

Department News

Grants & Awards. Roman Kuranov, PhD was recently notified that he was accepted into a summer long Air Force fellowship program. The goal is to determine the effect of laser exposure on human tissues (more specifically, the eye). He will be using his expertise in OCT development to create an imaging modality to assist with the project. His device will image how laser exposure affects retinal blood oxygenation. Congrats!

Kent Anderson, MD, PhD was informed of his promotion from Assistant Professor/Clinical to Associate Professor/Clinical in early April. It becomes

effective on 9/1/12. Congratulations!

San Antonio Eye Bank. The Department of Ophthalmology received a generous \$10,000 donation recently from Mr. Jim Wagner, Eye Bank Operations, Southern Regional Manager and Executive Director of the San Antonio Eye Bank. Monies from the grant will go to support book purchases, resident research projects, and travel to attend educational conferences. Mr. Wagner formally presented the check to our residents at "Alamo Day" in mid-April.

Successful Dissertation Defense. Congratulations to **Will Lavery** who successful-

ly defended his PhD thesis, "Venous Pressure and Intraocular Pressure Homeostasis," in late April. He was mentored by Jeffrey Kiel, PhD. Now that Will has his PhD, he will concentrate on his MD and graduate from medical school in two years. Congratulations, Will!

Don't forget to VOTE!

Find out what's on your ballot (for Bexar County); click [here](#). You can get the general ballot or the specific actual ballot for your street address. Early voting started April 30th. The election is on May 12th.

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University Holiday!

Memorial Day

May 28, 2012



Resident/Alumni News

Alamo Day Winners! The 32nd Annual Alamo City Clinical Conference was held April 13-14, 2012. The annual Orville Gordon Awards were presented, and the winners were:

1st Place(\$300) — **Jorge Montes MD:** The study of potency and sterility of topical ophthalmic antibiotics.

2nd Place (\$200) — Jason Crosson MD: Wavefront optimized versus wavefront guided PRK: A

retrospective database comparison of six-month outcomes between the ALLEGRETTO WAVE and VISX laser platforms.

3rd Place (\$100) — Laura Rubinate MD: The incidence of tomographic features of keratoconus in patients with sleep apnea syndrome: A prospective randomized doubled masked clinical study.

Honorable Mentions- Paul Drayna MD: Comparison of physician adjustment techniques on post-operative

visual outcomes after wavefront guided refractive surgery on the VISX laser.

Dip Jadav MD: Response to prostaglandin analog monotherapy in Caucasian and Hispanic patients.

Rachel Lieberman MD: The use of cyanoacrylate glue to flatten conjunctival biopsy specimens.

The Dr. Kenneth L. Piest Award-Excellence in Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Research (\$100 UTHSCSA bookstore voucher)—

Sarah Eccles-Brown MD: Ultrasound bone removal versus high speed burring.

Many thanks to community faculty and our alumni for their assistance and support of our annual clinical conference. See you next year!

Fellowship News! Angela Herro, MD has accepted an offer for neuro-ophthalmology fellowship at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute for 2013-14! Congrats!

Event Calendar

MAY is: American Bike Month • Better Sleep Month • Healthy Vision Month • National Bar-B-Que Month • National Physical Fitness & Sports Month • National Photo Month • National Salad Month • National Strawberry Month Transportation Month • Get Caught Reading Month

MAY is: 1st Week: Be Kind to Animals Week • Teacher Appreciation Week • National Pet Week; 3rd Week: National Police Week; 4th Week: National Backyard Games Week



"I respect every soldier, from every country, who serves beside us in the hard work of history. America is grateful, and America will not forget." ~ George W. Bush

- National Weather Observers' Day May 4
- Kentucky Derby May 5
- No Socks Day May 8
- Clean Up Your Room Day May 10
- International Nurses Day May 12
- Kite Day May 12
- National Dance Like a Chicken Day May 14
- National Choco Chip Day May 15
- Visit Your Relatives Day May 18
- Miniature Golf Day May 19
- Mary Had A Little Lamb, published in 1830 May 24

Birthdays

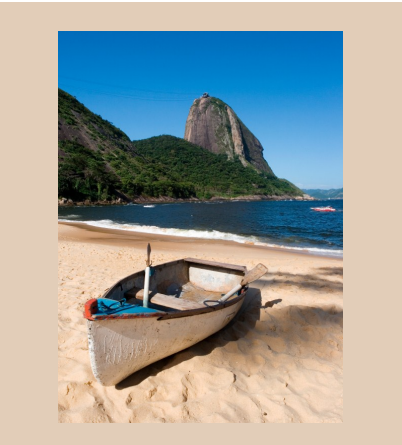
- Audrey Foy May 3
- Clint Duncan, MD May 7
- Cathy Fischl May 11
- John Stokes May 19
- Chris Lee May 20
- Virginia Moreno May 21
- Sherry S-Kellogg May 23
- Roger Velasquez, MD May 24
- Dip Jadav, MD May 25
- Priscilla Garcia May 28



A gift consists not in what is done or given, but in the intention of the giver or doer.

~Lucius Annaeus Seneca

UTHSCSA Holidays



Holiday Calendars through 2013-2014 are posted on UTHSCSA's Human Resources [website](#).

