While we are not in the most ideal situation for a national meeting, the AAO has worked diligently to continue providing the optometric community with its annual meeting in the “year of the optometrist!”

This year’s MCO newsletter will chronicle the highlights from Orlando’s meeting last fall, and it will also offer a glimpse of what we can expect from the comfort of our own homes this fall—namely MCO’s participation in the upcoming meeting. We also bring you up to date on recent student and alumni accomplishments, involvement, and more!

Please enjoy this year’s Michigan College of Optometry American Academy of Optometry Newsletter!
2020 Faculty/Resident Involvement

2020 Faculty Presentations

Lectures

- What Optometrists Need to Know About Human Trafficking in the United States. Lillian Kalaczinski, OD, FAAO 10/19/20 @ 5:00PM
- Optometric Care of Transgender Patients Paula McDowell, OD, FAAO; Lillian Kalaczinski, OD, FAAO 10/19/20 @ 6:00PM

Symposiums/Workshops

- AAO/ASCO Joint Education Research Workshop: Searching and evaluating published literature and formulating research questions Daniel Taylor, OD, EdD, MS, FAAO, DipOE 10/17/20 @ 1:00 – 5:00PM
- Optometric Educators Symposium: Depression, Anxiety, and Optometry Students: Oh My! Emily Aslakson, OD, FAAO; Philip Himebaugh, MS, EdS, LPC, NCC, QMHP 10/20/20 @ 5:00 – 7:00PM

E-Posters

- The Impact of Eyelid Cosmetics on MGD: A Semi-Objective Approach to Meibography Analysis. Amy Dinardo, OD, MBA, FAAO; Jesse Birsching; Thomas Colvin 10/7/20 @ 4:00 – 6:00PM
- Achievement-Based Attitudes Toward Group Work Among Optometry Students. Daniel Taylor, OD, EdD, MS, FAAO, DipOE 10/8/20 @ 11:00AM – 1:00PM
- Investigating the Relationship Between Symptomatic Binocular Vision Dysfunction and Post-Dilated Cover Test: A Pilot Study. Luke Lirones, OD; Paula McDowell, OD, FAAO 10/7/20 @ 4:00 – 6:00PM

Resident E-Posters

- Cracking the MicroVaults: Successful Scleral Lens Management of Limbal Stem Cell Disease with Bilateral Pingueculae Xue (Sherry) Mei, OD; Josh Lotoczky, OD, FAAO 10/8/20 @ 12:00 – 2:00PM
- Consecutive Esotropia: Modifying Vision Therapy in a Modern World Alexander Tran, OD; Paula McDowell, OD, FAAO 10/8/20 @ 12:00 – 3:00PM

Faculty Fellowship 2019

Congratulations to faculty member Lillian Kalaczinski, OD, FAAO for earning her fellowship at last year’s meeting!
In what is evolving as a worthy tradition, we have once again obtained 100% Academy student membership for the current first year students! Let’s strive to maintain this incredible run for many years to come. Welcome to MCO, class of 2024!

Congratulations to the 2019 Student Fellows

Kaylee Aldrich               Class of 2022
Kaitlyn Arnold              Class of 2021
Haylee Bourlier             Class of 2022
Sophia Johnson             Class of 2022
Ankur Patel                Class of 2020
Ricky Walker               Class of 2020
Ethan Zimmerman           Class of 2020

Pictured at right: MCO’s 2019 Essilor Academic Challenge (EAC) Team, and winners of the MCO spirit award (Left to right: Peter Lawrence, Ashley Bauman, and Jesse Birsching)! This year ALL students will be welcome to participate in the EAC on Thursday, October 8th, from 8:30 to 10 pm!
Congratulations, 2019 Fellows!

Alyssa Borr OD, FAAO  *MCO 2018*
Amber Cumings OD, FAAO  *MCO 2018*
Joshua Davidson OD, FAAO  *MCO 2013*
Mark Debano OD, FAAO  *MCO 2014*
Samantha Gagnon OD, FAAO  *MCO 2017*
Rana Taji OD, FAAO  *MCO 2010*
Erica Vanderpool OD, FAAO  *MCO 2016*

William C. Ezell Fellowship

Congratulations to 2019 awardee Hin Cheung, OD, *(MCO 2014)* and 2020 Facebook awardee Lyndsey Ferris, OD, FAAO, ACMO *(MCO 2011)* for this incredible accomplishment!

AAO Committee Retirement

We would like to graciously thank Sara Weidmayer, OD, FAAO *(MCO 2010)*, for her service to the AAO Admissions Committee. Having been on the committee for 5 years in total, she served 3 of those as regional vice-chair.

2020 MCO Alumni Reception

Date: **Friday, October 9th**
Time: **8:30PM – 10:00PM**

This year’s reception will be held *virtually*, and will include interactive discussion to get to know our students, and connect with classmates! Watch the MCO social media pages for more details!
2019 AAO Alumni Involvement

Diplomate Prep Courses

- Epidemiology and Biostatistics in Eye Care
  Stanley Hatch, OD, MPh, FAAO

- Optometry and Tropical Disease
  Michael Radoiu, OD, MPh, FAAO

Grand Rounds

- Rebuilding the Cornea Following a Stromal Melt
  Trevor Fosso, OD, FAAO

Lectures

- Double Vision in Adults
  Katie Connolly, OD, FAAO

Papers

- Assessing Generalizability of Attenuation Coefficients to Identify Localized and Diffuse Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer in Glaucoma Patients
  Hin Cheung, OD

- Comparison if the VOMS and SCAT-3: An NCAA-CoD CARE analysis
  Lyndsey Ferris, OD, FAAO, ACMO

Posters

- Nonsurgical Treatment of Accommodative Esotropia: A Case Study (Resident Poster)
  Natalie DeCook, OD; Katie Connolly, OD, FAAO

- Overcorrecting Prism for ARC (Resident Poster)
  Allegra Burgher, OD

- Opsoclonus Post-Concussion: Evaluation, Management, and Return-to-Play Considerations
  Lyndsey Ferris, OD, FAAO, ACMO

- Early Diagnosis of Retinitis Pigmentosa in a Toddler Through Genetic Testing

- A Contact Lens Fit to Improve the Visual Potential in an Infant with Severe Bilateral Microphthalmia
  Samantha Rosen, OD, FAAO

Rapid Fire

- Developing Global Optometric Human Resources: Early Lessons from the VOSH Corps Program
  Robert Molter, OD, FAAO

MCO AAO Information

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MCO Alumni: Please send any Academy information that you wish to share to PaulaMcDowell@ferris.edu. We would love to hear your updates!

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