

Harris Elected SLOS President



Alexander Harris, Jr., O.D.

Dr. Alexander Harris, Jr. was installed as the first African-American president of the St. Louis Optometric Society on June 10, 1997 at a banquet held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Dr. Harris is a 1986 graduate of UM-St. Louis School of Optometry. He is currently Chief of Externships and the Minority Affairs Advisor. Dr. Harris also maintains a private practice in St. Louis.

Other optometrists installed by Dr. Robert Koetting during the ceremony include Dr. Larry Davis (assistant professor of optometry), Dr. Douglas Huff, Dr. Deborah Kerber ('92), Dr. Larry Ernst ('90) and Dr. Craig Sorce ('92). Dr. Raymond Fada, Jr. is the past president and also a '89 alumnus of the School of Optometry.

The St. Louis Optometric Society is sure to benefit from such leadership.

1997 Honors Banquet

The University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry held an Honors Convocation for the 1997 graduates on May 18, 1997 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Union Station. Congratulations and good luck to all the new graduates!

Doctor of Optometry

Thomas William Altenbernd
Tad Dean Baker
Marda Jo Barnfield
Martha Catharine Beebe
Jerri Lynn Birsinger
Tonya Kay Bourn
Charles E. Bruce
Thang Q. Bui
Stephanie Elise Cannick
Jennifer Ann Ciak
Bradley Steven Cook
James K. Cutler
James Benjamin Elledge
Amy Michelle Fitzgerald
Dallas Dustin Fitzgerald
Mary Teresa Franey
Christina Jo Garrett
Paul Raymond Gooch
Jeffrey Ronald Grimes
Rachelle Lea Hare
David Lawrence Hoffman
James Douglas Hollmann
James Matthew Kirks
Todd Barry LaPoint
Mark Adam Manary
Barry Robert Moss
Mansur Nurdel
Evan Alan Phillips
Stacy DeShawn Scripsick Phillips
Mary Beth Rhomberg
Sharon M. Saum
Christine Camille Siebert
Suzanne Renee Smith
Teresa Luann Stice
Richard Craig Wilson
Jennifer Lynn Wise



Photo by Christine Wells

Interim Dean Ralph P. Garzia presents Mary Beth Rhomberg with the Dean's Award and the Clinical Optometry Award.

Master of Science in Physiological Optics

- Lawrence Kent Harrington, O.D. ('88)

Master of Science in Gerontology

- Lisa Chabot, O.D. ('93)

Residency Programs of the University of Missouri-St. Louis

Combined Residency in Optometric Gerontology and M.S. in Gerontology

- Larry G. Brown, II, O.D. ('95)

Family Practice Residency

- Kristi Kessler-Williams, O.D. ('96)

Contact Lens Residency

- Rosanne Mezzano, O.D. ('96)

Kansas City Veterans Administration Medical Center

Ocular Disease and Low Vision Rehabilitation Residency

- Cherié Ann Johnson, O.D.

Hospital Based Residency

- Martha Sue Smith, O.D.

Residency in Low Vision Rehabilitation

- Kathy J. Keehne, O.D.

School Briefs

Faculty

Dr. **Monica Harris** presented a lecture at the AOA Centennial Congress held in St. Louis June 10-15. The lecture was entitled "Developmental Disabilities: An Optometric Approach."

Alumni

Dr. **Steven M. Goldberg** ('84) and his wife Wendy are currently living in Chesterfield, Missouri with their children Benjamin (9), Danny (7) and Joshua (1). Dr. Goldberg founded American Home Vision, Inc., a practice devoted entirely to eyecare for nursing home residents as well as the Vision Enhancement Corporation which provides low vision aids to the partially-sighted. He and his wife are involved with the Tpheris Israel Chevra Kadisha synagogue and their children's school, the Epstein Hebrew Academy. (See e-mail address p. 6).

Dr. **Scott Haugen** ('84) and his wife, Patti, live in Ft. Collins, Colorado where he practices optometry. (See e-mail address p. 6).

Dr. **William A. Lynch, Jr.** ('85) practices full scope optometry in Cuba, Missouri. He and his wife, Marge, enjoy living in rural Missouri. Dr. Lynch served nine years in Connecticut as a vocational missionary. He is active in the Lion's Club, Chamber of Commerce and his local church. He has been quite busy starting his private practice from scratch since August of 1996 and performing public speaking engagements about the importance of regular eye care. The Lynches will celebrate their second wedding anniversary July 29, 1997. Congratulations!

Dr. **Steve Rice** ('87) is practicing optometry and residing in Springfield, MO. He and his wife, Karen, have two children, Kevin (6) and Stephanie (4). Dr. Rice is President of the Rotary Club and is involved in community activities such as the Easter Seals Telethon and the United Way.

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A Note From the Interim Dean

As you can see from this EyeWire the School of Optometry continues to move forward, with new initiatives and partnerships.

The distinguished speaker endowment series will bring Dr. Harry Quigley, a foremost scholar and clinician on glaucoma to the UM-St. Louis campus.

The faculty, students and administration of the School of Optometry continue to develop fruitful relationships with the Missouri Optometric Association.

We have expanded our fund raising activities for student scholarships by establishing the A.M. Skeffington Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship joins the Robert A. Koetting Scholarship in School of Optometry's named scholarship program.

The School has just finalized its first vision service agreement with the employees and families of a local community. The agreement calls for the School of Optometry to provide comprehensive vision examinations and a full range of services for participating individuals. We are excited about this development in our clinical program.

This issue is mostly about the new graduates of the School of Optometry. This is a talented group of optometrists, with many accomplishments. We are proud of all of them. We welcome them into the School of Optometry alumni community.

Ralph P. Garzia, O.D.

Endowment Series of Distinguished Speakers

The School of Optometry is pleased to announce the annual Endowment Series of Distinguished Speakers beginning with the September 21, 1997 presentation of Harry Quigley, M.D., the Edward Maumenee Professor of Ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins University (see below).

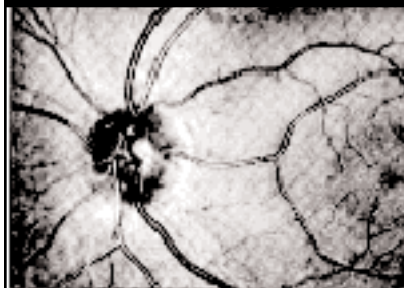
The Endowment Series is a unique opportunity offered on the UM-St. Louis campus to the optometrists and ophthalmologists of the region. Eyecare profes-

sionals will benefit from the extensive knowledge of the distinguished speakers featuring nationally known researchers, clinicians and professors.

Proceeds from the Endowment Series lectures will be contributed to the School of Optometry Endowment Fund.

For more information on the lecture series, please call Bobbette Ceasar at (314) 516-5604 or Lis Ellerbusch at (314) 516-5615 in the Continuing Education department.

The School of Optometry Endowment Series of Distinguished Speakers presents:



"The Optic Nerve in Glaucoma"

Harry Quigley, M.D.
The Distinguished Edward Maumenee Professor of Ophthalmology of Johns Hopkins University

Sunday, September 21, 1997
J.C. Penney Building, UM-St. Louis

Missouri Optometric Association Report

by Zoe Lyle, Executive Director of the MOA

On Wednesday, May 14, 1997 House Bill 335, The Managed Care Bill was agreed to and passed. Included in this bill is language allowing for direct access to a specialist for a higher co-pay and strong anti-discrimination language.

THIS BILL STATES:

A health carrier shall not discriminate between health care professionals when selecting such professionals for enrollment in the network or when referring enrollees for health care services to be provided by such health care professional who is acting within the scope of his professional license.

Except for good cause a health carrier shall be prohibited from discriminating between eye care providers when selecting among providers of

health services for enrollment in the network, and when referring enrollees for health services provided within the scope of those professional licenses. For the purposes of this section, an eye care provider may be either an optometrist licensed pursuant to Chapter 336, RSMo, or a physician who specializes in ophthalmologic medicine, licensed pursuant to Chapter 334, RSMo.

Also, on Tuesday, May 27, 1997 the MOA was pleased that Dr. Ralph Garzia and Dr. Gerald Franzel accompanied Executive Director Zoe Lyle on a series of meetings with Missouri Executive Branch leaders. Meetings were held with the Director of Department of Insurance, Deputy of Division of Medical Services and the Director of the Department of Health.

A.M. Skeffington Scholarship Fund



Photo courtesy of the Optometric Extension Program

A. M. Skeffington, O.D.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry has established the A.M. Skeffington Scholarship Fund to be awarded annually in increments of \$2100 to students enrolled in the School of Optometry. Each year the committee will select a recipient(s) who best personifies the clinical and academic principles promulgated by Dr. Skeffington.

The fund is named after the eminent optometrist, Dr. Arthur Martin Skeffington who dedicated his life to the

betterment of optometry. He developed the theory that vision is a learned skill, and with proper training, people could see more efficiently. Skeffington and the Optometric Extension Program transformed optometry from a business of fitting glasses in a jewelry store to a profession dedicated to the patient.

He was able to integrate the knowledge of his profession with that of other disciplines, examine the vast collection of knowledge in a new light, and ultimately revolutionize concepts of clinical care.

Robert L. Mobley, O.D., full-time member of the clinical faculty at UM-St. Louis, initiated the concept of the annual Skeffington Scholarship. A plaque, donated by the St. Louis Optometric Society, will feature the recipients' names and will be proudly displayed in the School of Optometry.

The A.M. Skeffington Scholarship joins the Robert A. Koetting Scholarship in the School of Optometry's fund raising program. Donations to either fund may be sent to Michele Pattison, UM-St. Louis, School of Optometry, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121-4499.

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Dr. **Kent Harrington** ('88) and his wife, Gina, are the proud parents of Katherine Jane. She weighed 9 lb. 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. Katherine joins her big brothers, James (6) and Nathan (2).

Congratulations are also in order to Dr. **Harrington** for completing a Master of Science degree in Physiological Optics from UM-St. Louis School of Optometry, 1997.

Dr. **Tom Borsky** ('88) is practicing optometry in Grass Valley, CA and residing in Nevada City, CA with his wife Sabina, his son James (9) and his daughter Alexis (2). Dr. Borsky enjoys mountain biking and snow skiing whenever his busy schedule allows. (See e-mail address p. 6).

Dr. **Mark** ('91) and Laura **Moore** and their oldest son, Devin, are pleased to announce the birth of Kyle Logan Moore. He was born April 11, 1997, weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz and was 18 inches long. Devin is very proud of his new baby brother.

Dr. **Larry Brown** ('96) and his wife are proud to announce the arrival of their first born child, Dorothy Alice. She was born on April 9, 1997, was 20 1/2 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. Congratulations and good luck!

Faculty Personals

Dr. **Vinita Henry** and her husband, **Sam**, are the proud parents of a 7 lb. 9 oz. baby girl named Elizabeth Allee Henry. She was born on March 19, 1997 and is welcomed by her big sisters Amanda and Emily. Congratulations to the whole family!

Drs. **Bruce** and Mary **Morgan** are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Anna Christine. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was born on April 30, 1997. Good luck with your beautiful new daughter.

Dr. **William Long** lectured to the St. Louis Recorder Society on "Ornamentation in Baroque Recorder Music" on March 16, 1997.

Dr. **Gary Bachman** was elected President of the St. Louis Porshe Club.

Calendar Events

July 8

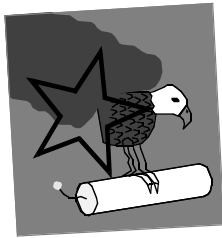
St. Louis Optometric Society Meeting
Clayton Holiday Inn

July 18-20

1987 10-Year Class Reunion
Base Hotel-Frontenac Hilton
For more info. call Bobbette Ceasar at
(314) 516-5604.

September 21

"The Optic Nerve in Glaucoma" featuring
Dr. Harry Quigley, M.D.
JC Penney Bldg. (north campus)
For info. call Bobbette (314) 516-5604

**October 9-12**

MOA Convention
Kansas City, Missouri

October 9

Alumni and friends reception held in
conjunction with the MOA Convention
in Kansas City, MO. For more info. call
Bobbette Ceasar at (314) 516-5604.

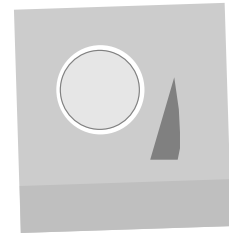
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And the Award Goes To . . .

The School of Optometry wishes to thank its award sponsors for the 1997 Honors Convocation, and congratulate the new graduates on their accomplishments.



Charles E. Bruce



James D. Hollmann



James M. Kirks



Mary Beth Rhomberg



James D. Hollmann

The M. Earl McClellan Memorial Award and the William R. Jackson Memorial Scholarships

Sponsored by the Missouri Optometric Foundation
Awarded to three graduating students who best exemplify independent professional optometry. Three students are selected by peer vote by members of the graduating class. The nominees are personally interviewed and the recipients are chosen by the Missouri Optometric Foundation Board of Directors.

The Vision Service Plan Scholarship

Sponsored by Vision Service Plan
Awarded to two 4th year students who have demonstrated excellence in primary eye care, are in the top half of their class and have a commitment to enter the independent practice of optometry.



Christina J. Garrett

The Alcon Contact Lens Award
sponsored by Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated clinical excellence in the field of contact lenses and contact lens research while at the same time maintaining above average academic achievement.



Suzanne R. Smith

The Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care

Sponsored by Vistakon
Awarded to the graduate who provided outstanding clinical contact lens patient care as indicted by knowledge of subject matter and demonstrated clinical skills in managing contact lens patients



Richard C. Wilson

The Contact Lens Achievement Award
Sponsored by Sunsoft Corporation
Awarded to the graduate who is recognized as an outstanding contact lens clinician.



Christine C. Siebert

The Bernell Clinical Optometry Award

Sponsored by Bernell Corporation
Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated excellence in vision training and orthoptics.



James D. Hollmann

The Wesley Jessen Contact Lens Achievement Award
Sponsored by Wesley Jessen
Awarded to an honor graduate who has demonstrated exceptional expertise and scholarship in contact lenses.



James M. Kirks

The Charles C. Matlock Memorial Award

Sponsored by the Charles C. Matlock Family
Awarded to the graduate who has achieved distinction in the area of pediatric optometry.

And the Award Goes To . . .

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Paul R. Gooch



James K. Cutler

The Contact Lens Clinical Award

Sponsored by Paragon Optical, Inc.

Awarded to the graduates who have demonstrated clinical excellence in the field of contact lenses.



David L. Hoffman

The Silor Award for Excellence in Ophthalmic Optics

Sponsored by Silor Optical, Inc.
Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated academic and technical excellence in the field of ophthalmic optics and ophthalmic dispensing.



Mary Beth Rhomberg

The Silver Medal Award

Sponsored by Beta Sigma Kappa
Awarded to a graduate for outstanding scholarship.

The Practice Initiation Award

Sponsored by Bausch and Lomb
Awarded to the graduate who has submitted an outstanding paper dealing with the establishment of a practice.

Recipient of the following six awards:

The Clinical Optometry Award

Sponsored by Ozarks Optical Laboratories, Inc.
Awarded to the graduate whose clinical skill and professional demeanor have been judged outstanding.



Suzanne R. Smith

The Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award

Sponsored by Marchon Eyewear
Awarded to a graduate who demonstrated the most outstanding clinical and dispensing skills in practice management.

The Clinical Binocular Vision/Vision Therapy Award

Sponsored by the School of Optometry
Awarded to a graduate in recognition of clinical performance in the area of binocular vision/vision therapy.



Sharon M. Saum

The Corning Low Vision Award

Sponsored by Corning Medical Optics
Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated interest and exceptional clinical proficiency in the area of low vision.

The Dean's Award

Sponsored by the Missouri Optometric Foundation and the School of Optometry (Funded by the William R. Jackson Memorial)
Awarded to a graduate exhibiting outstanding scholarship.



Marda J. Barnfield

The William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

Sponsored by Designs for Vision, Inc.
Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated excellence in both the didactic and the clinical aspects of low vision care.

Student Marshal

A graduate selected by the faculty, based on high academic standing, outstanding character, and involvement in University and/or professional activities.