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# FEBRUARY 2016

College of Optometry

**2/3/16 Wednesday**

**Eyexperience free 1 hour webinar** at 6:00pm presented by **Naida Jakirlic, OD** whose topic is "Child Abuse: Recognition and Reporting." For more information and to register go to <https://webinarfeb2016.eventbrite.com>.

**2/4/16 Thursday & 2/5/16 Friday**

**WUCO VIP Guest – ASCO Executive Director, Ms. Dawn Mancuso**, will be on campus meeting with student leadership, touring our campus, and sitting in a couple class sessions. WUCO welcomes Ms. Mancuso!!!

**2/10/16 Wednesday**

**American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) invites you to our first Spring Event** – "Talking to your Senator, What to Expect at CAC/Leg Day" Student Panel. Join us for an informative discussion with students who have attended the Congressional Advocacy Convention in Washington DC and Legislative Day in Sacramento. Hear their experiences in **ADVOCATING** for the profession and get your questions answered! A Student Travel Grant to CAC/Optometry's Meeting will be offered. Pizza will be provided to all who sign up! RSVP Deadline: Tuesday February 8, 2016 at 5:00pm. If there are any questions, please contact AOSA Trustee, Johnson Co at [jco@westernu.edu](mailto:jco@westernu.edu). 12:00pm – 12:50pm in HEC Classroom F. [Click here to sign up.](#)

**2/15/16 Monday**

**University Closed – President's Day Holiday**

**2/18/16 Thursday**

**South Bay Optometric Society (SBOS)** - You are invited to attend the South Bay Optometric Society's general meeting! Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm, reception at 6:30pm and dinner meeting at 7:00pm. Location: Torrance, CA Topic: Dr. Raman Bhakhri will be speaking on two topics Hereditary Retina and Retina Grand Rounds. *Who: 2 WUCO student guests INTERESTED?* Please email the SBOS student liaison, Jennifer Aslam, at [jaslam@westernu.edu](mailto:jaslam@westernu.edu) by Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00pm.

**2/28/16 Sunday**

**Comprehensive Glaucoma Management Course**, 7 CE credits available.  
8:00am – 3:00pm. For more information and to register go to  
<https://comprehensiveglaucoma.eventbrite.com>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs)** is an international meeting held each January in Las Vegas and focuses on the successful management of ocular conditions using today's specialty contact lenses. **This year's attendees included Dr. Frank Spors, Dr. Dorcas Tsang and Dr. Lance McNaughton and Fayiz Mahgoub (OD 2018)**. While there they presented a poster on "Comparing Corneal Shape Measurements of Four Topographers" that was co-authored by several others, including Western University students and faculty: **Edward Hsieh (OD 2016), David Ardakani (OD2016), and Dr. Jason Shen**. With the greatest turnout on record, the meeting was touted as a great success. Among the highlights, there were a substantial amount of case studies showing the unbelievable therapeutic benefits of scleral lenses in treating a broad variety of ocular surface diseases and corneal pathologies. Moreover, the future of contact lenses was described as being no less exciting. Alcon's partnership with Google for instance has led to prototype contact lenses designed to indirectly monitor diabetic blood sugar levels through around-the-clock tear film analysis. Future contact lenses might be used for drug delivery, and as a first line therapeutic intervention for eye diseases. Night vision contacts are also being developed using one of the strongest materials ever discovered- graphene. Finally, huge advances have been made in instruments used to measure ocular parameters and subsequently design the best contact lens option.

In the IPE spirit of WesternU, **Dr. Bennett McAllister** presented to over twenty Emergency Department doctors and residents of Botsford Hospital on the topic of "A Primary Care Optometric Perspective on Vision Emergencies" then ran a workshop covering essential tests for patients presenting to the ER with ocular complaints. The workshop included extra-ocular muscle and pupil evaluation, use of direct ophthalmoscope and then finished with simulated corneal foreign body removal using slit lamp biomicroscope.

**Continuing Education Online Courses** – for a list of 1 and 2 hour courses please [click here](#).

For a complete listing of news and events, please visit our [College of Optometry News & Outreach webpage](#).

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