Anne Ream Appointed Curator

Governor Bob Holden appointed UM-St. Louis School of Optometry 1984 graduate Anne Ream to the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri. The Board of Curators of the University of the state of Missouri consists of nine members, all appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Not more than one person can be appointed from the same congressional district and no more than five curators belong to any one political party. The term of service of the Curators is six years with three curator terms expiring every two years. The Curators are volunteer positions, but receive their actual expenses to attend Board meetings, which are paid out of the ordinary revenues of the university.

The Class of 2001 was honored at the Convocation Banquet held May 18, 2001 at the Frontenac Hilton St. Louis. Best of luck to all of the new optometrists!

Cathryn L. Ahearn
Alan Randal Barber*
Michael Scott Bogaard
Bryan R. Bowen*
Craig Matthew Brawley*
Lisa R. Brooks
Aaron Bruce Caldwell
Mary Alison Carter
Amy Lynne Cruth
Debbie Lynn D’Amico
Jason Christopher Eubank
Nader E. Fakhoury**
Lisa Katherine Foley**
Lee Joseph Gilmore*
Robert George Goerss
Michael Perry Haedt
Michele Leigh Haley
Kristin Leigh Ham*
Melissa Lai Tan Hau
Kristen Renée Kautzman
Brian Kenneth Kindel*
John Charles Kortenber
Alla Lerman
Niki Kae Liles
Patrick A. Liles
Christine James Lochhead
Mai Ngoc Ly*
Dawn Kathleen Lyons
Dirk Fred Massie
Scott Andrew McDougall**
Trevor Jhamal Mitchell*
Benjamin Brian Nelson
Caroline Thuy-Duong Nguyen
Todd Nitchman**
Jetal Patel
Salena Pho*
Rebecca Lenore Robinson*
Traci Lynn Schmalle
Teal Ann Sherwin**
Patricia Renée Short
Julie Steinhauer
Paul David Tracy
Scott Andrew Trefts
Todt Robert Wollbrinck

* Dean’s list
** Dean’s list honors

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Alumni

Dr. Lisa R. Brooks ('01) has returned to her home state of Iowa where she landed . . . "the job I wanted." Originally from Des Moines, she is now living & working in a suburb just outside of Des Moines, Ankeny, Iowa. This places her very near her entire family. Congratulations Lisa!

Dr. Jetal Petal ('01) is in Tahlequah, OK at the Family Practice Residency program offered through NSU and Hastings Hospital and she adds, "My emphasis is in disease." Best of luck Jetal!

Dr. Bryan Bowen ('01) reports from his residency in Fayetteville, OK. He is assisting in minor surgical procedures (i.e., subconjunctival injections) at the Fayetteville VA residency program (through NSU). In addition, NSU residents are able to perform fluorescein angiography and minor surgical procedures (and hopefully YAG/LPI/argon trabecuoplasty soon) under the supervision of the senior doctors from Tahlequah. He recently signed up to take a PRK course in Oklahoma to gain further knowledge and some hands-on experience in the field of refractive surgery. The Fayetteville VA program is highly geared toward hospital-based optometry, high involvement with CE programs/conferences, and teaching opportunities in Tahlequah (one day/wk).

Dr. Lee Gilmore ('01) is currently employed by LensCrafters. He notes that while his main office is in Maplewood, MN, he also sees patients in St. Cloud and Woodbury, MN. Best of luck in MN, Lee!

Dr. Nader Fakhoury ('01) entered the Ocular Disease/Low Vision Rehabilitation program at the VA Chicago Healthcare System-West Side and the Hines VA Hospitals. Best wishes, Nader!

From the Dean

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begin the process of a search for a permanent Dean for the School. This news has been announced internally and now it is time to also let our alumni and friends know. It is my hope that this process will only complement all that we desire to accomplish and that you will continue to be supportive of us in the process.

In the interim, we’ll continue to keep you informed of the numerous initiatives we are undertaking.

Sincerely,
Larry J. Davis, O.D.
Interim Dean
Associate Professor

Optometry Hires New Grant Writer

Please join us in welcoming Katherine "Kathy" Sciranko who began working for us as a Grant Writer for the School of Optometry Monday June 11, 2001. She is working with the faculty and staff as appropriate, to generate successful proposals for school initiatives that qualify for local, state, and federal funding.

She comes to us as an experienced grant writer with impressive accomplishments at her previous positions. We are confident that Kathy will complement the efforts of Dr. Barbara Brown in our Development Office as we continue to identify additional funding opportunities.

Office of External Rotations Utilizes Web-Based Technology

The Office of External Rotations in the School of Optometry has initiated a website for the fourth year students to enter their patient logs and site evaluations. Students are then able to send in their case reports via email for a more efficient process.

The external site doctors are also able to access a web based site to enter the final grade for each student.

These sites were created and are coordinated by Dr. Ralph Garzia and Dr. Bill Long. The web based sites will enable the school to obtain data to better evaluate the patient load for each student and also each external site. This will allow the School of Optometry to evaluate and improve the sites for future students.

