**Faculty & Staff Highlights**

**Michael Lee, MD**'s first book was published in November 2017, titled “A Case-Based Guide to Eye Pain - Perspectives from Ophthalmology and Neurology”. Dr. Lee was also named a Top Doctor by the Minnesota Monthly Magazine.

**New Donor Coordinators at the eye bank:** Please welcome Morgan Hill and Adam Johnson, who will be joining the Donor Coordinator Team at the eye bank starting December 4. Morgan has worked as a licensed funeral director. Her work experience includes funeral home and the U of M’s Anatomy Bequest Program. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mortuary Science from the University of Minnesota where she also earned minors in biology and philosophy. She most recently has worked in quality, as a post-market surveillance analyst for Abbott, a global company developing and selling healthcare products and technologies; and as Technical Services Specialist for Medtronic.

Adam is a licensed funeral director with funeral home experience, currently with Washburn-McReavy in Minneapolis. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mortuary Science from the University of Minnesota. Adam currently lives in the Kenwood neighborhood of Minneapolis. In his spare time he spends time with his dog Ace – a lab / German Shepherd mix.

**AAO/ASOPRS 2017**

The American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery annual meeting was held in New Orleans, LA on November 9 and 10. The American Association of Ophthalmology annual meeting was held in New Orleans from November 11 to 14.

Collin McClelland, MD, moderated the Neuro-Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day Double Vision session, delivered a platform talk and presented an unknown case at the American Association of Certified Orthoptists (AACO)/AAO Ophthalmoplegia symposium, was lead instructor in the “Swollen Optic Nerve” instruction course, and co-instructed the “Diplopia in an Adult” instruction course.

Michael Lee, MD directed his fourth and final Neuro-Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Lee also served as senior instructor for his course, Case-based approach to eye pain, which was named top 10% course in his specialty.

**AAO/ASOPRS 2017 (continued)**

As part of the AAO and AAOE joint program in New Orleans, Ray Areaux, MD presented on optimizing Epic & Kaleidoscope for academic and community practices.

Andrew Harrison, MD moderated the Eyelid Session at ASOPRS. Dr. Harrison gave two talks on the Oculofacial Subspecialty Day, on Minimally invasive CDCR with Jones Tube and Classification of Thyroid Eye Disease.

Ali Mokhtarzadeh, MD moderated the Young ASOPRS Rapid Fire Cases and Presentations. Dr. Mokhtarzadeh was also an ASOPRS board examiner.

We had the following podium presentations: Halbach C, Harrison AR, Broadbent T, Mokhtarzadeh A. Erotic Asphyxiation may have you seeing double. American Society of Oculoplastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fall Meeting. New Orleans, LA. 11/9/2017.


**Publications**


FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

I’m very pleased to announce that several of our Faculty will assume new leadership positions both in the Medical School and OVNS:

Ray Areaux will assume a position as Associate Chief Medical Informatics Officer of Surgery effective January 1, 2018. Dr. Areaux will lead quality improvement of surgical IT systems at Fairview and UMP in this new role and will continue in his current roles within our department. Going forward I will also ask Ray to ensure that the Lions Eye Institute will have adequate IT to accomplish all of our goals.

On October 2, 2017, Linda McLoon assumed a new leadership role as the Associate Director of the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) at the University of Minnesota. This is a part time position. In this role, Linda will help to provide overall direction for the MSTP program and lead key activities such as program meetings, review of applications, interviewing applicants, recruiting events as well as engagement with residency directors and MSTP alumni. Another key responsibility will be to mentor MSTP students before and during the graduate phase and overall career development. She is also Associate Director of Graduate Studies for the Graduate Program in Neuroscience, where she focuses on career development, trainee progress monitoring, and recruitment. Her other leadership roles in the department and in the Medical School remain, as co-chair of the departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee and co-chair of the Medical School Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Effective immediately, I have asked Deborah Ferrington to assume responsibilities as Director of Research for OVNS. Key responsibilities include mentoring of junior faculty, supporting resident research, writing the resubmission of the RPB grant application due next Summer, and developing a plan for recruitment of future PhD faculty. Deb has recently received excellent scores on her second National Eye Institute (NEI) R01 grant and on the renewal (years 11-15) of a large NIH training grant which she directed for the past 10 years. Since 2016, she has also served on the executive committee of the Stephen Ryan Initiative for Macular Degeneration - Joan Miller, MD - which has been held since 2007. Participants at the RIMR annual meeting include only the top opinion leaders in the field of AMD, and Deb was selected from this group to help evaluate research grants, guide meeting agenda, and make executive decisions about the organization and future meetings. In addition, Deb has served as an ad-hoc panel member of the NEI advisory council.

Please join me in congratulating and supporting Ray, Linda, and Deb in their new roles.

Warm Regards,
Erik

KNOBLOCH VISITING PROFESSOR

2017 Knobloch Visiting Professor
Joan W. Miller, MD, FARVO
Harvard Medical School

Friday, December 1, 2017
McCannel Conference Room, 9-339 PWB
2:00 pm Real Life Case Presentations and Resident Exchanges
6:00 pm Social Hour & Dinner, Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology - Town & Country Club
8:00 pm Practical Tips in the Management of Age Related Macular Degeneration - Joan Miller, MD

Saturday, December 2, 2017
Al Johnson Great Room, McNamara Alumni Center
8:00 am Welcome and Retina Services Update - Erik van Kuijk, MD PhD
8:10 am Patient-specific Treatment for AMD - Deborah Ferrington, PhD
8:25 am Case Presentations
11:00 am Knobloch Visiting Professor Lecture Future Directions in Age Related Macular Degeneration - Joan Miller, MD

OFFICE ERG/VEP IN KIDS

On October 18 and 19 Dr. Dorothy Thompson visited the University of Minnesota, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences to help set up our new in-office pediatric electrophysiology. Dr. Thompson was our invited speaker for the William Rathbun Lectureship. Currently, Dr. Thompson works at the Ophthalmology Department of Great Ormond Street Hospital in London as a Consultant Clinical Scientist at the Tony Kriss Visual Electrophysiology Unit, specializing in Clinical Pediatric Visual Electrophysiology, where she has served as the director of the Visual Electrophysiology Unit since 2009. Dr. Thompson is a founding member and current Chair of BriSCEV, the British Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision and the Director of Education of ISCEV the International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision.

Currently, most of the pediatric electrophysiology testing is done under general anesthesia. There are few centers in the US and Europe offering in-office procedures to avoid general anesthesia complications. We plan to start this leadership in MN for our pediatric population. During Dr. Thompson’s visit, we performed several successful ERG/VEP tests in kids at our office using skin electrodes and no dilation.