimitrios Karamichos, PhD
Feng Li, MD, MPH, MS

Nawajes A. Mandal, PhD
James F. McGinnis, PhD
Raju V.S. Rajala, PhD
Lily L. Wong, PhD

DMEI Distinguished Lecturer Series 2014-2015

- August 4 Jonathan Pons, MD
Good Samaritan Hospital, Swaziland
TOPIC: Global Ophthalmology
- September 29 Russell N. Van Gelder, MD, PhD
University of Washington
23rd Annual Walter Stark Lecture
TOPIC: Beyond Cultures: Deep DNA
Sequencing and Infectious Eye Disease
- November 3 David T. Tse, MD
Bascom Palmer Eye Institute/University of Miami
TOPIC: Oculoplastic and Orbital Surgery
- January 12 Alan C. Bird, MD
Moorfields Eye Hospital, London
TOPIC: Medical Retina
- March 9 David G. Hunter MD, PhD
Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard University
Constance E. West, MD
Cincinnati Children's Hospital
TOPIC: Optics and Resident/Fellow Review
- April 12 Richard A. Lewis, MD
Cullen Eye Institute/Baylor College of Medicine
TOPIC: Ocular Genetics
- June 13 Andrew G. Lee, MD
*Chair, Department of Ophthalmology
Houston Methodist Hospital*
36th Annual Tullos Coston Lecture
TOPIC: Neuro-Ophthalmology



Jared Jackson, MD, PGY-4 Wins Regional Award

IN SEPTEMBER, RESIDENTS from Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma ophthalmology training programs submitted research papers at the annual four-state Table Rock Regional Roundup for Ophthalmology. Jared Jackson, MD, DMEI PGY-4 and Chief Resident, won a \$500 cash award at the conference as the first-place winner for his paper entitled "Intravitreal Anti-VEGF Therapy in Post-Vitrectomy Exudative Age-Related Macular Degeneration Patients: A Retrospective Comparative Analysis." Dr. Jackson competed against residents from Washington University, University of Kansas, University of Arkansas, University of Missouri-Kansas City, and University of Missouri-Columbia. ■

23RD ANNUAL Walter J. Stark Memorial Lectureship



Russell N. Van Gelder,
MD, PhD

THE 23RD WALTER J. STARK MEMORIAL LECTURE was delivered in the Tullos O. Coston, MD, Lecture Hall on September 29. Russell N. Van Gelder, MD, PhD, was the invited lecturer, and his presentation

was entitled, “Beyond Cultures: Deep DNA Sequencing and Infectious Eye Disease.” Dr. Van Gelder is the Boyd K. Bucey Memorial Professor and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Washington in Seattle. A native of the New York City area, he earned his bachelor’s degree, MD, and PhD from Stanford University and also served his medical internship there. He completed his ophthalmology residency and uveitis fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, where he remained on faculty for 10 years before assuming his current position in Seattle.

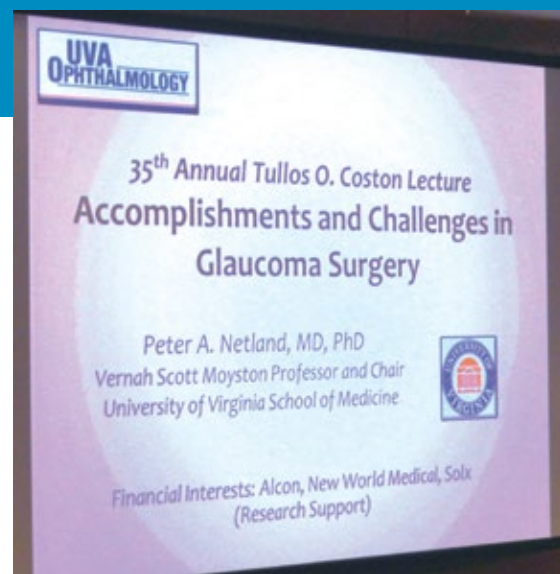
Dr. Van Gelder is an active clinician-scientist, whose National Institutes of Health-funded

