WE PROUDLY EMBRACE OUR RICH HISTORY AND STRIVE TO LEAVE SUCH A LEGACY

In 1880, the School of Medicine was a two-year medical preparatory program on the Lawrence campus. Dr. Simeon Bell envisioned a teaching hospital – educating future physicians – and, through Dr. Bell’s generosity and dedication, the school and Bell Memorial Hospital have been at their current location in Kansas City, Kansas, since 1924.

Ophthalmology has been a required course of study for medical students at the University of Kansas since 1905-6. It was not until 1914, however, when the Department appointed its first Chairman, E.J. Curran, M.D. Dr. Curran, commonly considered as the Founding Father of the Department, is credited as instrumental in establishing the Department such that it has been able to prosper.

Outgrowing the second floor Sudler location and the long-term goal to create an Eye Institute of Excellence, the Department of Ophthalmology moved off the School of Medicine campus to its current location on State Line Road. While physically separated, the Department is in no way separate from the School of Medicine’s tradition of excellence in patient care and education or in its dedication to our community.

Selected for its greater access to the growing parts of Johnson County, the office at State Line Road also provides the convenience of a covered drop-off entrance and ample close-by parking.

In 1980, the Aerial view of KU Medical Center (Rainbow Boulevard in foreground).

School of Medicine (current), KU Medical Center Campus, Kansas City.
Welcome to our inaugural newsletter for KU Eye!

Let me begin by thanking each of you for the confidence you have invested in the University of Kansas Department of Ophthalmology and especially in me as the new Chairman. I appreciate all of the support I have received, both in being selected for this honor, as well as the ongoing collaboration in making the Department as great as we know it will be.

Dr. E.J. Curran founded the Department in 1914 and the first residents were trained in 1946. Over time, a real synergy developed among the department, the school and hospital, our patients and our alumni. This first newsletter is dedicated to honoring our past and acknowledging our present status, while offering a glimpse into our promising future. I look forward to hearing all of your memories, both living and passed, so that we have a thorough and accurate record. In keeping with this desire, we recently mailed invitations to all alumni to our 25th Annual Lemoine Alumni Reception, which is 5:30-8:30 p.m., Saturday, October 24th at the InterContinental, San Francisco, CA. Dr. Martin Mainster will be attending to renew acquaintance with his many former residents and fellow faculty.

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The Ophthalmology department at KUMC has a longstanding history of research and scientific contributions and is evidenced by current faculty, including Martin Mainster, MD, PhD and George Timberlake, PhD. Dr. Mainster is the Luther L. Fry Endowed Professor of Ophthalmology. Dr. Mainster specializes in macular and retinal vascular disorders. His innovations, which have become standard ophthalmic practice, include UV-protective IOLs, aspheric contact lens, the crossed-beam photodisruptor aiming system, and clinical applications of scanning laser ophthalmoscopy. Soon to graduate to Professor Emeritus, Dr. Mainster is the recipient of the American Academy of Ophthalmology’s Honor and Senior Achievement Awards. He has written over 30 scientific publications and is an author on 7 patents. He is recognized for his scientific contributions in retinal biophysics and imaging, laser instrumentation, ocular light hazards, macular disease, physiological optics and photopigment kinetics.

Dr. Timberlake’s research focuses on the physiology of eye movements, physiological optics, laser-tissue interaction, and the effects of macular scotomas on visual function. In addition, he developed a computer-based automated visual acuity tester, and a device for stabilizing a laser beam on the retina for retinal photoagulation. He has a joint appointment in the Department of Chemistry where he developed light-activated collagen-crosslinking compounds, include UV-protective IOLs, aspheric contact lens, the crossed-beam photodisruptor aiming system, and clinical applications of scanning laser ophthalmoscopy. Soon to graduate to Professor Emeritus, Dr. Mainster is the recipient of the American Academy of Ophthalmology’s Honor and Senior Achievement Awards. He has written over 30 scientific publications and is an author on 7 patents. He is recognized for his scientific contributions in retinal biophysics and imaging, laser instrumentation, ocular light hazards, macular disease, physiological optics and photopigment kinetics.

