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Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences Newsletter

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A Word from our Chair Joern B. Soltau, MD - the Past, Present and Future.....



Welcome Back Dr. Karl Golnik



We are excited to announce the return of Dr. Golnik to UofL Physicians and our Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences! Dr. Golnik is the current Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Cincinnati. We are thrilled to have a collaborative partnership in neuro-ophthalmology with this highly respected clinical program. Dr. Golnik completed Medical School at Johns Hopkins University, his residency at the University of Virginia, and his fellowship in Neuro-ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute. He also holds a Master's in Education from the University of Cincinnati. In addition to his appointment as a Professor of Ophthalmology at the UofL School of Medicine, Dr. Golnik serves as a neuro-ophthalmologist at the University of Cincinnati Gardner Neuroscience Institute.

I want to sincerely thank everyone for a successful 2019!

I feel blessed to work with such a wonderful team. There have been a lot of changes, but with everyone's help and support, our department has grown even stronger and more vibrant this past year.

Next year will also bring more challenges, but I believe we are ready for a brighter tomorrow.

Two events that happened this year will greatly impact our future. The formation of UofLHealth and the acquisition of the Louisville KYOne assets will provide an opportunity for growth in our department. Secondly, partnering with Norton Healthcare to build a stronger pediatric ophthalmology team will also bring additional opportunities.

We are in a stronger position to fulfill our mission. Through research, teaching, learning, and direct patient care we will proudly serve our community by decreasing the burden of visual impairment and preventing blindness. Philanthropic support is vital to our department's future. I would like to thank the Robert Rounsavall Jr. Family Foundation for our new confocal microscope and the entire Byers family for their kind donation to our Precious Eyes Fund.

All gifts, large and small, make a huge impact on our research and teaching missions.

Again, thank y'all,

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Please Join us in Welcoming our new Gratis Faculty Members

Cathy Newton, MD



Charles Bruce, MD



Dr. Newton and Dr. Bruce provide resident education and work as attending physicians in our Resident Clinic.

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Special Thanks and Recognition

Harry Stephenson, MD

Thank you for your generous donation to our teaching funds and for your financial support of the Stephenson Visiting Professor Lecture Series. Your continued devotion to our department is much appreciated. We could not do it without your unyielding generosity.

The Board of Trustees has officially granted you the title, Professor Emeritus.



Lloyd "Skip" Taustine, MD

Thank you for your kind donation of the Kanski's Clinical Ophthalmology textbooks to each of our residents. Our faculty and residents are very grateful for this contribution. These books will continue to be useful to them throughout their careers.

The department also appreciates your support on our collaboration with Taustine Eye Care for the annual Spring Cataract Symposium.



CONGRATULATIONS DR. CLARK

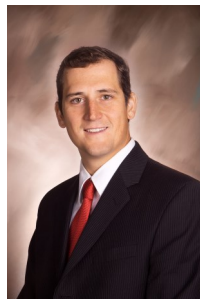
New KOPAC Chair, Jeremy Clark, M.D.

Jeremy Clark, M.D. has been named the new KOPAC Chair on the KAEPS Board. Dr. Clark has also recently been selected as a participant in the Class of 2020 American Academy of Ophthalmology Leadership Development Program.

Dr. Clark serves as Assistant Professor and Associate Residency Program Director of Ophthalmology at the University of Louisville. He is also the Medical Student Director for Ophthalmology as well.

As KOPAC Chair, Dr. Clark will administer the PAC, spearhead fundraising efforts, and strategize with the executive committee.

Our Department is very proud of Dr. Clark's leadership.



Fundraising and How You Can Help



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Special Thanks and Recognition Continued

Our Featured Physician: Rachel Cooley, MD



UofL Physicians | Pediatric Eye Specialists

UofL Physicians – Eye Specialists Welcomes Pediatric Eye Specialist Rachel Cooley, M.D.

Dr. Rachel Cooley comes to UofL Physicians following her pediatric ophthalmology fellowship at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Prior to that she completed her ophthalmology residency at Texas Tech University where she served as Chief Resident.

Dr. Cooley earned her medical degree at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She has participated in various research projects and has won numerous scholarships and awards. She is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus.