laboratory has been at the forefront of research into non-visual ocular photoreception and molecular diagnostics of ocular inflammatory disease. He is an Associate Editor of *Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science*, is on the Editorial Board of *Ophthalmology*, and has held other previous editorial positions. He is listed among the *Best Doctors in America*, has delivered many named lectures, has received numerous research and teaching awards, and has been honored with the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO’s) Senior Achievement and Secretariat Awards. He succeeded DMEI’s Dr. Gregory Skuta as President of the AAO on January 1, 2015. ■



Pictured (left to right) are Susan Moorman, Penny Replogle, Dr. Walter J. Stark, Jr., Dr. Russell Van Gelder, Polly Stark, Andria Heafy and Paul Heafy. The Stark Family provides support for this annual lectureship.

38TH ANNUAL DMEI Ophthalmology Symposium/ OU Resident and Alumni Meeting



Steven R. Sarkisian, Jr., MD, Program Chair (left), stands with the 35th Tullios O. Coston Lecturer, Peter A. Netland, MD, PhD, Vernah Scott Moyston Professor and Chair at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, who made his presentation on Saturday, May 31.



James R. Tolbert III, Chair Emeritus, DMEI Board of Trustees, speaks about the legacy of the Eye Institute and the attributes of the past presidents at the Acers Society Reception on May 31.



Gregory L. Skuta, MD, DMEI President and CEO, and William S. Clifford, MD, Acers Society Board Chair, enjoy a "Toast to the Chief" (Thomas E. Acers, MD) during the 11th Annual Acers Society Reception.



David W. Parke II, MD, was guest speaker at the 11th Annual Acers Society Reception on May 31. He was DMEI's second president from 1992 to 2009 and now serves as Executive Vice President and CEO of the 32,000-member American Academy of Ophthalmology, which is headquartered in San Francisco.



Ann Acers Warn, MD, MBA, daughter of the late Dr. Thomas E. Acers, and his wife, Mrs. Jackie Acers, enjoy the reception honoring DMEI's founding president. Dr. Acers was the first full-time chair of the OU Department of Ophthalmology (1972-1992) and presided over the dedication of the Institute's original building in December 1975.

2014 SERVICE, TEACHING AND RESEARCH AWARDS

*Oklahoma Academy of Ophthalmology
Distinguished Service Award*
James L. Dunagin, Jr., MD

*Edward and Thelma Gaylord
Faculty Honor Award*
Alex W. Cohen, MD, PhD

Excellence in Attending at VA Award
Annie Moreau, MD

*Dr. and Mrs. T.E. Acers
Resident Honor Award*
Jared R. Jackson, MD

*Robert G. Small, MD Medical
Student Teaching Award*
Yasser M. Elshatory, MD, PhD

*Annie Moreau, MD
Fellow Teaching Award*
Andrew K. Bailey, MD

SAVE THE DATE

June 13, 2015

39TH ANNUAL DMEI OPHTHALMOLOGY SYMPOSIUM
OU RESIDENT AND ALUMNI MEETING

36th Tullos O. Coston Lecture

Andrew G. Lee, MD

*Chair, Department of Ophthalmology
Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas*



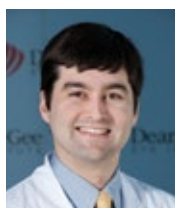
Samis Education Center, The Children's Hospital, Oklahoma City

DMEI Residents Celebrate Graduation on May 31, 2014



Graduating DMEI residents with their wives (left to right): Dr. and Mrs. Tyler K. Sorensen, Dr. and Mrs. Yasser M. Elshatory, Dr. and Mrs. Evan J. Allan, and Dr. and Mrs. Blake A. Isernhagen.