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Dr. Timberlake developed the method for presenting visual stimuli in the scanning laser ophthalmoscope and was the first to use this method for characterizing visual function in individuals with macular degeneration. His present grant-funded research involves study of the effects of macular scotomas on performing manual tasks.

John Sutphin, MD, Chair of the Ophthalmology Department since December 2006, has been instrumental in renewing the Department’s commitment to research. Adding one new researcher already, he actively seeks new faculty in oculoplastics and glaucoma. Dr. Sutphin brings his own vast experience in research in the area of corneal diseases and refractive procedures. His specific research interests include keratitis diagnosis and management, corneal topography including three-dimensional analysis of refractive surgery results, wavefront analysis, the introduction of novice surgeons to small incision cataract surgery and refractive surgery, and comparison of outcomes of two corneal transplantation procedures (DMEK vs. DSAEK).

Tom Whittaker, MD, JD, a renowned clinician for his neuro-ophthalmology expertise, serves as an investigator in many clinical trials for neurological diseases, currently as the KUMC site primary investigator for a nationwide study examining the effectiveness of peripheral prism glasses in the treatment of homonymous hemianopia. Currently, Dr. Whittaker is seeking patients to participate in two additional studies. One is a non-treatment/observational study of nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION) in males over the age of 45. These patients must be enrolled within three weeks of onset. The other study involves a drug treatment for acute optic neuritis (AON) in males and females over the age of 18. Patients in this trial must be enrolled within nine days of onset.

In order to offer patients the opportunity to participate in either study, referrals of patients suspected to have or diagnosed with either NAION or AON should be directed to Becky Bothwell, Research Coordinator, at 913-588-0105, for screening and scheduling.

William Godfrey, MD, is restarting a research program from which he has previously gathered much data. He recently was awarded a $19,000 grant from the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation to examine the choroidal mast cell in rats in order to identify the chemicals released by these mast cells and the role they play in vascular processes in the posterior pole of the eye.

R.C. Andrew Symons, MD, PhD, who joined KU Eye in September 2008, is seen at bottom of page in his Genetics Laboratory, located in Smith Hall. Dr. Symons is working to discover the genes which make some mouse strains more likely than others to develop retinal blood vessel damage when exposed to high oxygen levels. The mouse model that he uses is very similar to the human disease Retinopathy of Prematurity, which is one of the major causes of severe visual impairment in children. Dr. Symons expects that this work will be relevant both to Retinopathy of Prematurity and to diabetic retinopathy. The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and the Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC) have committed to supporting Dr. Symons’ work up to $100,000 per year for three years. Dr. Symons was also awarded an external grant of $40,000 from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to support this work in 2009.

Dr. Symons received $25,000 in start up funds from the Lied Endowed Basic Science Pilot scheme and a $20,000 Clinical Research Feasibility Funds (CREFF) Grant from KUMC General Clinical Research Center to support his collaboration with researchers in Melbourne, Australia and Pittsburgh, PA to find genetic markers which influence susceptibility to diabetic retinopathy.
The KU Residency Program began in 1946 with two residents, Robert Polson, M.D. and David Loy, M.D. A one-year program, both were the first graduates in 1947. The next class was also two residents, Earl Padfield, M.D. and Fred Bosilevac, M.D. “We were the first two-year residents. Pad, Earl Padfield, and I started the 7th of June 1947 and we finished in ’49, June the 6th,” said Dr. Bosilevac in a 2007 interview. The program remained two years until 1956, when it went to three years, as was the standard. In 1988, changing to a four-year residency to allow for a year of research was tried but, lacking adequate research support, in 1993, it reverted back to three years, as it is today.

Growing the residency program, however, was affected by many factors, such as World War I claiming many physicians in service, The Great Depression and the very structure and availability of instruction being primarily in private practices. Larry L. Calkins, M.D., graduate of the KU School of Medicine in 1945 and faculty in the Department of Ophthalmology from 1952-1965, credited the promotion and growth of the residency program chiefly to Al Lemoine, M.D. Additionally, Dr. Calkins pointed to Ophthalmology becoming autonomous rather than a section of another department, such as surgery, as having “materially assisted the development of a first-class residency training program.”

