MCO’s new AAO newsletter!

A recap of last year’s academy meeting including new fellows, a record number of student fellows, faculty/student involvement, and information on this year’s meeting in San Antonio.

A Group of MCO students take interest in Dr. Joe Pole’s poster presentation, titled "Transmission of Blue Light Through Magnifying Devices for Low Vision Patients."
Last Year at Academy 2017- Chicago

Congratulations, New Fellows (Pictured Left)!
Emily Aslakson, O.D.       Joe Pole, PhD.       Jennifer Schad, O.D.

New Student Fellows
Record high student fellowship achievement with 23 students earning the honor!
1st Years: Ashley Bauman, Jesse Birsching, Lindsay Buurma, Scott Habermann, Mia Hill, Matthew Huberty, Amanda Kruse, Bryn Langenderfer, Peter Lawrence, Joshua Rabideau, Jeffrey Reardon, Stephanie Slifka, Micah Timmermans, Carmen Zender
2nd Years: Abigail Contreras, Joellen Maurer
3rd Years: Kristina Aikens, LeAnne Barstow, Carrie DeWolfe, Kevin Leahy, Brendon Manns
4th Years: Alyssa Drew, Daniel Van Elk

2017 Lectures
Clinical Implications of Current Scleral Lens Research
Chad Rosen, O.D., Josh Lotoczky, O.D.

The Athletic Fit – Cases of Contact Lenses and Sports Vision
Fraser Horn, O.D., Chad Rosen, O.D.

Myopia Control in Action
Nicholas Despotidis, O.D., Stephanie Ramdass, O.D

2017 Papers
“Understanding the Cranial Nerves: Evaluating the Efficacy of a Self-Paced Online Learning Module”
Daniel Taylor, O.D.

2017 Posters
Transmission of Blue Light Through Magnifying Devices for Low Vision Patients
Joe Pole, PhD., Morgan Baker, O.D., Danielle Lefevre, O.D.

Response Times Increase as Crowding Magnitude Increases in Letter Strings
Avesh Raghunandan, O.D., Nathan Traxler and Charlotte Massoll

Evaluating the Accuracy of Predicted Near Magnification Compared to Patient-Selected Powers in Low Vision Patients with Age-Related Macular Degeneration
Sarah Hinkley, O.D., Adrian Hulbert, O.D.

The Association between Contrast Sensitivity Loss and Falls in a Low Vision Population
Sarah Hinkley, O.D., Margaret Baumgartner, O.D., Taylor Oie, O.D.

Treatment of Aphantasia: Can We Reopen the “Mind’s Eye?”
Andrea Shank, O.D., Paula McDowell, O.D.

Collagen Cross-linking: Before and After
Austin Schipper, O.D.

Binasal Hemianopsia: A Clinical Anomaly
Sara Bush, O.D., Morgan Ollinger, O.D.
NEW THIS YEAR!
2018 Essilor
Academic Challenge

Taking place at
Academy Stadium
Thursday, November 8th, from 7-9pm, this event will determine which school has what it takes to be crowned the champion. Academic teams from the schools and colleges of optometry will compete against each other in an entertaining environment to see which team has what it takes to win the coveted title.

Come cheer on our MCO team!

2018 Papers
Sub-Threshold Binocular Contrast Summation Scales with Interocular Phase Disparity
Avesh Raghunandan, O.D., Tabatha Boyak

Reading Eye Movement Abilities: A Comparison of Digital and Print Presentations
Andrea Shank, O.D., Paula McDowell, O.D.

2018 Posters
Faculty Awareness of Industry Relationships Within Colleges of Optometry
Paula McDowell, O.D., Brianne Hobbs, O.D.

The Effect of Automobile Window Tints on Contrast Sensitivity and Color Discrimination under Photopic and Mesopic Lighting Conditions
Vandana Rajaram, O.D., Luke Lirones, Kevin Leahy

Comparative Analysis of the Performance of Online Spectacle Retailers
Joe Pole, PhD., Jamie Brady, Craig Norman

Perceptions of Low Vision Rehabilitation Optometry Among Rehabilitation Professionals
Dan VanElk, O.D., Sarah Hinkley, O.D.

2018 Lectures
Functional Implications of ARMD and Their Treatment
Sarah Hinkley, O.D.

Driving and Vision Assessment, Education and Action in the Exam Room
Sarah Hinkley, O.D.

2018 Essilor Academic Challenge

Team: Natalie DeCook, 4th year student
Courtney McNulty & Abbie Contreras, 3rd year students

Coach: Paula McDowell, O.D.
SIGS and Meetings

- Paula McDowell, Chair, Jim Miller, MCO Rep: Ethics Educator SIG
- Alison Jenerou, Paula McDowell, MCO Reps: Residency Educators SIG
- Alison Jenerou, Paula McDowell, MCO Reps: BV Educators SIG
- Jim Miller, Co-Author Brian McDowell, “Video Recording Proficiencies,”: Presenters, MCO Rep: Clinical Optometric Methods and Procedures SIG
- Sarah Hinkley, MCO Rep: ASCO Low Vision Educators SIG
- Daniel Taylor, MCO Rep: ASCO Chief Academic Officers meeting
- Sarah Hinkley, MCO Rep: Interprofessional Education Symposium
- Amy Dinardo, Regional Chair, AAO Admittance Committee
- Daniel Taylor, Moderator: “Creating, Implementing, and Sustaining a Culture of Inter Professional Education (IPE) in Schools and Colleges of Optometry”
- David Damari, ASCO President, Chair: ASCO Executive Committee meeting, the ASCO Board of Directors meeting, and the joint ASCO-AOA Executive Committees meeting.

Diplomate Candidates

- Daniel Taylor, Candidate: Diplomate in Optometric Education

MCO Alumni: Let us know about your Academy Involvement, we would love to include you in the 2018 highlights! Please email PaulaMcDowell@ferris.edu with your information

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