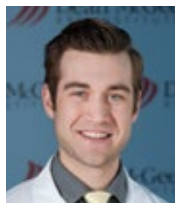
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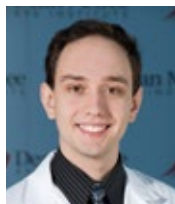
Clifton C. Fay, Jr., MD
First-year Resident
College: University of Georgia
Medical School: Medical College of Georgia



James C. O'Brien, MD
First-year Resident
College: University of Texas
Medical School: University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine



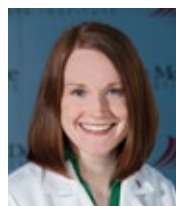
Andrew L. Rodenburg, MD
First-year Resident
College: North Dakota State University
Medical School: University of North Dakota School of Medical and Health Sciences



Ilya (Eli) Sluch, MD
First-year Resident
College: Oklahoma State University
Medical School: University of Oklahoma College of Medicine



Evan J. Allan, MD
Glaucoma Fellow
Medical School: University of Washington
Residency: Dean McGee Eye Institute/ University of Oklahoma



Elizabeth H. Gauger, MD
Global Eye Care Fellow
Medical School: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
Residency: University of Iowa Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences



Walter Benjamin "Ben" Kunz, MD
Cornea and External Disease Fellow
Medical School: University of Vermont College of Medicine
Residency: State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biological Sciences



Hemang K. Pandya, MD
Retina Fellow
Medical School: Chicago Medical School
Residency: Kresge Eye Institute/ Wayne State University



Mark E. Robinson, MD
Neuro-Ophthalmology Fellow
Medical School: University of North Carolina School of Medicine
Residency: Georgetown University/ Washington Hospital Center



satellite clinics

PROVIDING outstanding care
TO THE wider community

By April Wilkerson

Dr. Ann A. Warn (right) examines patient, Patty Hamlin, in the DMEI Lawton office.

AT THE THREE SATELLITE CLINICS OF THE DEAN MCGEE EYE INSTITUTE (DMEI),

patients talk about finding everything they need in one place: comprehensive services, convenient access close to their homes, and rapport with the providers who are caring for their vision.

The Eye Institute, with its primary location near downtown Oklahoma City on the campus of the Oklahoma Health Center, is living out its mission of providing high-quality eye care across the state. Its satellite clinics—in Lawton, Edmond and northwest Oklahoma City—allow DMEI ophthalmologists and other providers to deliver a full range of services with patient accessibility in mind.

“As emphasized in our mission statement, ‘the Dean McGee Eye Institute is dedicated to serving *all* Oklahomans and the global community through excellence and leadership in patient care, education, and vision research,’ and the outstanding doctors and staff at our satellite facilities help us fulfill that vital element of our mission,” says Dr. Gregory L. Skuta, MD, DMEI President and CEO .

DMEI as a whole is committed to providing everything from routine care to treatment for complex conditions. Each satellite clinic has an optical shop as well as contact lens services. “Vision is a precious human sense, and the eyes are a reflection of what’s taking place systemically in patients,” said Anil D. Patel, MD, an ophthalmologist at the Edmond clinic, and also DMEI’s Medical Director and a neuro-ophthalmologist. “Some very common conditions can have devastating effects on the eyes.”

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The Dean McGee Eye Institute in Edmond located at 1005 Medical Park Boulevard.

Building long-term relationships with patients is an important part of eye care, and the satellite clinics are an excellent avenue for doing that, said Ralph B. Hester III, MD, an ophthalmologist at the northwest Oklahoma City clinic, one of DMEI’s busiest with more than 1,000 patient

visits each month. Routine eye exams are crucial for tracking the progression of conditions like cataracts, Hester said, as well as noticing changes that might point toward blood pressure or cholesterol problems.

