FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Jill Anderson, MD, was featured in the March Lions Clubs International magazine, LION, in the One of Us section. For the full article, visit http://z.umn.edu/lionsmagazine

Raymond Areaux, MD, Jess Boysen, MD, Amanda Maltry, MD, and Ali Mokhtarzadeh, MD, were named “Rising Stars” by Mpls. St. Paul Magazine. To be selected for inclusion on the list, candidates must have been in practice for 10 years or less. Each individual named to the list of “Rising Stars” was chosen by peers in the field.

Andrew Harrison, MD, Michael Lee, MD, Collin McClelland, MD, and Neuro-Ophthalmology Fellow, Kaitlyn Wallace, MD, (pictured, below), attended the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society’s 42nd annual meeting, February 27-March 3 in Tucson, AZ. McClelland and Wallace presented posters and Lee presented a platform presentation.

Michael Lee, MD, chaired the Neuro-Ophthalmology Scientific Program Committee for the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress in Taipei, Taiwan, March 24-27. Lee also gave two invited talks at the Cross Strait Eye Forum while in Taiwan.

Collin McClelland, MD, was an invited speaker at the department of Neurology’s Grand Rounds on March 11 where he spoke on ophthalmic causes of binocular diplopia.

Ali Mokhtarzadeh, MD, gave two talks at the Minnesota Academy of Optometry on new treatments and trends in eyelid surgery, skin cancer, and thyroid eye disease on March 3.

Research snapshot: UMN researchers develop unique method to analyze oxidative DNA damage in age-related macular degeneration. The Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences in the Medical School also collaborated on the study. Health Talk

KNOBLOCH VISITING PROFESSOR

Brian P. Brooks, MD, PhD, served as this year’s Knobloch Visiting Professor, March 18-19. Topics included genetics, gene therapy, and pharmacological and stem cell treatments of retina degenerations. Herb Cantrill, MD, provided a special tribute lecture to Dr. Knobloch entitled, “Endangered Species.” J. Douglas Cameron, MD, MBA, was recognized during the program for his years of teaching and service to the department and medical school - 1978-2015. Cameron gave a presentation on the historic overview of the board certification process in ophthalmology.

Pictured, l-r, J. Douglas Cameron, MD, MBA, and Erik van Kuijk, MD, PhD. Brian P. Brooks, MD, PhD and Herb Cantrill, MD.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings,

It has been a busy start of the year at the University of Minnesota Medical School with the opening of the new Clinical Surgery Center (CSC) on Fulton Ave last month (picture below). While most of the subspecialty clinics have moved out of the Phillips Wangensteen Building, the adult eye clinic continues its operation on the 9th floor. The University of Minnesota Foundation showcased the new CSC building during the annual Discovery Showcase in February, which was well attended. For a virtual four minute tour of the new building, see http://www.mcgough.com/take-virtual-tour-umn-health-clinics-surgery-center/

In December, I shared the great news that came this summer when the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation announced a $4 million dollar gift to establish the Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center. We are in the process of purchasing the first few pieces of equipment which will allow us to bring eye surgery back to campus. Initially we will start surgery in the new CSC building until a permanent location can be identified.

With warmest regards,

Erik

PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC

Ali Mokhtarzadeh, MD, Kaitlyn Nolan, MD, and Yao Wang, MD, participated in the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic (PNC) on March 21. The Phillips Neighborhood Clinic (PNC) is a free clinic operated by University of Minnesota health professional students. During the clinic they saw 20 patients and dispensed 16 pairs of glasses. Many thanks to optician Robert McBeath for fitting and providing the glasses for the patients.

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https://nei.nih.gov/sports

Pictured, Yao Wang, MD (back) and Kaitlyn Nolan, MD (front) provide complimentary eye screenings during the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic.