

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

Diplomate, American Board of Optometry

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

Owner, Optometrist and Clinical Assistant Professor. 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. Clinical Assistant Professor for externs from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry and The Ohio State University College of Optometry.

June 1999 – present

360 Care, Louisville, KY

Nursing Home Optometrist. Consulting Optometrist providing comprehensive eye care and optical services within nursing homes across the state of Georgia.

January 2016- present

FORCHÉ CONSULTING, Athens, GA

Optometric Consultant. services include vision rehabilitation, legal medical records review, practice management. Write practice management articles for the Georgia Optometric Association Newsletter and optometric journals.

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 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

SMOKEY POWELL CENTER LOW VISION CLINIC, Macon, GA

Vision Rehabilitation Optometrist. Consulting optometrist for the pediatric low vision clinic on the campus of the Georgia Academy for the Blind. Perform comprehensive low vision evaluations on visually impaired students in Georgia and direct the education of the student together with the teacher for the visually impaired (TVI).

September 2015- 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

Magnifying your Low Vision Rehabilitation Knowledge

Lecture presented at GVEST (Georgia Vision Educators Statewide Training) Macon, GA October 2016

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Lecture presented at Embassy Suites Meeting Room Atlanta, GA November 10, 2015

Clinical Ophthalmic Cases for the Primary Care Physician

Lecture presented to Doctors ACO Athens, GA January 2015

Vision Rehabilitation in Greater Atlanta Part 2

Television appearance on Focus Atlanta CW network September 2013

Vision Rehabilitation in Greater Atlanta

Television appearance on Focus Atlanta CW network September 2012

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

Diplomate, American Board of Optometry

Beacon of Hope Award for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse 2012

Bernard Kahn Eagle Award from the Georgia Optometric Association 2014

Notable Alumnus from the Ohio State University College of Optometry 2014

Johnson and Johnson Speaker Panel August 2015- present

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 10th District of the Georgia Optometric Association

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 2004-2012

Preceptor for University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry, Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University Optometry and Ohio State University College of Optometry Student Externs

Member of the Athens Heritage Lion's Club

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 at Mercy Health Center, Athens, GA

St. Joseph Catholic Church Finance Committee Member

Nuci's Space Board Member Athens, GA 2014- present

Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School Board Member Athens, GA 2014- present

Georgia Eye Care Alliance Board Member 2013- present

Volunteer soccer coach for Athens United U6 and U8, September 2008 – 2011

Athens-Clarke County mentor, April 2002 – 2011

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