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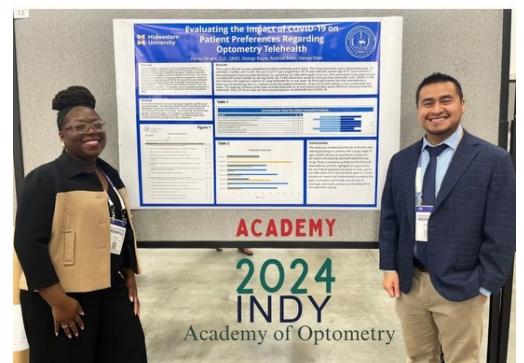
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The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) 2024 conference was held in Indianapolis, IN on November 6-9. AAO hosted several hours of continuing education where attendees learn about the latest scientific and technological advances. All attendees were able to earn 32+ COPE Continuing Education credits over the course of the meeting. AAO presents this annual meeting to provide workshops of educational resources, courses, posters and lectures; present awards and to meet colleagues and friends. It helps advance eyecare knowledge and provide updates for optometry doctors, faculty, students and patient care. It is the largest optometry conference of the year. There were thousands of attendees and over 125 different companies that represented and participated in education opportunities. Included among these attendees were our very own faculty and students who presented posters, lectures and workshops.

<https://aaopt.org/meetings/academy-2024-indianapolis/>

Posters Presented:

- * **Parres Wright O.D., FAAO, George Bagay (CCO 2025), Andrew Baker (CCO 2025).** Evaluating the Impact of COVID-19 on Patient Preferences Regarding Optometry Telehealth. 2024.

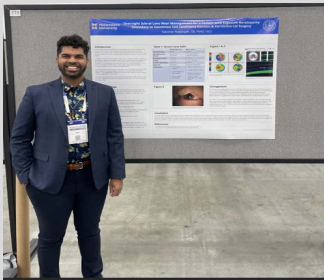


Parres Wright O.D., FAAO, George Bagay. AAO 2024.

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Posters Presented:

- * Suraj Upadhyaya, Ph.D., Denisa Suteu (CCO 2025), Giancarlo Figueroa (CCO 2025), Shereen Rammaha (CCO 2025). Profile of Fixation in Different Refractive Errors. 2024.



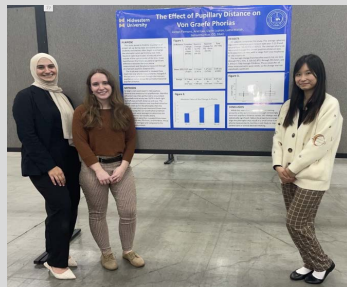
Vakishan Nadarajah, O.D., FAAO, FSLs. AAO 2024

- * Vakishan Nadarajah, O.D., FAAO, FSLs., Renna Jacob (CCO 2025), Gurveen Thandi (CCO 2025), Oluwatobi Folaju (CCO 2025). Overnight Scleral Lens Wear Management for a Patient with Exposure Keratopathy Secondary to Squamous Cell Carcinoma Excision & Corrective Lid Surgery. 2024.

- * Jenny Geevarghese, O.D., FAAO. The Mystery of the Milky View After Cataract Surgery: Navigating Delayed Capsular Bag Distension Syndrome. 2024.

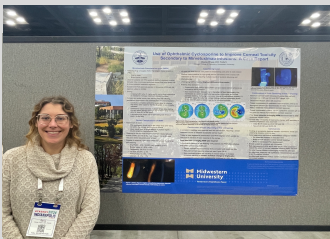
- * Samantha Rice, O.D., FAAO. Student Self-Assessment of Study Skills & Long-Term Material Retention. 2024.

- * Samantha Rice O.D., FAAO. Claire Lupton (CCO 2025), Ariel Lau (CCO 2025), Luma Mallah (CCO 2025), Jordyn Flemons (CCO 2025). The Effect of Pupillary Distance on Von Graefe Phorias. 2024.



CCO Students: Claire Lupton, Ariel Lau, Luma Mallah. AAO 2024

- * Parres Wright O.D., FAAO. Implementation of a Formalized Faculty Mentorship Program for Black OD Residents Pursuing a Career in Academia-A Retrospective 2-year Analysis. 2024.



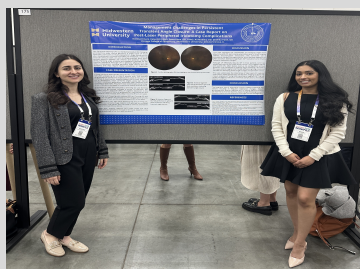
Dana Rhea O.D., FAAO. AAO 2024.