Since 1946, 135 residents have joined the Lemoine Alumni.

The Department of Ophthalmology’s long-standing partnership with the Lions Clubs is genuinely treasured and not just for their reliable and incredibly financial support but also for the awareness and promotion of understanding issues of blindness and vision in the larger community. Through Lions Recycle for Sight, Lions World Sight Day, White Cane Day and Candy Day – just to name a few – the Lions increase awareness of the need for quality eye care.

The generosity of the Lions has made possible a number of purchases over time, with the most recent large purchase the Leica Microscope (seen at the left) in August 2007. Having this operating microscope in the clinic enables performing a number of procedures that might previously have required patients going to the hospital to have an additional expense to them and a loss of time at work. This microscope is also used to educate the public and to train residents, as well as medical students, in various surgical procedures, so that they can continue the good care of Kansas Ophthalmology.

KU Eye Donor Partnership

As our partners, the Donors acknowledged here have made it possible for the Department of Ophthalmology to pursue excellence in educating physicians and scientists to serve the healthcare needs of Kansas; in providing superior eye care for patients and in discovering and applying new knowledge through basic and clinical research. We salute their exceptional generosity and thank them for their gifts of love and caring.

KU Eye Open House, June 2007
Mary Lou Evans, Center: Fred Bosilevac, M.D., KUMC Alumni Resident 1949, and Kansas Senator District 24 Pete Brungardt.

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Left to right: Ted Hutchcraft, Candidate Person for Kansas Lions Sight Foundation District 17K7; John Sutfin, MD, then newly appointed Chair of KU Dept. of Ophthalmology; Burt Gordon, Treasurer of Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

Right back: Frank Pippenger, Overland Park Lions Club
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Left back: Robert Blase, then President, Kansas Lions Sight Foundation
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Education

- Fellowship (Cornea and External Disease), Cullen Eye Institute, Houston, TX • Medical Center, San Diego, CA

Post Graduate Education

- Internship (Rotating), Naval Regional Medical Center, San Diego, CA • Residency (Ophthalmology), Naval Regional Medical Center, San Diego, CA • Fellowship (Anterior Segment Surgery), Cullen Eye Institute, Houston, TX • Fellowship (Cornea and External Disease), Cullen Eye Institute, Houston, TX

Certification

- Fellow Affiliates, 1986-1993 • Senior Achievement Award 2005 • Executive Vice President 2007 • Pata, India • Patiala, India • University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS

Post Graduate Education

- Internship (Rotating), Rajendra Hospital, Patiala, India • Fellowship (Cornea and Anterior Segment), Hamburg University Eye Clinic, Hamburg, Germany • Research Fellowship (Cornea/External Disease), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN • Clinical Fellow (Ophthalmology, Immunology/Uveitis), Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Certification

- American Board of Ophthalmology, Diplomate Professional Affiliations

- American Academy of Ophthalmology Fellow • The American Medical Association, Member • Kansas Medical Society, Member

Education

- BS (Chemistry), University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE • MD, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

Post Graduate Education

- Residency (Ophthalmology), University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE • Fellowship (Cornea Surgery), Pinkin Eye Clinic, Omaha, NE

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Professional Affiliations

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Education

- BS (Mathematics), University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS • MD, University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS

Post Graduate Education

- Extremity (Cardiology), St. Luke’s Hospital, Kansas City, MO • Internship, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA • Residency (Ophthalmology), University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS • Research Fellowship (Ophthalmology), University of California, San Francisco, CA

Professional Affiliations

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Education

- MBBS (MD equivalent), University of Melbourne, Australia • PhD, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, University of Melbourne, Australia

Post Graduate Education

- Internship (Rotating), Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria, Australia • Residency (Ophthalmology), Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, Australia • Fellowship (Retinal Research), Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD • Fellowship (Retina), Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Certification

- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists Professional Societies

- Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists

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Education

- BS, University of Maryland, College Park, MD • MA, Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Post Graduate Education

- Visual Neuroscience, Eye Research Institute, Boston, MA • Ophthalmic Physics, Eye Research Institute, Boston, MA

Professional Affiliations

- Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Additional Academic and Professional Appointments and Activities

- Director, Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Eye Research Fund • Senior Eye/Vision Researcher, Kansas City VA Medical Center • Joint Appointment, Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology • Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Kansas

Education

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• American Board of Ophthalmology
• London Diploma in Tropical Medicine, London School of Tropical Medicine
• Laser Institute of America
• American Physical Society
• Kansas City Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology
• Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
• Refractive Surgery

Post Graduate Education
• Intern in Medicine, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX
• Resident in Ophthalmology, Scott and White Memorial Hospital, Temple, TX
• Fellow in medical and surgical management of retinal and vitreous diseases, Retina Associates, Retina Foundation, and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, MA

Professional Societies
• American Academy of Ophthalmology
• American, Canadian and European Societies Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
• Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
• Kansas City Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology
• American Physical Society
• Kansas State Ophthalmological Society
• Laser Institute of America
• Macula Society
• Sigma Xi

Education
• BA, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, NC
• PhD, North Carolina State University at Raleigh, NC
• MD, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX

Hospital, Phoenix, AZ
• Residency (Ophthalmology), Wayne State University, Kresge Eye Institute, Detroit, MI

Certification
• American Board of Ophthalmology
• Cataract Surgery, American Board of Eye Surgeons (member of first group of surgeons certified in cataract surgery by this board).

Professional Affiliations
• American Academy of Ophthalmology, Fellow
• The American College of Surgeons, Fellow
• The American College of Eye Surgeons, Fellow
• President 2005-2007
• The Society for Excellence in Eyecare, Fellow
• American Intracocular Implant Society (AIOS) (New American Society of Refractive and Cataract Surgery). ASCRS, Member
• International Intracocular Implant Club (IIIC), Member

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Education
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Post Graduate Education
• Internship (Transitional), William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI
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• Fellowship (Retinal), Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami, FL
• Fellowship (Vitreous/Retina), William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI

Certification
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• BA (Biology), University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS
• MD, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

Post Graduate Education
• Medicine Internship, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Baltimore, MD
• Residency (Ophthalmology), Doheny Eye Institute, Los Angeles, CA
• Fellowship (Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery), Khan Eyelid and Facial Plastic Surgery, Overland Park, KS

Certification
• American Board of Ophthalmology
• American Medical Association
• American Academy of Ophthalmology
• Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
• American Academy of Ophthalmic Examiners
• Johns Hopkins Medical and Surgical Association

Terrence Curran, MD
CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, OPHTHALMOLOGY
SPECIALTY: GENERAL OPHTHALMOLOGY

Education
• BA, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
• MD, University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS

Post Graduate Education
• Internship, St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, MO
• Residency (Ophthalmology), University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS
• Diploma in Tropical Medicine, London School of Tropical Medicine, London

Certification
• American Board of Ophthalmology

Professional Affiliations
• American Academy of Ophthalmology, Fellow

Luther Fry, MD
CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, OPHTHALMOLOGY
SPECIALTY: CATARACT EXTRACTION AND INTRAOCULAR LENS IMPLANTATION

Education
• BA (Mathematics), University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS
• MD, University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS

Post Graduate Education
• Internship (Rotating), Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix, AZ

Certification
• American Board of Ophthalmology
• Cataract Surgery, American Board of Eye Surgeons (member of first group of surgeons certified in cataract surgery by this board).

Professional Affiliations
• American Academy of Ophthalmology, Fellow
• The American College of Surgeons, Fellow
• The American College of Eye Surgeons, Fellow
• President 2005-2007
• The Society for Excellence in Eyecare, Fellow
• American Intracocular Implant Society (AIOS) (New American Society of Refractive and Cataract Surgery). ASCRS, Member
• International Intracocular Implant Club (IIIC), Member

Frank E. McKee, Jr., MD
CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, OPHTHALMOLOGY
SPECIALTY: COMPREHENSIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY

Education
• BS, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
• MD, University of Kansas, Kansas City, MO

Post Graduate Education
• Internship, St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, MO

Certification
• American Board of Ophthalmology, Diplomate
• American Academy of Ophthalmology, Fellow
• American Medical Association
• American Academy of Ophthalmology
• Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
• American Academy of Ophthalmic Examiners
• Johns Hopkins Medical and Surgical Association

Thomas J. Whittaker, JD, MD
PROFESSOR, OPHTHALMOLOGY
SPECIALTY: NEURO-OPTHALMOLOGY

Education
• BA (Biology), Rice University, Houston, TX
• MS (Biomedical Engineering), Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Graduate Education
• JD with Distinction, University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, MO

Certification
• MD, University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS

Post Graduate Education
• Internship (Internal Medicine), University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO
• Residency (Ophthalmology), University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO
• Fellowship (Neuro-Ophthalmology), Dean A. McGee Eye Institute, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, OK

Professional Affiliations
• American Board of Ophthalmology, Diplomate
• American Academy of Ophthalmology
• American Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons
• Board of Directors, 2005-Present
• Missouri Bar Association
• Missouri Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons
Gerhard W. Chris, MD
Clinical Professor, Ophthalmology
Specialty: Pediatric Ophthalmology
Education
• BA, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
• MD, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO

Robert A. Rymer, M.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor
Specialties: Glaucoma, Cataracts/Intracocular Lens (IOL)
Post Graduate Education
• Internship, Baylor University School of Medicine, Houston, TX
• Residency, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA

• Fellowship (Electrophysiology), University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA
• Fellowship (Pediatric Ophthalmology), University of Miami, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami, FL

Professional Affiliations
• American Board of Ophthalmology
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• American Board of Ophthalmology

• American Academy of Ophthalmology
• American Academy for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
• American Ophthalmological Society
• International Strabismus Society
• International Society of Ophthalmological Genetics

Erica A. Person, M.D.
Clinical Instructor

Education
• BA, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
• MD, University of Kansas City and Wichita, KS

Post Graduate Education
• Residency (Ophthalmology), University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS
• Fellowship (Glaucoma), Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Professional Affiliations
• American Board of Ophthalmology

Certification
• American Board of Ophthalmology

• Fellowship (Glaucoma), Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
• Fellowship (Glioma), Will’s Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Internships and Fellowships
• Internship (Medicine), University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO

City School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO

Internship: University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO

Michael C. Stiles, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor
Specialties: Glaucoma, Cataracts, Intraocular Lenses

Michael Bisco, MD
Undergraduate: Harvard College, Cambridge, MA
Medical School: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL
Internship: St. Joseph Hospital, Chicago, IL

Timothy Lindquist, MD
Undergraduate: Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL
Medical School: Rush University Medical College, Chicago, IL
Internship: Internal Medicine

Ryan Pynx, MD
Undergraduate: Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
Medical School: Southern Illinois University, School of Medicine, Springfield, IL
Internship: Internal Medicine

My Lee Shaw, MD
Undergraduate: University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Medical School: University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA
Internship (Transitional): St. John Hospital, Grosse Pointe, MI

Dr. Rymer will provide coverage of inpatient consultations on a part-time basis.

After attaining a M.D. from the University of Colorado Medical School in Denver, Dr. Rymer completed a rotating internship at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, where he remained for his Fellowship in Ophthalmic Pathology. Dr. Rymer then completed a Fellowship in Cornea and External Disease at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. His residency in Ophthalmology was at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin. Dr. Rymer served two years in the United States Navy attaining the rank of First Lieutenant. He served aboard the USS Coral Sea and at the US Naval Station at Treasure Island as a General Medical Officer.

The ophthalmology team at The University of Kansas Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of Clinical Instructor Erica A. Person, M.D. and Assistant Professor Robert A. Rymer, M.D.

Dr. Person specializes in comprehensive ophthalmology and joins as full-time faculty September 1, 2009.

Earning her Medical Degree from St. Louis University, Dr. Person completed a one-year internship at Forest Park Hospital, also in St. Louis. Fellowship training at Washington University Eye Center in St. Louis, Dr. Person recently completed her Residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Missouri - Kansas City.

Leila Kemp, MD
Medical School: North Ossetian Medical Academy, Vladikavkaz, Russia
Residency:
• Fyodorov Eye Institute, Ophthalmology, Moscow, Russia
• St. Agnes Health Care, Internal Medicine (board eligible), Baltimore, MD
• University of Nebraska Medical Center, Ophthalmology, Omaha, NE

Fellowship:
• Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Ocular Immunology/Uveitis, Boston, MA
• National Institutes of Health, Medical Retina/Uveitis, Bethesda, MD

Soyeon Chin, PhD, MD
Undergraduate: Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Medical School: Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA
Internship: Los Angeles County & University of Southern California Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
Residency:
• Los Angeles County & University of Southern California Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
• Louisiana State University/Ochsner Residency Program of Ophthalmology, New Orleans, LA

Kartie Kumar, MD
Undergraduate: Washington University, St. Louis, MO
Medical School: University of Texas - Southwestern, Dallas, TX
Internship: New York University Medical Center, New York, NY

Ryan Pynx, MD
Undergraduate: Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
Medical School: Southern Illinois University, School of Medicine, Springfield, IL
Internship: Internal Medicine

Karl Bishara, MD
Undergraduate: University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO
Medical School: University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO
Internship: University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO
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- For appointments or general questions, please call our Front Office Staff at 913-588-6600.
- Medical records fax number: 913-588-6655.
- Administration and non-appointment general questions: Phone: 913-588-6605; Fax: 913-588-0888.
- Residency and Medical Student Information: 913-588-6660.
- Refractive Surgery inquiries: 913-588-0105.
- Optical Shop: 913-588-6624
- The Physician Directory is available by calling 913-588-5862/877-588-5862 or viewing online at kumed.com.

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Locally, the Department of Ophthalmology is blessed with a rich educational network made possible by our incredible faculty, residents and alumni, as well as ophthalmologists and optometrists throughout the State of Kansas.

Returning to successful traditions from the past, such as the Annual Ophthalmology Course, is one way in which we strive to continue and foster our relationships, educational opportunities and professional development.

While short notice and learning hurdles were easily overshadowed by the impressive presentations given by our Faculty and Residents and our invited speakers, John W. Cowden, M.D., Professor and Chairman, University of Missouri – Columbia, and 2008 KUMC Residency Alumni, Natalia Villate, MD, now Staff Physician at Visual Health and Surgical Center, Palm Springs, Florida. Our appreciation for everyone giving of their time and talents is beyond words! Nationally, the Department has been well as ophthalmologists and optometrists as a kick-off to the Kansas City Society of Ophthalmologists and Optometrists (KCSO&O) Annual Meeting in January 2009.

In keeping with the tradition of hosting distinguished and nationally known physicians, KU Eye was proud to have visiting professor Drs. Arnold and Golnik lecture to residents and faculty from KUMC, the University of Missouri – Kansas City and local ophthalmologists and optometrists as a kick-off to the Kansas City Society of Ophthalmologists and Optometrists (KCSO&O) Annual Meeting in January 2009.

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Dr. Terry Curran, above, in the newly installed vision clinic at Operation Breakthrough.

“Dr. T.” – also known as Ophthalmologist Terry Curran – notices the squint and says, “Where are your glasses?” Giggling, the girl digs them out of her backpack.

“I am the luckiest man in the world!”

Since the clinic opened in December, dozens of children have received glasses, which cost only about $40 a pair, thanks to a partnership with Midwest Lens. A hundred children have had their vision tested. Soon, Dr. T. plans to open the clinic to their parents and eventually the broader community.

“We have a lot of potential here,” Dr. T. said, beaming, “to help a lot of people.”

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Save the date: Kansas EyeCon, May 7-8, 2010

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The path led from A to Z, and all of a sudden we’ve got this beautiful eye clinic.”

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KU EYE CLASS OF 2009 RESIDENTS!

**LEFT:** Michelle Yao, M.D. entered private practice in comprehensive ophthalmology on Long Island, New York.

**CENTER:** Hasan Bahrami, M.D. began a Retina Fellowship with a private non-hospital practice based out of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, MA.

**RIGHT:** Erin Stahl, M.D., recipient of the Alan W. Riley Award, started a one-year Fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology at Children’s Mercy Hospital, which will be followed by a year-long Fellowship in Cornea and Refractive surgery at Durrie Vision and KU. Her future plans are to specialize in pediatric refractive surgery and cornea.

