



Western  
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College of Optometry

# FEBRUARY 2014

## **2/5/14 Wednesday**

**Clinic Grand Rounds Webinar** via Microsoft Lync – The topic is “Neuroscience for the Clinician” presented by Valerie Wren, OD, FAAO, Chief of Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation. The webinar begins at **6pm**.

## **2/10/14 Monday**

**Dr. Valerie Wren** will be providing a one hour lecture to the rehabilitation providers at **Casa Colina, 12pm – 1pm** in the Tamkin Conference Room, titled, "Neuro-Optometry and Interprofessional Management".

## **2/12/14 Wednesday**

**WUCO VIP Guest – Ms. Kara Corches**, COA Grassroots & Fundraising Manager, will be on campus spending time with WUCO faculty, administration and students to discuss current bills in legislation and why help from all persons related to optometry is needed. Welcome Kara!

**College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) Club Event – Tour de Optometry 2014** featuring Dr. Daniel Press, OD, FCOVD and “The Power of Developmental Vision Care”. **5pm – 7pm in HEC Classroom A.**

**Inland Empire Optometric Society Monthly Meeting** Speaker: Rebecca Kammer, OD – Topic: The Implantable Miniature Telescope for End-Stage AMD: Current Updates – **6pm – 9pm at the Ontario DoubleTree Hotel, 222 North Vineyard Ave., Ontario, CA** – For more information email [IEOSjoinus@gmail.com](mailto:IEOSjoinus@gmail.com).

## **2/17/14 Monday**

The University is closed in observance of **President’s Day**.

## **2/20/14 Thursday**

**Drs. Pang and Wren** are providing education to the public as part of WesternU’s ongoing partnership with its surrounding community. The topic is “**What Vision Rehabilitation Can Do for You or a Loved One**”. This will be given at the **Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation**, Tamkin Education Center, Bldg. 1D, 255 East Bonita Avenue (at Garey) in Pomona from **6pm – 8pm**. All are welcome, to RSVP call 266.724.4132. [View the event flyer here.](#)

### **2/20/14 Thursday**

**South Bay Optometric Society February Dinner Meeting – 6:30pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Torrance - South Bay, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA – For more information [click here.](#)**

### **2/22/14 Saturday**

**Lions Club Event** – The Lions Club will be hosting an Interprofessional Health Fair at Fremont Academy, located at 725 W. Franklin Ave., Pomona, CA 91766. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information please contact [LionsClub@westernu.edu](mailto:LionsClub@westernu.edu).

**Lions Club Event** – The Lions Club will have its annual Bowl-A-Thon at Oak Tree Lanes, located at 990 N. Diamond Bar Blvd, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. Everyone is invited! For more information please contact [LionsClub@westernu.edu](mailto:LionsClub@westernu.edu).

### **2/23/14 Sunday**

**College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) Event** – The Annual Studt Foundation CE featuring Dr. Samantha Slotnick, OD, FAAO, FCOVD. Studt Foundation Practicum @ SCCO, *Strabismus: Processing & Training*, 9am - 3pm, student fee is \$10 (includes lunch). WUCO faculty may attend this lecture for free, compliments of the Studt Foundation. For more information contact [COVDclub@westernu.edu](mailto:COVDclub@westernu.edu).

### **2/26/14 Wednesday**

**WUCO Guest Speaker - Dr. Gary Asano**, Chair of COA's Low Vision Rehabilitation Section, will be giving a lunch presentation about the reasons for student involvement within the section. **12pm – 1pm in HEC Classroom B.** Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP in advance. You may RSVP to Jennifer Kurtz at [jkurtz@westernu.edu](mailto:jkurtz@westernu.edu) by Monday, February 24, 2014. [Click here for event flier.](#)

### **2/27/14 Thursday**

**WUCO VIP Guest - Dr. Teri Lawton** will be on campus meeting with faculty and administrators to discuss her PATH to Reading Therapy. Welcome Dr. Lawton!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WUCO Sunglass Drive** – All collected sunglasses will be distributed to Pomona's underserved community via the Pomona Homeless Outreach Project. The drive will run from February 13th to February 28th, 2014. Students may bring their used, non-prescription sunglasses to Ms. Angie Chambers at Admin to donate. House points will be awarded to the winning houses!

**Dr. Dan Kurtz** recently represented WUCO at the International 3D & Advanced Imaging Society's annual awards gala at Warner Brother's Studios in Burbank. The Society's mission is to "speed the commercialization of 3D into homes worldwide and provide the best possible viewing experience by facilitating the development of standards, roadmaps and education for the entire 3D industry . . ." To recognize contributions to their mission they gave out many Lumiere Awards (a winged golden statuette much more beautiful than the Academy Award). They recognize the importance of Optometry in promoting good binocularity in the general population by annually conferring the "Eye Care Professional of the Year" award to someone recommended by the AOA. It was a black-tie affair, complete with red carpet, press corps, glamorous people from around the globe, and, tuxedoed but far from glamorous, your Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

**Dr. Bennett McAllister** is on the American Optometric Association's Evidence Based Optometry sub-committee which met February 7th and 8th. They are re-writing the clinical practice guidelines (CPG) from the traditional expert opinion based perspective to that of the highest evidence basis as required by the Institute of Medicine for listing on the clearinghouse of guidelines. Having just completed the CPG for care of the patient with diabetes, they have begun the one for the adult eye exam.

**Dr. Linda Pang** participated in Dr. Donald Fletcher's Low Vision Rehabilitation Study Group in San Francisco January 30 - February 1. This is a group of optometrists, ophthalmologists, vision science researchers, and occupational therapists who shared ideas/techniques, discussed difficult cases, and brainstormed ideas for new investigations and treatments for people who are partially sighted.

**Drs. Egan and McNaughton** attended a Contact Lens Educators meeting sponsored by Bausch+Lomb in Las Vegas January 22-23, 2014.

The Contact Lens Research team presented 2 posters at the Global Specialty Lens Symposium in Las Vegas January 23-26, 2014. The posters were entitled, *RSS Specialty Lenses for Compromised Corneas: A Clinical Case* – Authors: Frank Spors, Donald J. Egan, E. Suh, Lance E. McNaughton, Jie Shen, Robert Gordon and *Base Curve Stability of GP Lenses in Dry versus Wet Storage* – Authors: Frank Spors, Donald J. Egan, Phu T. Nguyen, Lance E. McNaughton, Jie Shen, Robert Gordon. Dr. Egan also contributed a photo-submission entitled Hybrid Adhesion at this same meeting.

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