White Coat Ceremony for Class of 2003

The second annual white Coat Ceremony at the University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry was held on April 26, 2001 for the class of 2003. This event marks the transition of the second year optometry students into the optometric clinical setting, preparing them to be the optometrists of tomorrow. In order to participate in the ceremony, students must have demonstrated proficiency in optometric examination techniques which qualifies them to begin seeing patients under the supervision of an attending faculty member.

The ceremony closed with our new interns reciting the Optometric Oath led by Interim Dean Davis. Welcome to Optometry, Class of 2003!

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Kent Harrington Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

On Thursday, September 13, 2001, Dr. Kent Harrington ('88) received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the University of Missouri-St. Louis Founders Dinner held at the Ritz-Carlton St. Louis.

After graduating from UM-St. Louis School of Optometry in 1988 he completed a residency program in Hospital-Based Optometry at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Albuquerque, NM. Dr. Harrington served as Chief of the Optometry Service at Malmstrom AFB, MT, from 1989-1995. He then returned to UM-St. Louis School of Optometry and received an M.S. in physiological optics, and now serves as Program Manager for research in Laser Vision Effects and Laser Eye Protection at Brooks AFB, TX. He recently returned to UM-St. Louis to work on his Ph.D. in physiological optics. In each of these areas, he has distinguished himself and enhanced the reputation of this campus and its graduates.

As the Chief of Optometry Services at Malmstrom AFB, Dr. Harrington enforced vision standards for pilots and other personnel on flying status, supervised civilian optometrists, reservists, military technicians, and optometry students.

Dr. Harrington is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a candidate for Diplomate in the Public Health section of the Academy.

Alumni Photo Updates

Michele Haley ('01) became Michele Rice on June 9, 2001 in Waikiki, Hawaii on the island of Oahu. Her new husband, Michael E. Rice, Jr., is from Lovington, NM and is a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corp. She is living and working in Missouri until he finishes his tour of duty overseas. Best wishes Michele and Michael.

Kristy Porter ('95) and husband James are the proud parents of Krislyn (born March 18, 2000). She and her Mom look like they are enjoying a ride on the carousel.

Jon and Lori (Hilsabek/Mundy/Class of '95) Sarver welcomed their daughter on July 27, 2001. Maya Suzanne. Maya is being watched over by big brother Easton. Congratulations to the entire Sarver Family!

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Dr. Scott Trefts ('01) has entered the Masters degree program here at the School in Physiological Optics. Good luck and study hard, Scott!

Captain Michael Haedt ('01) will begin his Family Practice Residency (SUNY) based at the Optometry Clinic at the Keller Community Hospital at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. The clinic population is composed of cadets, faculty, staff, active duty dependents, and retirees. This residency program is available only to those with obligations to the U.S. Army through the Health Professions Scholarship Program.

Lt. Col. Kent Harrington ('88 and Masters degree '97) his wife, Gina, and children, James (10), Nathan (6), Katy (4) and Scott (3) have returned to St. Louis so he can complete his Ph.D. in Physiological Optics. Kent is an expert in Safety or Laser Eye Protection, and will present at the Academy this year. Kent was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel this summer. Congratulations Kent (and Gina)!

Dr. Terri (Franey) Reiger ('97) and her husband Troy are the proud parents of a second baby girl born April 13, 2001. Miss Tiffani Janae has a big two-year old sister named Tristin. Congratulations!

Dr. Kathy Knobel ('00) and her husband Joe Osborne will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on October 14, 2001. They live and work in the Chicago area. Best wishes!

Faculty

Dr. Vengu Lakshminarayanan Vasudevan Lakshminarayanan, Ph.D., was invited to submit a chapter in the book, "Theories of Vision" eds. A. Hung and K. Ciuffredan due out in 2001 (Plenum Press, Chapter 16: Model of Visual Perceptual Space).
Calendar  

October 11-14
   MOA Convention
   Lodge of the Four Seasons

October 23
   Amcon Professor Series
   Michael Giese, O.D., Ph.D.
   Experimental Staphylococcal Endophthalmitis

October 23-27
   COVD Annual Meeting
   Hyatt Regency Hotel,
   St. Louis, call (314) 991-4007

2002
   January 6-20
   TPA 100-120 hrs.,
   Clinical Medicine, 30 hrs.,
   Management of the Glaucomas, 24 hrs.

Where Are They?

If you know any of these alumni, please let them know that we would love to stay in touch, but have lost their address and telephone number. Please contact Barb Brown (314-516-6030), email: BrownBW@umsl.edu.

Thanks to those of you who helped us find five fellow alumni listed in the last EyeWire.

Classmates we’ve lost and last known state/province:

Cathy Heller (MO)
Carla Matz (SK)
Sandra Peters (MO)
Robert G. Soltys (TX)

In rememberance of the Americans who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

www.umsl.edu/~optometry.html

We have two new email addresses for the convenience of the alumni and friends. Feel free to update us on any happenings in your professional or personal life.

EyeWire@umsl.edu
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