Chair Message

It is a pleasure for me to provide this overview for the Spring Newsletter. We remain focused on collaboration and mentorship in our core missions of academic medicine: patient care, education, research, and service. We continue to develop strong relationships with alumni, clinical colleagues, and research partners at other institutions in Chicago, across the United States, and internationally. The Richard A. Perritt Charitable Foundation continues to provide the critical support for all our programs and we look forward to hosting the Tyrpin family on June 10 for our annual in person update on the legacy of Richard A. Perritt, MD the ophthalmologist, surgeon, innovator, and pioneer.

Loyola was well represented at the AAO Midyear forum this year in Washington DC, April 6-9 with James McDonnell, MD leading the Loyola group with 2 PGY3 residents Sarah Griffin and Vish Reddy. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with other active members of the AAO including former alumni Derrick Montgomery 2006 and Matt Welch 2011. Growth of our Patient Care Services remain dependent on the currently active recruitment of Glaucoma, Neuro-ophthalmology, and Comprehensive faculty. Our clinical and surgical volumes remained strong. Jhansi Raju, MD, Section Chief at Hines, has also recruited several faculty including comprehensive and Retina.

Our Educational Programs remain strong, with a sustained focus on: medical students (UME), residents (GME) and practicing ophthalmologists and optometrists (CME). Anuradha Khanna, MD, continues to advance her interactive 3D technology educational system “Ocusim®” program and recently presented the program to the faculty and residents at Stanford. Several CME programs are planned for this summer including Faculty-Alumni Day June 11 highlighting 5 of our alumni (Cathy Cronin, MD, Ray Areaux, MD, Derrick Montgomery, MD as speakers and (Neil Vaidya, MD and Matthew Kim, MD as panelists), the Chicago Subspecialty Lecture on Uveitis July 20, and our annual SJS Symposium August 11. Please click on the Save the Date flyer here: W:\OphthaShare\CME and Other Events\SJS Events by year\2022\SJS 2022 Support Group Flyer.docx

Our growing innovative Research Programs, led by Vice Chair Evan Stubbs, PhD, was well represented at the ARVO annual meeting in Denver, CO this year. Areas of specific interest will be highlighted at our inaugural Vision Research Day on Wednesday June 15 with presentations by our 11 active research faculty. Please register for this Hybrid Meeting covering ocular surface disease and glaucoma/neurodegeneration

We celebrated our partnership of international service with Humanity First at their annual meeting in Houston for their 25-year Anniversary. One of the highlights of the meeting was the critical and greatly needed service provided by Nasir Hospital in Guatemala. Members of the Faculty and residents are also planning to attend the Global Ophthalmology Summit sponsored by the AAO to be held in Park City, Utah August 12-13

Thank you for your continued interest in the department. I welcome your feedback and appreciate your continued support. Have an enjoyable summer of 2022.

Charles Bouchard, MD, MA
PGY3 residents Vish Reddy, MD and Sarah Griffin, MD attended the American Academy of Ophthalmology Mid-Year Forum (April 6-9). This is one of the Academy’s most significant yearly meetings, bringing the ophthalmology community together to implement the highest quality of care for patients through politics, policy, and practice management. The Mid-Year Forum 2022 took place April 6-9 in Washington, D.C., and is an ideal opportunity to directly advocate for our profession, learn about health care policy changes that will impact how we practice, and develop strategies to implement new programs in our patient-care approach.

Mid-Year forum trip to DC where Illinois had record attendance, leadership, and the largest residency advocacy ambassadors’ group. Meeting with many legislators in person and over zoom.

Topics discussed included Medicare cuts, prior authorizations, care in the VA and the VA Federal Supremacy Act, as well as funding for the NEI and NIH.
The ARVO Annual Meeting is the premiere gathering for eye and vision scientists at all career stages, students, and those in affiliated fields to share the latest research findings and collaborate on innovative solutions.
Vision Research Day

Registration link: [https://luc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_expB1dNvTricRPGnowjRvQ](https://luc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_expB1dNvTricRPGnowjRvQ)

A HYBRID Event on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – poster viewing 3:00-4:00pm

Faculty presentations 4:00-7:00pm

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This year’s honoree for the Perritt Medical Student Summer Research Award is Ms. Chelsea Yim for her STAR application entitled “The impact of COVID-19 on Macular Degeneration, Retinal Vein Occlusion, and Diabetic Retinopathy”.

ALUMNI NEWS

Faculty Alumni Day Saturday June 11th

Alumni Guest Speaker - Cornea
James J. Reidy, MD
(SSOM 1983)
Professor of Ophthalmology & Visual Science
University of Chicago

Alumni Guest Speaker – Retina
Joseph Coney, MD
SSOM 1999
Retina Associates of Cleveland

Alumni Guest Speaker – Cornea
Derrick Montgomery, MD
Chief of Ophthalmology
Malcolm Grow Medical Center
Joint Base Andrews

James J. Reidy, MD

Widely respected ophthalmologist, James J. Reidy, MD, FACS, is currently Professor of Ophthalmology at University of Chicago, and is a leading expert in the diagnosis and treatment of cornea and external eye disease. Dr Reidy received his MD degree from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine. He cares for patients with for a wide variety of diseases of the cornea and anterior segment including corneal infections, endothelial dysfunction, cataracts and is an expert in the use of corneal cross-linking for the management of keratoconus.