DR. COOLEY WILL BE SEEING PATIENTS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

KY Lions Eye Center
301 E. Muhammad Ali Blvd.
Louisville, KY 40202
502-588-0550

Springs Medical Center
6400 Dutchmans Parkway, Suite 310
Louisville, KY 40205
502-742-2848

Elizabethtown Office
1239 Woodland Drive, Suite 114
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
270-506-4087



Staff Awards

Congratulations to Cynthia Brock for winning the School of Medicine Performance Excellence Award and to our Executive Director, Harry “Butch” Schulman for winning the School of Medicine’s Employee of the Year Award!

Ophthalmic Technician News

Two of our senior ophthalmic technicians, Lisa Wheeler and Jael Gonzalez-Ramos worked with Jennifer Noel, Ph.D. over the past four months to learn electrophysiology and vision testing. Specifically, they have participated in a semester long course and are now proficient in the conduction full-field and multi-focal electroretinograms (ERGs), Flash and Pattern Visually Evoked Potentials (VEPs), Dark Adaptation tests, and Color Vision tests. During the course, Jael and Lisa performed the prescribed tests under supervision and have demonstrated competencies in performing all prescribed tests as well as communicating results to our faculty and physicians. The department now has an internally run vision testing lab. All referrals are welcome.



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What's Been Happening?



Guruprasad Giridharan, PhD, Harpal Sandhu, MD, Eesa Mohammed Bastaki, PhD and Ayman El-Baz, PhD

Dr. El-Baz and Dr. Harpal Sandhu gave Dr. Eesa Mohammed Bastaki, President of the University of Dubai, a tour of the Kentucky Lions Eye Center during his visit to the University of Louisville. Presidents Bhendapudi and Bastaki have launched a collaboration between our two institutions involving the exchange of students and post-doctoral researchers. Drs. Sandhu and El-Baz will be hosting and mentoring a student from the University of Dubai who will work with faculty members from both academic institutions on automated diagnostics for macular diseases.

Wetlab

Our Residents participated in an Advanced Surgical Wetlab sponsored by Johnson and Johnson!



Vision Screening at the Kentucky State Fair

Dr. Joern Soltau, MD & his wife, Karin Soltau worked the sceening booth at the State Fair

Summer Picnic

Dr. & Mrs. Soltau hosted our Summer Picnic at their farm. Everyone had a wonderful time with some great team building games. Faculty and staff along with their families toured North Star Farm including the horse barns. Everyone loved the Soltau's miniature donkey "Hayden"



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We've Been Busy.....

DOVS at the Louisville Academy of Ophthalmology



2019 Alumni Reception at the American Academy of Ophthalmology

It was wonderful seeing everyone and catching up at the Alumni Reception in San Francisco. We would like to thank everyone who attended and hope to see those we missed next year in Las Vegas!



Congratulations to Drs. Melissa Tong and Jaafar El-Annan on winning the raffle. They are now able to officially cheer on the Cards from Ontario and Texas!



Dr. Todd Purkiss, 2008; Dr. Raafay Sophie, 2018



Dr. Joern Soltau, Acting Chair; Dr. Rahul Bhola, 2010



Lauren Zachry-Reynolds, UL Senior Director of Development; Dr. Sahana Vyas, 2005; Dr. Eric Downing, 2016



Dr. Melissa Tong, 2011; Dr. Sara Haji Abdollahi, 2012; Dr. Jaafar El-Annan, 2012; Dr. Todd Purkiss, 2008



Dr. Harpal Sandhu, Assistant Professor; Erin Moody, Residency Program Coordinator

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Wishing you and your family a joyous Holiday Season! Thank you for your continued support of our Department.



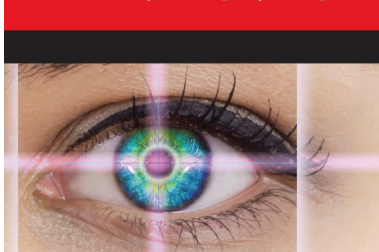
HOLIDAY PARTY

Dr. Soltau and his wife Karin opened their home to our faculty and staff for our annual Holiday Party. We distributed some great door prizes, had some wonderful food and enjoyed time with our DOVS/ULP family.

Congratulations to the Best Recipe Award Winners - Emily Cox & David Dunn

Thanks to the Clinical Faculty for your contributions for staff door prizes!

Refractive Eye Surgery Program



About the new Refractive Eye Surgery Program:

- Cases staffed by Richard Eiferman, M.D., Frank Burns, M.D., and Mark Cassol, M.D., who have performed thousands of refractive procedures.
- Procedures are offered at a more affordable rate, ranging from \$495-\$795 per eye for custom LASIK.

Call **502-588-0550** to schedule an appointment or to get more information.