

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY, Columbus, OH

Doctor of Optometry degree, June 1998

Externship Rotation, Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center, June 1997-September 1997

Enrichment Low Vision Clinic, Vision Center of Central Ohio, September 1997-November 1997

Enrichment Clinic, OSU Student Health Center, January 1998-June 1998

GPA: 3.80/4.00

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, Oxford, OH

Bachelor of Arts degree, May 1993

Major: Zoology

GPA in major: 4.00/4.00

GPA overall: 3.82/4.00

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Corning Low Vision Award for best clinical performance in the Ohio State University College of Optometry Vision Rehabilitation clinic, June 1998

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society; Vice-President 1997-1998

Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Honor Society; President 1996-1997

The Ohio State University Scholarship in Optometry, 1994-1998

Vision Service Plan Scholarship, 1994

Optometry Dean's List, 12 quarters

Steffel Scholarship, 1993

Graduated *magna cum laude*, Miami University

Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honorary, 1989

Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honorary, 1989

Miami University President's List, 4 semesters

Miami University Dean's List, 4 semesters

CERTIFICATIONS

Georgia Optometry and Therapeutic License #1740

Ohio Optometry License #4925

Ohio Therapeutic License #T1795

DEA #MF0439984

National Board of Examiners in Optometry Certificate

Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease Certificate

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

FIVE POINTS EYE CARE CENTER, Athens, GA

Optometrist. Private group practice specializing in contact lenses, pediatric and binocular vision, and rehabilitative optometry. Personal specialty is vision rehabilitation of patients with vision loss from glaucoma, macular degeneration, head trauma, and retinal and optic nerve diseases. Provide free eye care to referrals from local Lion's Clubs. Conduct vision and ocular health screenings for school children and at community health fairs. Created a charity eye clinic for uninsured low-income Hispanics with Catholic Sisters, the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Lecture extensively to community groups, pre-medical and pre-optometry students at the University of Georgia and other local medical practices about vision rehabilitation, general eye care and ocular disease. Pre-optometry mentor for University of Georgia students. Intern and extern site for Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

June 1999 – present

FORCHÉ CONSULTING, Athens, GA

Optometric consultant, services include vision rehabilitation, legal medical records review, practice management. Write monthly practice management articles for the Georgia Optometric Association Newsletter.

January 2005 – present

VISTAS VISION IMPAIRMENT SERVICES, Athens, GA

Vision Rehabilitation Optometrist. Consulting optometrist for a non-profit organization that specializes in helping people with vision loss become more independent. Perform the initial assessment of the visual loss and determine the vision rehabilitation plan for each patient.

January 2004 – present

BLIND AND LOW VISION SERVICES OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA, Smyrna, GA

Vision Rehabilitation Optometrist. Consulting optometrist for a non-profit organization that specializes in helping people with vision loss become more independent. Perform the initial assessment of the visual loss and determine the vision rehabilitation plan for each patient. Provide lectures on vision rehabilitation training to other staff members.

June 2000 – present

THE BIRMINGHAM VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER, Birmingham, AL

Optometry Resident, Geriatric Optometry and Vision Rehabilitation. Management of ocular disease and the ocular manifestations of systemic disease in a primarily geriatric population. Member of the VA Gerontology Team consisting of gerontologists, psychologists, nurse practitioners and optometrists. Provided specialized care to patients in the HIV clinic. Managed ocular disease and low vision needs of patients in the Blind Rehabilitation Program. Lectured to other doctors, optometry students and fellow residents weekly. Supervised and taught fourth year optometry students on extern rotation at the Birmingham VA eye clinic.

July 1998 – June 1999

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Member of Leadership GOA 2005
Georgia Optometric Association's Young Optometrist of the Year 2004
Member of the Georgia Optometric Association
 Treasurer/Secretary of the 10th District of the Georgia Optometric Association
Seminar Co-coordinator for the Georgia Society of Professional Optometrists
Candidate for Fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry
Treasurer of the Athens Council for the Blind
Member of the Athens Heritage Lion's Club
Member of the Southern Council of Optometrists
Member of the American Optometric Association
Member of the Low Vision Section of the American Optometric Association
Member of Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity
 Humanitarian Trip to Costa Rica, February 1999
 Humanitarian Trip to Ecuador, August 1997
 Humanitarian Trip to Costa Rica, August 1996
Alumni member of the Epsilon Psi Epsilon Optometric Fraternity

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Hot Cases, Cool Coding, COPE 14334-GO

Lecture presented at Georgia Optometric Association meetings, First presented August 2005

RGP Multifocal Success

Article in ABBA Optical Newsletter, June 2005

Article to be printed in Optometric Management, November 2005

Low Vision Rehabilitation

Lecture presented to local Lion's Clubs, non-profit blind organizations, ophthalmology practices, neurology practices, 1999 – present

Common Eye Conditions in the Elderly Population

Lecture presented to local service organizations, nursing care centers, rehabilitation clinics, hospitals, 1999 – present

Advances in Low Vision Rehabilitation

Lecture presented at the Georgia Council for the Blind Annual Meeting, August 2000, August 2001

Diabetic Man's Vision Does Not Improve After Cataract Surgery

Article in Primary Care Optometry News, June 2000

Characteristics of Deceased Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma Patients at the Birmingham VAMC

Lecture and paper presented for residency group, June 1999

Rod-Cone Dystrophy: Two Brothers with Different Phenotypic Variations of the Same Hereditary Retinal Disease

Poster presented at Southern Education Conference for Optometry, February 1999

OPTOMETRIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY, Columbus, OH

Lab Assistant, investigated the relationship between blood alcohol levels and horizontal gaze nystagmus with Nicholas Fogt, O.D., Ph.D.

February 1998 – June 1998.

ERDEY EYE GROUP, Columbus, OH

Clinical Assistant, performed eye examinations and participated in the post-surgical care of anterior segment ophthalmic surgeries in a successful group practice comprised of two ophthalmologists and two optometrists.

September 1997 – June 1998.

COLUMBUS VETERANS AFFAIRS OUTPATIENT CLINIC, Columbus, OH

Clinical Assistant, performed necessary pre-testing for the visual field clinic which included glaucoma patients and patients with ocular diseases requiring automated perimetry. Observed unique cases presented by staff optometrists.

September 1997 – June 1998.

DAYTON VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER, Dayton, OH

Extern, performed complete eye examinations and continuing care for veterans with a wide range of ocular and systemic diseases. Presented a case report at grand rounds on branch retinal vein occlusion and choroidal folds. Externs were required to make their own decisions on diagnosis and treatment in order to encourage independent thinking and improve overall clinical knowledge.

June 1997 - September 1997.

DUBLIN FAMILY VISION CENTER, Columbus, OH

Office/Laboratory Technician, performed clerical duties as well as ordering and dispensing eyewear and contact lenses.

September 1995 - May 1996.

ACTIVITIES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Big Brother mentor April 2002 – present

Volunteer soccer coach of U10, U14, U15, U16, U19 August 1999 – present

Adult league soccer teams June 1999 – present

Vulcan United Soccer Club, July 1998 – June 1999

Columbus Premier Soccer League, 1993 – 1998

Under-25 Ohio Olympic Development Soccer Team, 1994-1995

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity of Miami University

Vice-President, 1990-1991

Interests include hiking, gardening, skiing, jogging and soccer. Financed 30% of college education and 100% of optometric education through employment, loans and scholarships

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST