



A publication for alumni and friends of the University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry

From the Dean

As many of you may know, this past year has been very busy in the School of Optometry. We have gone through a comprehensive organizational review and as a result, we are in the midst of restructuring while implementing numerous changes to our operational procedures. The faculty have gone through the thoughtful task of creating and voting to adopt a new governance structure that includes a process by which the faculty and administration will collaborate in order to accomplish the work of the School. The faculty, administration and members of the staff and student body have worked diligently to develop a strategic plan for the School as a way to accomplish our now clearly defined mission.

We are now in the final hours of completing the Self-Study Report that will be sent to the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE). This project has taken a tremendous amount of time and energy and I am most appreciative to all the faculty, staff and students who have contributed. We are, no doubt, going to be very well prepared to receive the ACOE Site Team when they come for their visit in November. The feedback that we have received from them in response to our midyear and annual reports has been most encouraging; they can see the changes we have not only proposed but also successfully implemented.

Anticipating that the ACOE will, at the close of their visit, recommend that we are in need of permanent leadership, Chancellor Touhill and I have determined that the time is right to

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Anne Ream Appointed Curator



The Honorable Anne C. Ream, O.D.

Governor Bob Holden appointed UM-St. Louis School of Optometry 1984 graduate Anne Ream to the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri. The Board of Curators of the University of the state of Missouri consists of nine members, all appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Not more than one person can be appointed from the same congressional district and no more than five curators belong to any one political party. The term of service of the Curators is six years with three curator terms expiring every two years. The Curators are volunteer positions, but receive their actual expenses to attend Board meetings, which are paid out of the ordinary revenues of the university.

Congratulations Class of 2001!

The Class of 2001 was honored at the Convocation Banquet held May 18, 2001 at the Frontenac Hilton St. Louis. Best of luck to all of the new optometrists!

Cathryn L. Ahearn	Michele Leigh Haley	Caroline Thuy-Duong
Alan Randal Barber*	Kristin Leigh Ham*	Nguyen
Michael Scott Bogaard	Melissa Lai Tan Hau	Todd Nitchman**
Bryan R. Bowen*	Kristen Renée Kautzman	Jetal Patel
Craig Matthew Brawley*	Brian Kenneth Kindel*	Salena Pho*
Lisa R. Brooks	John Charles Kortenber	Rebecca Lenore
Aaron Bruce Caldwell	Alla Lerman	Robinson*
Mary Alison Carter	Niki Kae Liles	Traci Lynn Schmale
Amy Lynne Cruth	Patrick A. Liles	Teal Ann Sherwin**
Debbie Lynn D'Amico	Christine James Lochhead	Patricia Renée Short
Jason Christopher Eubank	Mai Ngoc Ly*	Julie Steinhauer
Nader E. Fakhoury**	Dawn Kathleen Lyons	Paul David Tracy
Lisa Katherine Foley**	Dirk Fred Massie	Scott Andrew Trefts
Lee Joseph Gilmore*	Scott Andrew McDougal**	Todd Robert Wollbrinck
Robert George Goerss	Trever Jhamal Mitchell*	
Michael Perry Haedt	Benjamin Brian Nelson	

* Dean's list

** Dean's list honors

School Briefs

Alumni

Dr. **Lisa R. Brooks** ('01) has returned to her home state of Iowa where she landed . . . "the job I wanted." Originally from Des Moines, she is now living & working in a suburb just outside of Des Moines, Ankeny, Iowa. This places her very near her entire family. Congratulations Lisa!

Dr. **Jetal Petal** ('01) is in Tahlequah, OK at the Family Practice Residency program offered through NSU and Hastings Hospital and she adds, "My emphasis is in disease." Best of luck Jetal!

Dr. **Bryan Bowen** ('01) reports from his residency in Fayetteville, OK. He is assisting in minor surgical procedures (i.e., subconjunctival injections) at the Fayetteville VA residency program (through NSU). In addition, NSU residents are able to perform fluorescein angiography and minor surgical procedures (and hopefully YAG/LPIs/argon trabeculoplasty soon) under the supervision of the senior doctors from Tahlequah. He recently signed up to take a PRK course in Oklahoma to gain further knowledge and some hands-on experience in the field of refractive surgery. The Fayetteville VA program is highly geared toward hospital-based optometry, high involvement with CE programs/conferences, and teaching opportunities in Tahlequah (one day/wk).

Dr. **Lee Gilmore** ('01) is currently employed by LensCrafters. He notes that while his main office is in Maplewood, MN, he also sees patients in St. Cloud and Woodbury, MN. Best of luck in MN, Lee!

Dr. **Nader Fakhoury** ('01) entered the Ocular Disease/Low Vision Rehabilitation program at the VA Chicago Healthcare System-West Side and the Hines VA Hospitals. Best wishes, Nader!

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begin the process of a search for a permanent Dean for the School. This news has been announced internally and now it is time to also let our alumni and friends know. It is my hope that this process will only complement all that we desire to accomplish and that you will continue to be supportive of us in the process.

In the interim, we'll continue to keep you informed of the numerous initiatives we are undertaking.

Sincerely,
Larry J. Davis, O.D.
Interim Dean
Associate Professor

Optometry Hires New Grant Writer

Please join us in welcoming Katherine "Kathy" Sciranko who began working for us as a Grant Writer for the School of Optometry Monday June 11, 2001. She is working with the faculty and staff as appropriate, to generate successful proposals for school initiatives that qualify for local, state, and federal funding.

She comes to us as an experienced grant writer with impressive accomplishments at her previous positions. We are confident that Kathy will complement the efforts of Dr. Barbara Brown in our Development Office as we continue to identify additional funding opportunities.

Office of External Rotations Utilizes Web-Based Technology

The Office of External Rotations in the School of Optometry has initiated a website for the fourth year students to enter their patient logs and site evaluations. Students are then able to send in their case reports via email for a more efficient process.

The external site doctors are also able to access a web based site to enter the final grade for each student.

These sites were created and are coordinated by Dr. Ralph Garzia and Dr. Bill Long. The web based sites will enable the school to obtain data to better evaluate the patient load for each student and also each external site. This will allow the School of Optometry to evaluate and improve the sites for future students.

White Coat Ceremony for Class of 2003

The second annual white Coat Ceremony at the University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry was held on April 26, 2001 for the class of 2003. This event marks the transition of the second year optometry students into the optometric clinical setting, preparing them to be the optometrists of tomorrow. In order to participate in the ceremony,

students must have demonstrated proficiency in optometric examination techniques which qualifies them to begin seeing patients under the supervision of an attending faculty member.

The ceremony closed with our new interns reciting the Optometric Oath led by Interim Dean Davis. Welcome to Optometry, Class of 2003!

Kent Harrington Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

On Thursday, September 13, 2001, Dr. Kent Harrington ('88) received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the University of Missouri-St. Louis Founders Dinner held at the Ritz-Carlton St. Louis.

After graduating from UM-St. Louis School of Optometry in 1988 he completed a residency program in Hospital-Based Optometry at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Albuquerque, NM. Dr. Harrington served as Chief of the Optometry Service at Malmstrom AFB, MT, from 1989-1995. He then returned to UM-St. Louis School of Optometry and received an M.S. in physiological optics, and now serves as Program Manager for research in

Laser Vision Effects and Laser Eye Protection at Brooks AFB, TX. He recently returned to UM-St. Louis to work on his Ph.D. in physiological optics. In each of these areas, he has distinguished himself and enhanced the reputation of this campus and its graduates.

As the Chief of Optometry Services at Malmstrom AFB, Dr. Harrington enforced vision standards for pilots and other personnel on flying status, supervised civilian optometrists, reservists, military technicians, and optometry students.