- Memorial Day Mon., May 28, 2012
- Independence Day Wed., Jul. 4, 2012

Meetings, etc.

Future Ophthalmology Meetings—

Association for Research in Vision & Ophthalmology (ARVO), May 6—10, 2012 • Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

American Academy of Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Nov. 10—13, 2012 • Chicago, IL

Mark your calendar and plan to join the Academy in Chicago for its 4th Joint Meeting with the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology. The annual meeting will take place at

McCormick Place in Chicago, IL. It will be preceded by Subspecialty



Day(s), being held on Nov. 9—10.

- ◆ **Housing and registration** for the AAO meeting begins on June 27, open at that time to Academy and AAOE members.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

—Submitted by Jay Collins.

Community Events

Memorial Day Weekend is typically the “unofficial” start of summer. Here are some suggestions for road trips, as well as events going on closer to home —

Scarborough Faire, the Renaissance Festival

5/1—28/2012 (Sat.-Sun. only)
2511 FM 66, Waxahachie, TX

Enjoy the fun with music, magic and juggling. Prepare for full-armor combat jousting, knighting ceremonies, human chess games, maypole dances and camel rides.

Helotes Cornyval

5/3 – 6/2012

Helotes Festival Grounds, Leslie Road @ Rainbow Ridge
Helotes, TX

Enjoy entertainment, a parade, carnival midway rides, a PRCA sanctioned 7-event rodeo, arts and crafts, dances, a children's area and plenty of corn. :))

Port Neches RiverFest

5/3 – 6/2012

Waterfront Park, Port Neches, TX
Entertainment, arts and crafts, food vendors, a talent show, the Best Burger Cook-Off, an antique and

classic car show, and a fireworks display.

Brenham Maifest

5/4 – 5/2012

Downtown, Brenham, TX

Enjoy German bands, dancers and maypole dances, a carnival, children's entertainment, parades and the Country Flavors Festival.

Cinco De Mayo

5/4 – 6/2012

Market Square, San Antonio, TX

Celebrations commemorate the Mexican Army's defeat of the invading French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Events include a festival with music and food.

Texas Crab Festival

5/11 – 13/2012

Gregory Park in Crystal Beach, TX
(Galveston County)

Crab cook-off, crab races, food booths, entertainment

HP Byron Nelson Championship

5/14 – 20/2012

Four Seasons Resort

4150 N Macarthur Blvd, Irving, TX
Some of the greatest golfers in the world compete in this longstanding tournament near Dallas, TX.



The Peddler Show

5/18—20/2012

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds
4310 1st St., Rosenberg, TX

This shopping event features decorative items, gifts, jewelry, apparel and gourmet foods.

Kerrville Folk Festival

5/24 – 6/9/2012

Quiet Valley Ranch, 5600 Medina Hwy, Kerrville, TX

A celebration of about 110 songwriters & their bands from several countries. Arts/crafts, food and camping also are offered.

Official Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair

5/25 – 27/2012

River Star Arts and Event Park, 4000 Riverside Dr. E., Kerrville, TX

Family event features a wide range of crafts by Texas residents; educational and recreational activities also.

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To generate, disseminate, and use knowledge to improve the quality of life of the public by enhancing eye health, detecting systemic disease and increasing our understanding of the visual system. The mission is achieved by actively pursuing the four interrelated components of education, research, patient care and community service in a collegial atmosphere which optimizes the potential of each participant.

If you would like to submit any news for inclusion in the newsletter or if you have comments and/or suggestions, please contact the editor, Beth Siercovich-Dunn at (210) 567-8402 or via e-mail at dunnba@uthscsa.edu. Thank you.

Have a safe & fun Memorial Holiday Weekend

Green (& Earth) News

San Antonio Water System restrictions. STAGE ONE drought rules are in place, so water one time a week (or less), before 10 AM or after 8 PM. Your day to water is based on the last number of your home or business address. No watering on weekends!

Address Ends In	Watering Day
0 or 1	Mon
2 or 3	Tue
4 or 5	Wed
6 or 7	Thur
8 or 9	Fri

America's Greenest Cities 2012. Since Earth Day began as an American event, The Daily Beast wondered how green America's cities are during the rest of the year, with

data from market research firm [Experian Simmons](#) among other sources.

1. Honolulu, HI
2. New York, NY
3. San Francisco, CA
4. Boston, MA
5. Eugene, OR

For the rest of the list, click [here](#).

Wind Farms Warming Texas. Satellite data of surface temperatures from western Texas show a direct correlation between night-time temperature increases and wind farm location. This could put a damper on efforts to expand wind energy as a green energy solution. Researchers used satellite data from 2003 to 2011 to examine surface temperatures in West Texas, which has built four of the world's largest wind farms. Local



farmers, who have already suffered through a killer drought over the past few years, could be hurt even more. One solution could be to change the shape of the turbine blades. If they are made smaller, it would avoid the problem, but wind speed would decrease as it gets closer to the ground and that means a smaller turbine makes less power. ~ Excerpted from an article by Eric Niiler at the Discovery's Channel's [website](#).

Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations, that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

~John A. Logan