Hester and his fellow provider, Tasha J. Schellenberg, OD, pride themselves on being accessible to patients and developing relationships with their primary care providers to address related conditions. “We work as a team for our patients, but we also talk frequently to their physicians in this area,” she said. Brian K. Firestone, MD, also sees patients a half-day each week in the northwest Oklahoma City office.

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Hester performs a large number of cataract surgeries, both downtown at the McGee Eye Surgery Center (MESC) and at Integris Baptist Medical Center, just across the highway from the clinic. He is one of the DMEI ophthalmologists now using MESC's new femtosecond laser and placing specialty implant lenses to give cataract patients the highest level of surgical precision and vision correction.

At the DMEI Edmond clinic, another robust team cares for patients ranging from toddlers to the geriatric population. Although several of the Edmond providers have significant subspecialty expertise—including glaucoma, uveitis, and neuro-ophthalmology—each also provides routine comprehensive eye care for local

residents as well as people from Guthrie, Perry, Kingfisher and other northern communities.

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“We really enjoy interacting with our patients,” said Theresa A. Larson, MD. “We can provide them a superior level of care here without them having to drive downtown, but we also can refer them there quickly if they need more specialized care.”

Andrew K. Bailey, MD, who began seeing patients in Edmond this summer, brings glaucoma subspecialty expertise to the clinic. Glaucoma is a condition with many treatment options—if it is diagnosed early in the disease process. Bailey looks forward to helping more people with glaucoma preserve their sight for much longer.

“Long-term glaucoma management is a marathon, not a sprint,” he said. “We see

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The DMEI Optical Shop in the Edmond office offers an array of frames. Optical shops are also located in the Northwest Oklahoma City and Lawton facilities.

patients over many years and grow relationships with them. Glaucoma is a hidden pathology—it doesn't present with alarming signs early on. That's why we stress the importance of routine eye exams. There are many effective options for treating glaucoma today if we catch it early."

Angela M. Plant, OD, enjoys the mix of ages among her patients in Edmond. She may conduct an eye screening for a 4-year-old, followed by a 95-year-old, and she relishes both interactions.

Earning patient trust is important to DMEI providers, and their success is evident. Greg Burns of Oklahoma City is a patient of Hester's at the northwest clinic. As an artist, Burns is especially reliant on good vision. Hester had been monitoring his cataracts and recently told him it was time for surgery.

"I was apprehensive, but Dr. Hester is a great guy and I trust him. It's important to have confidence in people who do something as important as this," Burns said. "Now I can see much better than before and don't have to wear glasses at all."

In Lawton, Patty Hamlin credits her ophthalmologist, Ann A. Warn, MD, MBA, with excellent care and a caring presence. Before she retired, Hamlin needed frequent checkups for an eye condition, which wasn't always an easy fit with her teaching career. But Warn always worked with her schedule. "Dr. Warn is very thorough and has an outstanding commitment to excellence," Hamlin



In the northwest Oklahoma City office, patient and artist, Greg Burns (left), is pictured with his long-time ophthalmologist, Dr. Ralph B. Hester III.

said. "Southwestern Oklahoma is fortunate to have DMEI here."