Dr. Harrington is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a candidate for Diplomate in the Public Health section of the Academy.

Alumni Photo Updates



Michele Haley ('01) became Michele Rice on June 9, 2001 in Waikiki, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. Her new husband, Michael E. Rice, Jr., is from Lovington, NM and is a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corp. She is living and working in Missouri until he finishes his tour of duty overseas. Best wishes Michele and Michael.

Kristy Porter ('95) and husband James are the proud parents of Krislyn (born March 18, 2000). She and her Mom look like they are enjoying a ride on the carousel.



Jon and Lori (Hilsabek/ Mundy/Class of '95) Sarver welcomed their daughter on July 27, 2001, Maya Suzanne. Maya is being watched over by big brother Easton. Congratulations to the entire Sarver Family!

School Briefs

Dr. **Scott Trefts** ('01) has entered the Masters degree program here at the School in Physiological Optics. Good luck and study hard, Scott!

Captain **Michael Haedt** ('01) will begin his Family Practice Residency (SUNY) based at the Optometry Clinic at the Keller Community Hospital at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. The clinic population is composed of cadets, faculty, staff, active duty dependents, and retirees. This residency program is available only to those with obligations to the U.S. Army through the Health Professions Scholarship Program.

Lt. Col. **Kent Harrington** ('88 and Masters degree '97) his wife, Gina, and children, James (10), Nathan (6), Katy (4) and Scott (3) have returned to St. Louis so he can complete his Ph.D. in Physiological Optics. Kent is an expert in Safety or Laser Eye Protection, and will present at the Academy this year. Kent was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel this summer. Congratulations Kent (and Gina)!

Dr. **Terri (Franey) Reiger** ('97) and her husband Troy are the proud parents of a second baby girl born April 13, 2001. Miss Tiffani Janae has a big two-year old sister named Tristin. Congratulations!

Dr. **Kathy Knobel** ('00) and her husband Joe Osborne will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on October 14, 2001. They live and work in the Chicago area. Best wishes!

Faculty

Dr. Vengu Lakshminarayanan Vasudevan Lakshminarayanan, Ph.D., was invited to submit a chapter in the book, "Theories of Vision" eds. A. Hung and K. Ciuffredan due out in 2001 (Plenum Press, Chapter 16: Model of Visual Perceptual Space).

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October 11-14

MOA Convention
Lodge of the Four Seasons

October 23

Amcon Professor Series
Michael Giese, O.D., Ph.D.
*Experimental Staphylococcal
Endophthalmitis*

October 23-27

COVD Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel,
St. Louis, call (314) 991-4007

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January 6-20

TPA 100-120 hrs.,
Clinical Medicine, 30 hrs.,
Management of the
Glaucomas, 24 hrs.

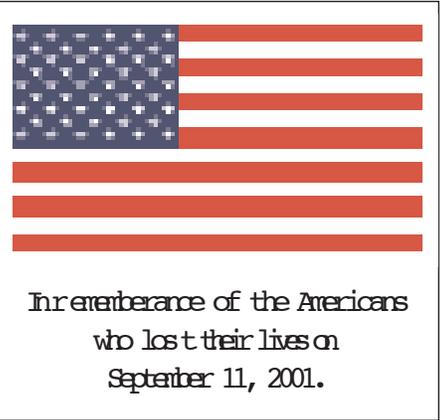
Where Are They?

If you know any of these alumni, please let them know that we would love to stay in touch, but have lost their address and telephone number. Please contact Barb Brown (314-516-6030), email: BrownBW@umsl.edu.

Thanks to those of you who helped us find five fellow alumni listed in the last EyeWire.

Classmates we've lost and last known state/province:

- Cathy Heller (MO)**
- Carla Matz (SK)**
- Sandra Peters (MO)**
- Robert G. Soltys (TX)**



www.umsl.edu/~optometry.html

We have two new email addresses for the convenience of the alumni and friends. Feel free to update us on any happenings in your professional or personal life.

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