Andrew Harrison, MD, (pictured below) presented a paper on Small Incision Browlifting at the Vegas Cosmetic Surgery Meeting on June 10 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Michael Lee, MD, gave two invited talks and moderated a session at the European Ophthalmology Society meeting in Vienna, Austria, June 7-9.

FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

FELLOWS & RESIDENTS GRADUATES

Three fellows, four graduates, and one orthoptic student will be completing their respective programs on June 26.

Robert Beardsley, MD, (retina fellow) will be joining Oregon Eye Consultants in Eugene, Oregon.

Ali Mokhtarzadeh, MD, (plastics fellow) will be joining the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences at the University of Minnesota.

Saima Qureshi, MD, (cornea fellow) will be joining the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Orlando, Florida.

Karen Armbrust, MD, PhD, (resident) will begin a uveitis and ocular immunology fellowship at NEI in Bethesda, Maryland.

Elena Bitrian, MD, (resident) will be joining the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Catherine Georgiadis, MD, (resident) will be joining the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Timothy Kao, MD, (resident) will be joining Ophthalmology Associates in Mankato, Minnesota.

Laura Lenius, BA, (orthoptic student) will be joining Casey Eye Institute in Portland, Oregon.


RECENT EVENTS

Dining in the Dark

The fourth annual Foundation Fighting Blindness’, Dining in the Dark, was held May 21 at the Hilton Minneapolis. This year’s sensory awareness dinner honored MN hockey great, Lou Nanne, and his wife, Francine.

Pictured l-r, representing the department, Wendy Elasky, study coordinator, Sandra Montezuma, MD, bionic eye recipient James Kelm and wife, Kimberly, and Dara Koozekanani, MD, PhD.

To read more on Kelm and his follow-up - z.umn.edu/Kelm2 After two months with bionic eye, Minnesota pastor is gaining new insights, was published on the Star Tribune website on May 30.

Abbott Medical Optics Inc. Phaco Wetlab

Residents participated in a Phaco Wetlab sponsored by AMO on Saturday, May 30 at the University of Minnesota, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences. Many thanks to faculty, Josh Olson, MD, and Amy Maltry, MD, for their assistance and guidance.

Resident John O’Neill, MD, and faculty Amy Maltry, MD, work together during the lab.

RECENT EVENTS CONTINUED

Lunch & Learn Series

Amy Maltry, MD, was the second presenter at the Lunch & Learn series, a continuing education class for clinic staff, held on Thursday, June 18. Maltry spoke to the group on “Eye Pathology: Who Cares.”

John Wold Visit

On a recent trip to Casper, Wyoming, Chuck Semrow, Director of Development for the University of Minnesota Foundation, speaks with geologist John Wold. At 98 years of age, Mr. Wold is also the oldest living former member to serve in the United States House of Representatives. Mr. Wold is very interested in macular degeneration and visited the University of Minnesota last month. Wold is considering options to find a way to “eradicate macular degeneration.”

RESIDENCY PROGRAM CHANGES

Residency Program Changes beginning July 1, 2015

The department recognizes the educational value of autonomy. To that end, a weekly resident continuity clinic will start at the University. Residents will be the primary provider and develop long-term relationships with patients under faculty supervision. In addition, senior residents can now spend a two-week elective, domestically or internationally, to further their educational goals.

New rotations include a combined Pathology and Plastics rotation in the first year and a third year rotation at the University. To enhance their surgical education, a second year rotation will begin at HCMC and the VAMC.

As of January 1, 2015, Grand Rounds on Fridays have occurred from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. For more information, please see http://z.umn.edu/eyerounds.

UPCOMING EVENT - SAVE THESE DATE

Harris Visiting Professor
Elmer Tu, MD
University of Illinois, Chicago
September 11-12, 2015

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