FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Jill Anderson, MD, Erick Bothun, MD, and Andrew Harrison, MD, were named to Minnesota Monthly’s 2015 Best Doctors list.

Deborah Ferrington, PhD, presented her lab’s research on mitochondria as a therapeutic target for treating age-related macular degeneration at the VI International Symposium on AMD in Baden-Baden, Germany. Ferrington also presented a research seminar on immunoproteasome at the University of Kentucky. Both presentations occurred in September.

Wendy Hoffman, MD, is this year’s American Academy of Ophthalmology’s 2015 Artemis Award recipient. Hoffman (Summersett) is a graduate of the department’s residency program and will receive her award at the upcoming annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ali Mokhtarzadeh, MD, was an instructor, along with Peter Hilger, MD, and Sofia Lyford-Pike, for a course, The Difficult Cosmetic Lower Lid: Bulging, Sagging and Retraction, at the fall meeting of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery on October 2 in Dallas, Texas.

James Standefer, MD, adjunct professor, is this year’s American Academy of Ophthalmology’s 2015 International Blindness Prevention Award recipient. Standefer will receive his award at the Opening Session during the upcoming annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

C. Gail Summers, MD, presented at the 40th Annual Paediatric Ophthalmology Day of CHU Sainte-Justine in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, October 16 and at the Albinism Fellowship of UK and Ireland, October 23-24 in Derbyshire, England. Summers spoke on topics related to abnormal head postures and albinism.

NEW FACULTY

Welcome to new faculty in neuro-ophthalmology, Collin McClelland, MD.

Collin McClelland, MD
Neuro-Ophthalmologist

Fellowship: Neuro-Ophthalmology Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Residency: Washington University, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri

Medical School: Saint Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

MINNESOTA RECEPTION AT AAO

The University of Minnesota, Department Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences and the Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology invite you to a reception at the 2015 American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Saturday, November 14, 2015
6:00-8:00 pm
Carmine’s Las Vegas
Forum Shops at Caesars Palace
3500 Las Vegas Blvd. S.
Las Vegas, NV 89109

RSVP Online at: http://goo.gl/forms/7ZFniGBsST

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PUBLICATIONS

For the second year in a row, the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank hosted the Eye Bank Association of America’s Slit Lamp Seminar on October 8-10 at their facility in St. Paul, MN. This year, 17 students from around the country traveled to Minnesota to gain experience and improve their proficiency in examining corneal tissue using a microscope. Medical Director Joshua Hou, MD, presented on corneal diseases, surgical procedures, and new trends in surgeries to the group. Congratulations to the eye bank and its staff on another successful seminar and this national exposure!

Pictured, Joshua Hou, MD, presents to the slit lamp participants.

On Saturday, October 10, about 100 Lions club members visited the University campus departments of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. In addition to an auditorium program that included cornea recipient Sheri Hank and updates from the department chairs, guests visited 12 tour stops to learn about how their support of the Vision and Hearing foundations contributes to the work of the University of Minnesota. About 50 of these Lions took the time to visit the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank as well. They received a tour and tissue processing and evaluation demos.

Pictured, Lion Jennifer Marshall expounds on Optical Coherence Tomography. This particular piece of equipment was generously paid for by the Lions in 2012.

13th Annual Wirtschafter Visiting Professor
December 5, 2015
A schedule of events will appear in the November edition.

Presenters Include: Peter Quiros, MD, James Garrity, MD, Andrew Harrison, MD, Ali Mokhtarzadeh, MD, Pradeep Mettu, MD, Michael Lee, MD, Kaitlyn Wallace Nolan, MD and Collin McClelland, MD.

Peter Quiros, MD - Neuro-Ophthalmology
University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Peter Quiros, MD, completed residency training in ophthalmology at USC Medical Center/Doheny Eye Institute in California prior to completing fellowship training in neuro-ophthalmology at Doheny Eye Institute/University of Southern California. Dr. Quiros’ clinical and research areas of interest include, but not limited to: optic nerve diseases, headache, Graves’ disease, and stroke.

James Garrity, MD - Oculoplastics
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

James Garrity, MD, completed residency training in ophthalmology at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota prior to completing fellowship training in oculoplastic and orbital surgery and neuro-ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh and Allegheny General Hospital. Garrity then became a staff consultant at Mayo Clinic where he has practiced actively for the past 20 years. Dr. Garrity’s particular clinical and research areas of interest include medical and surgical management of orbital disorders.

Pictured, l-r, Ray Areaux, MD, Jill Anderson, MD, Monte Del Monte, MD, Gail Summers, MD, and Erick Bothun, MD.

The 12th annual Letson Lectureship was well attended on Oct. 9-10. Guest lecturer, Monte Del Monte, MD, presented on treatment of VI nerve palsies.

Pictured, l-r, Ray Areaux, MD, Jill Anderson, MD, Monte Del Monte, MD, Gail Summers, MD, and Erick Bothun, MD.