- * Dana Rhea O.D., FAAO. Use of Ophthalmic Cyclosporine to Improve Corneal Toxicity Secondary to Mirvetuximab Infusions: A Case Report. 2024.

- * Dana Rhea O.D., FAAO, Giacomo Cilliani (CCO 2025), Ana Pernia (CCO 2025), Caroline Rosario (CCO 2025), Kaila Taitano (CCO 2025). Inexperienced versus Experienced Goldmann Applanation Tonometry and Its Effects on Corneal Topography. 2024.

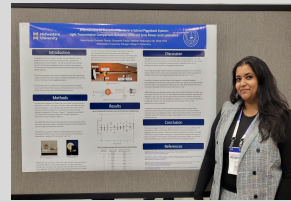
- * Jenelle Mallios, O.D., FAAO, DIPL OF ABO. Convergence Excess Esotropia Induced by Low Dose Atropine for Myopia Control . 2024.

- * Konstantina Kalas, O.D., FAAO, DIPL OF ABO, Dana Rhea O.D., FAAO, Alumni: Drshika Patel, O.D., Ali Makled O.D. Management Challenges in Persistent Angle Closure: A Case Report on Post-Laser Peripheral Iridotomy Complications. 2024.



Konstantina Kalas, O.D., FAAO, DIPL OF ABO. Alumni: Drshika Patel, O.D. AAO 2024.

- * Jessica Conroy, OD, FAAO, FSLs., Linda Vang (CCO 2025), Harkirat Gill (CCO 2025), Kelsey Thomas (CCO 2025). The Effect of Extreme Temperature on Rigid Gas Permeable Lens Parameters. 2024.



CCO Student: Renna Jacob . AAO 2024

- * Vakishan Nadarajah, O.D., FAAO, FSLs., Renna Jacob (CCO 2025), Gurveen Thandi (CCO 2025), Oluwatobi Folaju (CCO 2025). Effectiveness of Transition Lenses in a Scleral Piggyback System: Light Transmission Comparison Between Different Lens Power and Luminance. 2024.

- * Fredrick Collison O.D., FAAO, Brooke Major (CCO 2025), Lauren Delisi (CCO 2025), Hana Tulemat. An Investigation into the Effect on Choroidal Thickness Using Standard Dilating Eyedrops over a Timespan. 2024.

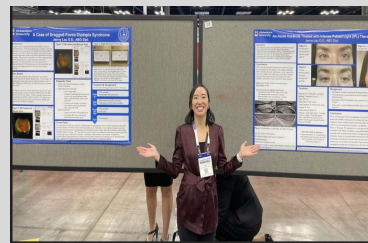
- * Daniel Deligio, OD, FAAO, FSLs. Tinted Contact Lens Series: Uses of Tinted Contact Lenses for Various Ocular Conditions. 2024.



Daniel Deligio, OD, FAAO, FSLs. AAO 2024

- * Hye Seon Yoo, O.D., Fatima Haider (CCO 2025), Myriam Morcos (CCO 2025). Acute Change of Intraocular Pressure Following Warm Compresses. 2024.

- * Adrienne Quan, O.D., FAAO., Lauren Byers Arijit Chakraborty Ph.D., MPhil. Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation of MT+ Has an Effect on Visual Evoked Responses Within Area V1. 2024.



Jenny Lau O.D., DIPL OF ABO. AAO 2024.

- * Jenny Lau O.D., DIPL OF ABO. An Acute Hordeola Treated with Intense Pulsed Light Therapy. 2024.

- * Jenny Lau O.D., DIPL OF ABO. A Case of Draged-Fovea Diplopia Syndrome. 2024.

Lectures Presented:

- * John Gialousakis O.D., ED.M., FAAO (Dipl CCLRT). Teaching Strategies for Maximizing Memory Retention and Clinical Lecture Performance (Academic Optometry SIG). 2024.

- * John Gialousakis O.D., ED.M., FAAO (Dipl CCLRT). Corneal and scleral lens troubleshooting. 2024.

- * Karen Kehbein O.D. FAAO, FCOVD , Clinton Prestwich O.D. FAAO. Vision in the classroom. 2024.



John Gialousakis O.D., ED.M., FAAO (Dipl CCLRT). AAO 2024.

Workshops:

- * Hye Seon Yoo O.D. Gaining Confidence in Gonioscopy: Technique & Interpretation. 2024.

