FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Dan Apple, MD, has been named first resident for the 2015-2016 year.

Erick Bothun, MD, Andrew Harrison, MD, and Michael Lee, MD, gave invited talks at the Minneapolis Citywide Endocrinology Conference on November 19, 2015. Bothun and Lee also gave invited talks at the 7th Annual Spine, Brain, and Stroke Conference in Minnetonka, MN on November 20, 2015.

Josh Olson, MD, was named the inaugural Poland-Finke Chair in Ophthalmology. Further details on this distinction can be found on page two - Letter from the Chair.

PUBLICATIONS

Teo AA, Mokhtarzadeh A, Cameron JD, Harrison AR. Late Presentation of Enlarging Lower Eyelid Mass and Muscle Degeneration Secondary to Hyaluronic Acid Filler. Ophthal Plast Reconstr Surg. 2015 Apr 22. [Published ahead of print].


WIRTSCHAFTER VISITING PROFESSOR

James Garrity, MD, and Peter Quiros, MD, spoke at the thirteenth annual Wirtschafter Visiting Professor course, December 5. Topics included blepharoplasty, myasthenia, periocular reconstruction, atypical optic neuritis, papilledema/pseudopapilledema, small angle strabismus and the feature presentation: headaches, inflammations and biologics lessons learned along the way. The course was directed by Andrew Harrison, MD, and Michael Lee, MD. More than 60 ophthalmologists attended.

SAVE THE DATE - VISITING PROFESSOR

Knobloch Visiting Professor
Brian P. Brooks, MD, PhD (pictured)
March 18-19, 2016

More information and event details will be included in the February E-Vision.
LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings,

It has been another busy year in the Department, marked by many highlights. Great news came this summer when the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation announced a $4 million dollar gift to establish the Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center. A check was presented to University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler on September 3, during the opening game of the football season, with a crowd of approximately 54,000 in attendance.

Dr. Josh Olson, Associate Residency Program director, was named as the inaugural holder of the Poland-Finke Chair in Ophthalmology. This Chair was established by the late Dr. Jerry Poland and his wife Meredith, along with their friends, Roger and Janine Finke. The Poland and Finke families have agreed that the Chair be used to support the residency teaching program, which is consistent with Jerry's 40-year legacy of teaching medical students and residents at the University of Minnesota.

On February 29, 2016, the new Clinical Sciences Center and Ambulatory Surgery & Procedure Center will open; it is located on Fulton Boulevard, just west of Huron Boulevard. While most clinics will move from PWB to the new location, the Adult Ophthalmology Clinic will remain in PWB until a permanent location for the Eye Clinic and the Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center can be identified. For a virtual four minute tour of the new building, see http://www.mcgough.com/take-virtual-tour-umn-health-clinics-surgery-center/.

With warmest regards for the holiday season,

Erik

RECENT EVENTS CONTINUED

Microsurgery Course

Pictured, l-r, first year microsurgery residents, Brandon McCafferty, MD, Yao Wang, MD (at scope), Daniel Watson, MD, and Jordan Gross, MD (lying down). Faculty Michael Page, MD, and Cornea Fellow Alex Davis, MD, PhD, look on.

Surgical Instruments

Pictured, l-r, first year residents, Brandon McCafferty, MD, Jordan Gross, MD, Residency Program Director Michael Lee, MD, Yao Wang, MD, and Daniel Watson, MD, received their surgical instruments on December 4. These instruments will be used to practice surgery to ensure proficiency prior to their participation in surgical cases.