Joseph Coney, MD, FACS

Joseph Coney, MD, FACS received his BS degree in biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his MD degree from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine. He completed his ophthalmology residency at Case Western Reserve University and a medical retina fellowship in diabetic retinopathy at the Joslin Diabetes Clinic of Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. He has been a clinical investigator in over 65 research studies of treatments for diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration, and other vitreoretinal diseases.

Derrick Montgomery, MD

Derrick Montgomery, MD is a fellowship trained cornea specialist in USAF Academy, CO. Dr. Montgomery received his medical degree from University of Michigan Medical School and residency training at Loyola University Medical Center. He has been in practice for more than 20 years and currently practices at the US AIR FORCE ACADEMY.
More Alumni News

McDonnell and Derek Montgomery at the AAO

Speaker Michael Henry. MD
Fishkind Baskewell, Maltzman, Hunter & Associates Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Arizona Fellow ’21

Matt Welch, MD SSOM, Alumni, Year of Graduation

Humanity First with Majid Khan and Ahsan Khan.
Upcoming CME Programs

Chicago Subspecialty Lecture Series – Talk titles TBD

Faculty Alumni Day Saturday June 11th

Registration link: https://luc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rXbs3g2sTmugOHMdMrIUKQ

Distinguished Speakers

Lynn M Hassman, MD, PhD
Washington University Physicians

James E. McDonald
Speaker
Terri L. Young, MD, MBA
Professor and Chair, University of Wisconsin Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

Distinguished Alumni Speaker
Cathleen Cronin, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology Loyola University Medical Center

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Annual SJS Symposium – Thursday, August 11, 2022

Registration link to come mid-July

Haji Saeed, MD, MPH
Clinical Associate Professor
Departments of Ophthalmology, Loyola University Medical Center and University of Illinois

Taylor Starnes, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology Loyola University Medical Center

Arthur Sanford, MD
Associate Professor, Burn & Trauma Loyola University Medical Center

Eden Lake, MD
Associate Professor
Dermatology Loyola University Medical Center

Elizabeth Simmons, PsyD
Assistant Professor Dept of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences Loyola University Medical Center

Krisnan Warrior, MD
Pulmonologist Loyola University Medical Center

Esther Fuchs, MD
Department of Gynecology University of Washington Seattle
Eversight hosted an Honoree Reception for previous People of Vision and Gift of Sight Honorees from the annual Gift of Sight Masquerade.

Hajirah Saeed, MD will be a new Part-Time (1.5 half day/week) consultant on the Cornea Service effective June 6th. I am confident that she will bring not only the clinical expertise but also the collaborative NIH funding to develop our proposed SJS “Center of Excellence”. Haji’s academic and clinical experience will also be a substantial asset to the education, clinical and research missions of the Loyola Department of Ophthalmology.
DISCUSSION
NOTES GROUP

Following the OcuSim session, a group discussion was carried out in a round table format. Notes from the residents' comments are listed below:

1. The ability to explore anatomical details was appreciated. Learners like to be able to walk into the eye. They all excitedly expressed the desire to have a "Magic School Bus" type effect to travel through the aqueous pathway.

OcuSim® Session: Stanford Ophthalmology Residents
April 14th, 2022

Attendees: Loyola Ophthalmology: A. Khanna, S. Khanna (PGY4) AAO: Dale Fajardo (Vice President Education), Daniel Mummet (Director, Online Education) Stanford: Ophthalmology residents, Glaucoma & Neuro-ophthalmology fellows, Faculty (Heather Moss, R. Chang, C. Lin)

Sample Sketches

2. “Will your team be making this available to other residency programs?” asked by one resident and most others nodded in agreement.

3. Visualization of the pathophysiology of dysfunctions such as steroid induced glaucoma, iris bombe, and aqueous misdirection glaucoma were deemed valuable and provided increased clarity as opposed to reading in a book.

4. Suggestions for User Interface: Would like more flexibility to go back and forth within the guided experience, louder audio, option to search text, have the controller button directions pop up within the virtual room instead of on the back wall. One user got a headache with prolonged use of VR.

5. Residents want to be able to:
   a. Practice performing laser procedures in VR/visualize the changes on a cellular level
   b. Manipulate extraocular muscles to observe their actions
   c. Explore high morbidity topics within neuro-ophthalmology
   d. Overlay OCT onto the cellular layers in the Retina Module

6. The ability to explore anatomical details was appreciated.

7. “Will your team be making this available to other residency programs?”
Global Health News

**Humanity First USA**

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