WELCOME NEW CLINICAL ADJUNCTS**Dr. Marija Novakovich:**

Dr. Marija Novakovich attained her Doctor of Optometry at Indiana University where she also completed her Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology. Dr. Novakovich completed her residency in Pediatrics, Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN. Prior to her residency, Dr. Novakovich completed multiple externships, working within private practices and large healthcare systems in the areas of binocular vision, strabismus and amblyopia treatment, visual processing disorders, vision therapy, pediatric eye care, and disease management. Dr. Novakovich is a member of the American Optometric Association and the Optometric Vision Development & Rehabilitation Association. Dr. Novakovich provides direct patient care at Clarendon Vision Advanced EyeCare in Westmont, IL. Dr. Novakovich enjoys spending her weekends with her family and friends. She also enjoys spending time outdoors, trying new foods, and loves to read.

Dr. Shelby Rogers:

Shelby Rogers earned her Doctor of Optometry from the Southern College of Optometry (SCO) in Memphis, TN where she graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors. After graduation, she completed a residency in Ocular Disease and Low Vision from the Jesse Brown VAMC Hospital / Hines Blind Rehabilitation Center in Chicago, IL. Dr. Rogers then spent many years after residency working in the Chicagoland suburbs at a high-volume ophthalmology referral center, with a strong emphasis on medical glaucoma treatment as well as surgical pre- and post-op management for cataract and refractive surgeries. During this time, in addition to patient care she also participated in clinical research trials for glaucoma, cataract, and cornea medications, devices, and surgical protocols. Dr. Rogers is a Naperville native. She and her husband (also an optometrist), currently live and work in the city of Chicago and focus on primary eye care. In her free time, she enjoys going to concerts, golfing, weekend getaways, and reading on the couch with her elderly cat, Garfunkel.

**Dr. Kristie Barbaro:**

Dr. Barbaro received her doctorate in 2008 from Illinois College of Optometry. She started her career in a private practice in Green Bay, Wisconsin. In 2010, she moved to the Chicagoland area and began working at Northwestern Medicine as a Clinical Assistant Professor in Primary Care. She currently works at Midwest Eye in Downers Grove. Dr. Barbaro's full scope of care includes primary care, specialty contact lenses, and disease management. She enjoys learning about the latest and greatest in Optometry and tries to learn something new every day. She looks forward to working with students; being a mentor and resource. She is a member of the American Optometric Association, the Illinois Optometric Association, West Suburban Optometric Association, and the National Glaucoma Society. Dr. Barbaro and her husband Joe, live in Downers Grove with their 3 children and pug. When she is away from the office, she enjoys spending time with her family, the outdoors, water sports, reading, and biking. She is a Packers fan, which has served her well over the years living in Chicagoland.



CLINIC NEWS

ASCO's Joint Clinical Directors/Administrators SIG & Externship SIG Meeting

Midwestern University's Chicago College of Optometry was proud and honored to host ASCO's Joint Clinical Directors/ Administrators SIG & Externship SIG meeting for 2024. The theme this year was Artificial Intelligence- from AI in higher Ed to AI in Optometry and finally AI and DEI- it was an incredible opportunity to collaborate, share insights, and continue advancing the field of optometric education. Thank you to all who joined us in pushing the boundaries of clinical care and externship programs! Thank you to ASCO and all our sponsors.



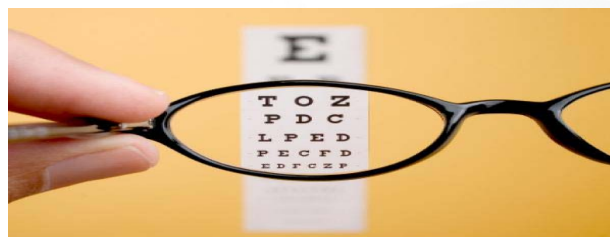
Calendar of Eye/Vision Awareness

(AOA Eye Care Calendar & Events)

December: FSA Awareness

January: Glaucoma Awareness Month

February: Low Vision Awareness Month



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We would love to hear about any updates on you and your site! Presented a poster or lecture at a conference? Providing new services at your site? Earned a fellowship or diplomate status? Let us know. You may be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters.

You may contact the Assistant Director of Rotations, Dr. Daniel Deligio, at ddelig@midwestern.edu or 630-743-4853, or Clinical Education Coordinator, Shannen Hamlin, at shamli@midwestern.edu or 630-743-4812.

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IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

Last Day of the Winter Quarter	February 21, 2025
Submit Final Grades	February 21, 2025
CCO CE Event	March 12, 2025
Start of Spring Quarter	March 3, 2025

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Visit our **CCO Preceptor Resources** page at <https://www.midwestern.edu/academics/degrees-programs/doctor-optometry-program/chicago-college-optometry/current-preceptors>

For more information or to be added to our CE listserv, please contact: Karyn Houbolt (khoubol@midwestern.edu)