Former KUMC residents Ryan Christensen (2008 graduate) and Ravi Berger (2006 graduate) met up in Ohio, where Dr. Berger is Assistant Clinical Professor at the Metrohealth Medical Center. Dr. Christensen (KUMC Alumni MD, 2004) practices as volunteer faculty at KU Eye, and is full-time at Retina Associates, PA, in Overland Park, KS.

We want your news!!
Please contact Deb Kephart at dkephart@kumc.edu or 913-588-6606 with your alumni news and events.

DECEMBER 2008

Congratulations to Scott J. Fudemberg who recently joined The Anna and William Goldberg Glaucoma Service and Research Center at the Wills Eye Institute! Dr. Fudemberg completed his ophthalmology residency in 2007, during which he was also co-chief resident.

Congratulations also to Eric Fry, M.D. (KUMC Alumni MD 2003; Residency 2007) on becoming Board Certified in Ophthalmology in December 2008!

CONGRATULATIONS

Lemoine Alumni Reception Saturday, November 8, 2008, Atlanta, Georgia

Hope to see you all in San Francisco for the 25th Lemoine Alumni Reception, Saturday, October 24, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, Fremont Room, InterContinental Hotel

Residents and Faculty: Then and Now

1984 Residents
Standing (left to right): Drs. Maxwell, Jefferson, Campbell, Murphy, Lawwill, Mainster, Yin, Hugh Cox, Simone, Unterman, Hang, Beck, Rice.

2009 Residents and Faculty
Front Row, Sitting (left to right): Drs. Floyd, Yao, Khodadadeh, Kumar, Bahrami, Bishara, Stahl and Brusco
Back Row, Standing (left to right): Drs. Godfrey, Durrie, Munden, Surphin, Mainster, Timberlake, Whittaker, DeKeyser, Yu and Hartong.

Below (left to right): Dr. Martin Mainster, Dr. Erin Stahl & Dr. Ken Frank.

Right: (left to right): Dr. Luther Fry, Dr. Martin Mainster, Ardis Fry, Dr. Eric Fry & Dr. Gary Weile.

Below: Dr. Natalia Villate & Dr. Dylan Yu.

Above (left to right): Dr. Gregory Fox, Dr. Erin Stahl & Dr. Drew Hiatt.

Left (left to right): Dr. John Surphin, Dr. Gregory Fox, Dr. Martin Mainster, Dr. Thomas Whittaker, Dr. Drew Hiatt & Emily Surphin.
**Announcements**

**Volunteers Needed**

The Department of Ophthalmology seeks individuals passionate about eye care and Kansas to serve on the Advisory Board for a New Eye Institute for the State of Kansas.

**Newsletter Items/Ideas Needed**

Your input and ideas are important to us and developing this newsletter is no exception! Please send suggestions for folks to interview; topics to explore; current events; alumni news; congratulatory notices – any information you would like to see included, as we endeavor through the initial stages of what is designed to be a helpful and informative communication catalyst.

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**Calendar of Events**

**Alumni Golf Outing**

Dr. Terry Curran is organizing an alumni golf outing during the AAO! Please indicate your interest in participating and day preference - either Saturday or Sunday morning (Oct. 24 or Oct. 25) - to Deb Kephart at 913-588-6606 or dkephart@kumc.edu.

**Lemoine Alumni Reception**

Saturday, October 24, 2009
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
InterContinental, Fremont Room, 888 Howard St., San Francisco, CA. For information or to RSVP, please contact: Deb Kephart at 913-588-6606 or dkephart@kumc.edu.

**Grand Rounds are held at KU Eye Center**

5 p.m. on the second and third Wednesdays of each month, as well as at 7:30 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Also, specialty-specific Journal Clubs are held every other month, with the next on September 23rd at 6 p.m. Please contact Audrey Morrison for information and to RSVP at amorrison@kumc.edu or 913-588-6660.

**Save-the-Date**

**Kansas EyeCon**

May 7-8, 2010
Kansas City, KS.

**Second Annual Optometric Conference**

Friday, Nov. 20, 2009
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
KU Eye Center