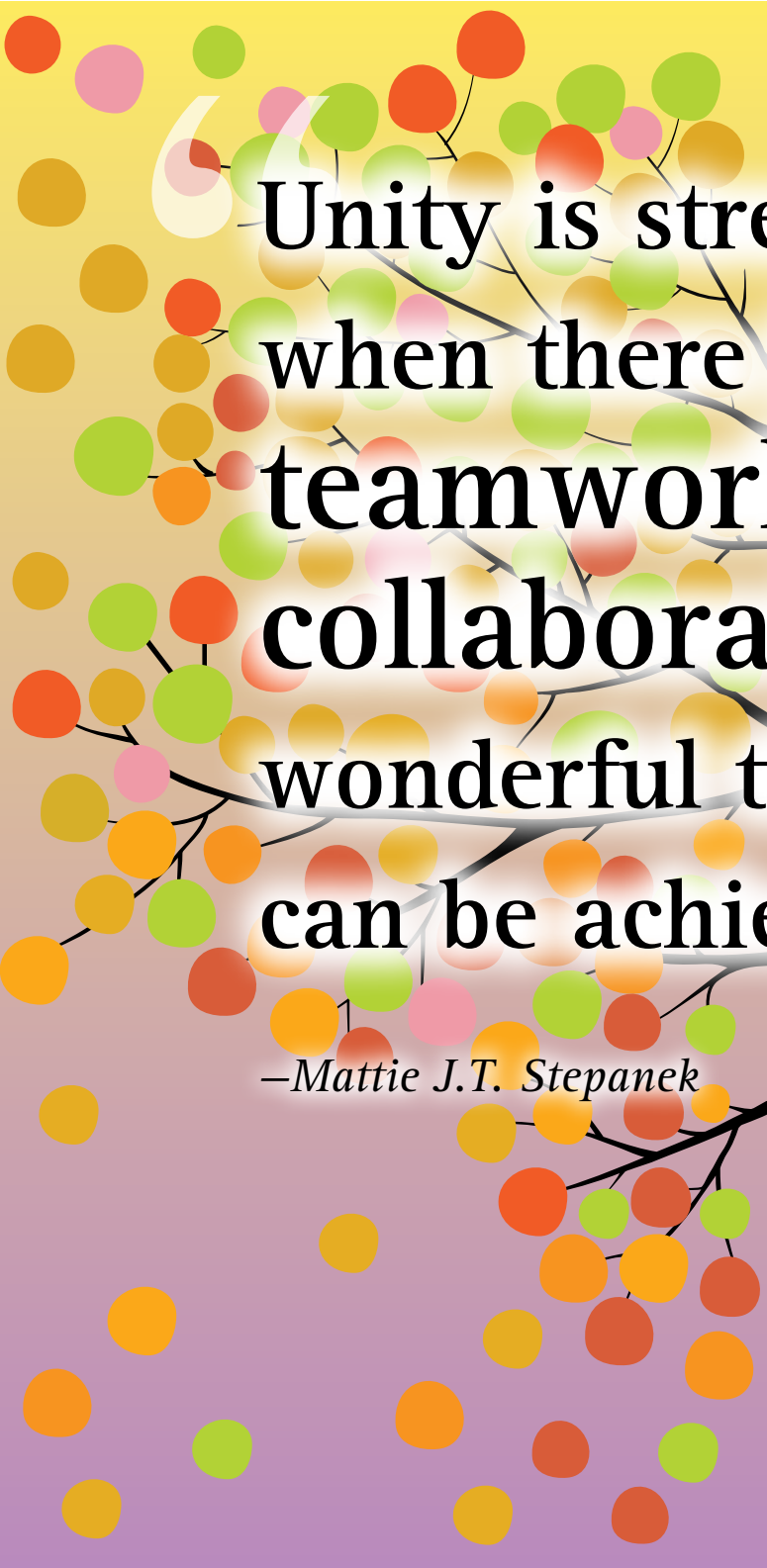
Warn and her colleague in Lawton, Jean R. Hausheer, MD, FACS, have mutual respect for their patients. Hausheer even began a local support group for people who are blind, providing a means for socializing and encouragement.

Hausheer, like many of her fellow satellite clinic providers (including retinal specialist, Vinay A. Shah, MD), remains involved in resident education through the OU College of Medicine's Department of Ophthalmology, housed at DMEI. Patients' care is enhanced when their physicians are engaged in the educational process, she said.

