At the 2018 North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society (NANOS) meeting, Collin McClelland, MD, led a one hour discussion on “Starting and Building a Practice” at the Forum for New and Future Neuro-Ophthalmologists. Andrew Harrison, MD, was a visiting professor at the Necker Hospital Department of Ophthalmology in Paris, France. Here, he gave a talk entitled “Pediatric Blowout Fractures” on March 22.

Deborah Ferrington, PhD, presented a seminar entitled “A bioenergetic crisis in the retinal pigment epithelium drives AMD pathology” at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, UCLA, on March 9.

Medical student Tu Tran received the 2018 President’s Student Leadership and Service (PSLSA) award for displaying leadership and public engagement above and beyond normal duties and responsibilities. Tu is involved in several different projects in Uganda, including one for Diabetic Retinopathy Screening and Treatment.

Brian Lee, MD, was awarded the 2018 American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery/Young Eye Surgeons (ASCRS/YES) Legislative Fly-In Scholarship. He was one of only six recipients. The 2018 ASCRS/Alliance of Specialty Medicine Legislative Fly-In will be held July 16–18 in Washington, D.C, and will include Capitol Hill visits with U.S. Representatives and Senators.

In association with the American Academy of Ophthalmology, on March 29, Sandra Montezuma, MD, gave a talk about the Ophthalmology matching process as part of a webinar for medical students interested in Ophthalmology. Moderators and presenters were:

Moderators:
- Susan H. Forster, MD
- Shahzad I. Mian, MD

Presenters:
- Sandra Rocio Montezuma, MD - Medical Student Clerkship MS Director, UMN, Minneapolis
- Stephen D. McLeod, MD - Chair of Ophthalmology at USCF, San Francisco
- Michael Siatkowski, MD - Residency Program Director at Dean McGee Eye Institute, Oklahoma City

The Mpls-St.Paul Magazine announced the 2018 edition of “Top Doctors, Rising Stars!” - which is an annual list of up-and-coming physicians who are making a mark in medicine. Nearly 70 University of Minnesota Health Physicians were recognized. Congratulations to the OVNS providers that were listed this year!
SMARTPHONE FUNDUSCOPY HOW-TO

Sandra Montezuma, MD, Natalie Huang, MD, and Tu Tran developed a new webpage on EyeWiki titled “Smartphone Funduscopy-How to use smartphone to take fundus photographs”. The webpage provides a walkthrough for the technique of smartphone photography and videography intended for medical students who may not already be experts in indirect ophthalmology.

Click here to access the webpage.

VOICES FOR VISION CONCERT

The Voices for Vision Fundraising Concert will be held on April 21 at the State Theatre in Minneapolis. Event proceeds will benefit the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. This is a great opportunity to support the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation and the new Lions Eye Institute.

Tickets can be bought online here, or by calling Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000.

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7TH ANNUAL SPRING VISION RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM & POSTER SESSION

RETNAL DEGENERATION: NEW APPROACHES

Friday, April 20, 2018
McNamara Alumni Center
Maroon & Gold Room

1:00 pm Poster Set-up and Buffet Lunch
1:45 pm Welcome & Introduction - Linda McLoon, PhD
2:00 pm Janet Sparrow, PhD, Anthony Donn Professor of Ophthalmic Sciences, Department of Pathology and Cell Biology, Columbia University, New York
“Shedding Light on Visual Cycle Adducts”

3:00 pm Anshul Gupta, MS, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences, University of Minnesota
“A Virtual Reality Powered, Eye Tracking Reading Aid for Central Visual Field Loss”

3:30 pm Trainee

4:00 pm Deborah Ferrington, PhD, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences, University of Minnesota
“Targeting the Mitochondria as a Treatment for AMD”

4:30 pm Paul Bernstein, MD, PhD, Moran Eye Center, University of Utah
“The Basic and Clinical Science of Nutritional Interventions Against Age-Related Macular Degeneration”

5:30 pm - Poster Session and Social Hour
7:00 pm

Please RSVP and submit a poster at:
https://z.umn.edu/2018SVRS

Curriculum and faculty are subject to change.

February 2018 E-Vision Correction - “ARGUS II IN THE NEWS”: Surgical implantations of the Argus II Retinal Prosthesis are performed together by Sandra Montezuma, MD, and Dara Koozekanani, MD, PhD.