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College of Optometry

# SEPTEMBER 2014

## **9/1/14 Monday**

Labor Day – University Holiday

## **9/2/14 Tuesday**

**OD2016 Guest Speaker** – Ken Kopp, FCLSA, Director, Clinical and Professional Services, Paragon Vision Sciences will be making a presentation on Myopia Control and Ortho-K from **3pm – 5pm in HEC Classroom E**. In addition he will be conducting a faculty orientation to Paragon's CRT design from 5pm – 7pm in **HEC Contact Lens Lab 2124**.

## **9/3/14 Wednesday**

**Monthly Clinic Grand Rounds Webinar** – The topic is “Potpourri of Primary Care”, presented by Bennett McAllister, OD, Chief of Primary Care Services. You can view online or on campus in **HEC Classroom F at 6pm**. 1 CE credit available.

## **9/4/14 Thursday**

WUCO is hosting the **Western University Annual Research Big Bang Event**. **5pm – 7pm in HEC Classroom A**; Dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Jennifer Kurtz at [jkurtz@westernu.edu](mailto:jkurtz@westernu.edu) no later than Tuesday, 9/2/14. [Click here for flier.](#)

## **9/9/14 Tuesday**

**OD2016 Contact Lens Workshop** – Dr. Long Tran returns as the guest speaker for the STAPLE Contact Lens workshop. The Soft Toric and Presbyopic Lens Education (STAPLE) Program is a collaborative effort on behalf of Alcon, Bausch+Lomb, CooperVision and VISTAKON, a Division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care. This program is designed as a hands-on soft toric fitting workshop for Optometry Students in the United States and Canada. Students have an opportunity to fit a product from all four companies on patients recruited specifically for the event. The goal of these multi-company workshops is to provide generic education that will benefit the student through a valuable lens fitting experience. **4:30pm – 9pm in HEC Lecture Hall II**.

### **9/10/14 Wednesday**

Dr. Tina Escobedo, a WesternU faculty member in the College of Graduate Nursing, and **Dr. Jasmine Yumori** will be presenting a talk titled "Rheumatology and Eye Care" at the Inland Empire Optometric Society meeting.

### **9/13/14 Saturday**

**National Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA) Club** is joining Casa Colina for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Brain Injuries taking place at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Ca from **12:30pm – 4pm**. For more information on this event visit the [homepage for the Walk for Brain Injury](#). To participate in the walk, [click here to register](#).

### **9/13/14 Saturday & 9/14/14 Sunday**

**Veteran's Stand Down Vision Screenings** – Compton, CA – 15 student volunteers needed for each AM & PM shift. Drs. Drescher, Gordon and Jakirlic will supervise this event. This event is eligible for clinic make-up hours. Please contact Dr. Remick to sign up at [kremick@westernu.edu](mailto:kremick@westernu.edu).

### **9/20/14 Saturday**

**National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) Event** – NOSA will be hosting a Vision Screening with the VSP Mobile Eye Clinic at the Annual AOJAH Health Fair to help the homeless and impoverished. Location: Fred Jordan Mission, 445 Towne Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90013 from **9am – 2pm**. Lunch will be provided. [Click here to RSVP](#) or email [nosaclub@westernu.edu](mailto:nosaclub@westernu.edu).

### **9/21/14 Sunday**

**South Bay Optometric Society (SBOS) Fall Seminar** – Student volunteers will get to observe 6 hours of CE – *Current Trends in Medical Management (3 hours)* and *Retina Update: What You Need to Know and When to Refer (3 hours)*. This event includes breakfast and lunch and will take place at the Double Tree Hotel in Torrance, CA.

### **9/26/14 Friday**

#### **Founder's Day**

### **9/27/14 Saturday**

**Desert Oasis Health Fair & Vision Screening** – Collaborative hosts include The Flying Doctors of America Organization and The Lions Club. Location: Desert Mirage High School, 86-150 66th Avenue, Thermal, CA from **8am – 3:30pm**. Special meals and hotel rates provided to

participating students. Please contact Ms. Lucy Moreno at 760.398.5229 or [luzm@cdsdp.org](mailto:luzm@cdsdp.org) with any questions regarding the event. [Click here to register](#).

### **9/30/14 Tuesday**

**Los Angeles County Optometric Society (LACOS)** networking and membership appreciation seminar – LACOS invites newly-graduated optometrists, current COA and/or LACOS members, and all other optometrists to an evening of networking with local Optometrists while enjoying appetizers and drinks. Dr. Barry Weissman will be hosting a 1 hour CE lecture on "Advanced Rigid Corneal Lens Practice." The cost of attending is \$10. Location: Westside Tavern, 10850 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064. Any questions can be directed to [akoussayan@gmail.com](mailto:akoussayan@gmail.com). For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.lacos.net/lacos-networking-and-membership-appreciation-seminar>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On September 13, 2014, **Joanna Miranda** (OD2017), **Thu Hua** and **Josephine Lin** (OD2016), participated in the 7th Annual Walk for Brain Injury in Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, CA hosted by the Brain Injury Association of California to benefit persons living with brain injury. These members of Western University's Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association Student Chapter joined our interprofessional partners at Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation to complete the walk in 112 degree heat. All were well hydrated and the College of Optometry was pleased that its students are active and engaged in events benefiting the patient community at large.

**Drs. Elizabeth Hoppe, Valerie Wren and Efrain Castellanos** spoke at the 7th International Congress of Behavioural Optometry (ICBO) in Birmingham, United Kingdom. Drs. Hoppe and Wren's topic, *Public Health Perspectives for TBI Care*, and Dr. Castellanos' topic, *Are You Neglecting Visual Neglect?*, was translated and shared with international attendees from Denmark, United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, Australia, Mexico, Spain, Israel and Hong Kong. Western University hosted ICBO's last conference in 2010. <http://www.icbo2014.com/speakers--topics.html>

**Drs. Pinakin Davey, Robert Gordon, Raymond Maeda and Valerie Wren** provided a 2 day Glaucoma Grand Rounds Seminar on Sept 6-7, 2014 to 30 California Optometrists. This seminar included lectures and hands-on training with live patients in the Eye Care Center. A group of 3rd year students assisted and gained additional exposure to clinical care during this event. Completion of this certification course is the final step for these Optometrists to treat and manage glaucoma independently. Western University's College of Optometry is dedicated to providing continued education and ongoing support for its regional providers.

**Kudos to WUCO Faculty – Drs. Bennett McAllister and Jason Shen** have published book chapters in [Ophthalmology - Current Clinical and Research Updates](#) of which **Dr. Pinakin Davey** was the book editor. Dr. Shen's chapter on "Ocular Aberrations and Image Quality, Contact Lens and MYOPIA Progression" and Dr. McAllister's chapter on "Low Vision Rehabilitation" are available for free download.

**Dr. Bennett McAllister** journeyed to St. Louis on August 22, 2014 for a three day meeting of the AOA Evidence Based Committee to draft the new Clinical Practice Guideline for the Adult Eye Exam. Hundreds of papers had been read, graded for weight of evidence as well as clinical recommendation then distilled into a draft guideline which will now proceed to an external stakeholder comment period and AOA Board review before being finalized and listed in the AHRQ Clearinghouse.

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