"Having to train someone makes you a better clinician," Hester said. "When you're teaching someone, it heightens your awareness of the diagnostic process and the surgical process. It benefits the patients." Ultimately, all of the Eye Institute's activities are focused on that singular overarching goal—benefiting the patients. ■

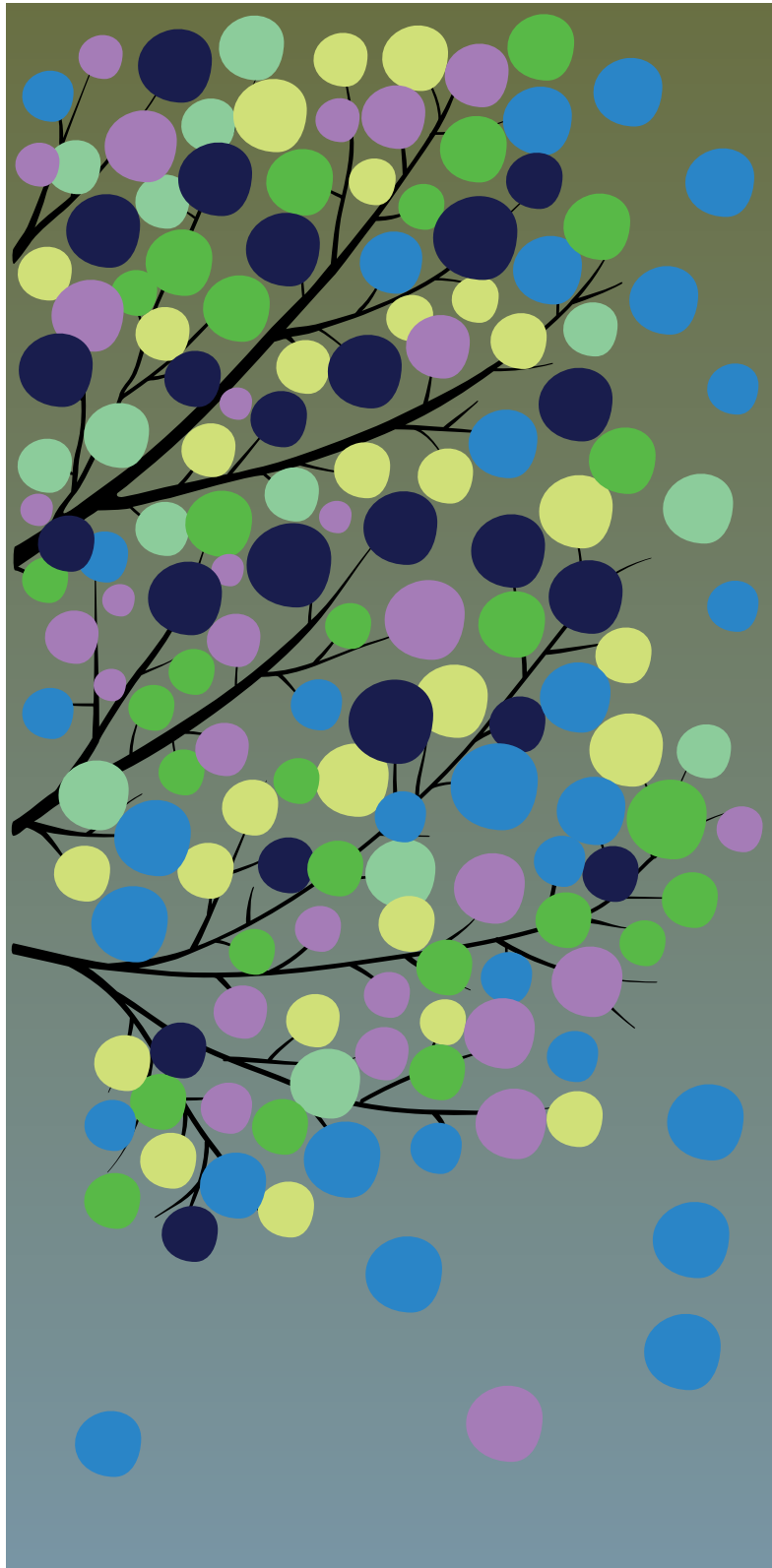


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