

## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **JON L. FORCHÉ**

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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

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 and the University of Alabama at Birmingham School 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

### **VISION REHABILITATION 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

## **POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Headache, Pupils and More**

Lecture presented at University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry, August 2009

### **Billing and Coding Basics**

Lecture presented at University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry, August 2007

### **Common Eye Conditions**

Lecture presented at Georgia Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation, May 2008

### **Technology in Low Vision Rehabilitation**

Lecture presented in Gainesville, GA October 2008 and Lunch and Learn Athens Clarke County February 2010

### **Neovascular Glaucoma**

Article in Primary Care Optometry News, August 2007

### **Clinical Challenges for the Co-Managing Optometrist, COPE 17903-GO**

Lecture presented at the Georgia Society for Professional Optometrists, First presented January 2007

### **Hot Cases, Cool Coding III, COPE 18224-GO**

Lecture presented at Georgia Optometric Association and Georgia Society of Professional Optometrists meetings, First presented January 2007

### **The Low Vision Rehabilitation Mystery: How to Get Your Patients the Help They Need, COPE 17178-LV**

Lecture presented at the Georgia Optometric Association, First presented October 2006

### **Hot Cases, Cool Coding II, COPE 15190-GO**

Lecture presented at Georgia Optometric Association and Georgia Society of Professional Optometrists meetings, First presented January 2006

### **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 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

## ***PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS***

Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry

Graduate of the Leadership Class of 2005 for the Georgia Optometric Association

The Georgia Optometric Association's Young Optometrist of the Year 2004

Member of the Georgia Optometric Association

Treasurer/Secretary of the 10<sup>th</sup> District of the Georgia Optometric Association

Co-Chair of the Political Action Committee, 2009-present

Co-Chair of the Low Vision Rehabilitation Section of the Georgia Optometric Association

Seminar Co-Coordinator for the Georgia Society of Professional Optometrists

Preceptor for University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry and Pennsylvania College of

Optometry at Salus University Optometry Student Externs

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 Trips to Costa Rica, February 1999; Ecuador, August 1997; Costa Rica, August 1996

Alumni member of the Epsilon Psi Epsilon Optometric Fraternity

## ***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***

Volunteer for the Georgia Lion's Lighthouse Eye Clinics

St. Joseph Catholic Church Capital Campaign Committee Member

Volunteer soccer coach for Athens United U6 and U8, September 2008 – present

Athens-Clarke County mentor, April 2002 – present

Volunteer soccer coach of U10, U14, U15, U16, and U19, August 1999 – 2003

Interests include exercise, hiking, gardening, skiing, jogging and soccer.

Financed 30% of college education and 100% of optometric education through employment, loans and scholarships.