Ophthalmology Bulletin

Department News

Congratulations! Erika Perez was recently elected to the Staff Advisory Council. The SAC works on interests, concerns, and issues that affect staff at all UTHSC campuses and reports its’ recommendations to the HSC President.

Retirement! Debbie Schifanella is retired, effective August 31st, after 25 years and a summer of “See you later” celebrations.

You all will be missed and the Department of Ophthalmology wishes everyone all the best as they move on and start new adventures!

The 2017 UTHSCSA State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) runs from September 1st to October 7th (this year’s goal is $410,000). For more info: SECC website, or contact Ophthalmology’s SECC Coordinator, Cindy Orozco, (210) 567-8421, or you can send her an email if you’d rather do that (e-mail). Click here for list of SECC agencies and keep in mind that there are a handful of agencies that directly benefit the HSC, including the UT HSC Staff Emergency Fund, created to benefit those employees who are facing temporary financial hardship. No matter where you may decide to donate, your contribution will make a difference.

Residency Applicant Interview Dates are closer than you think! Please note the following dates:

- November 18th
- December 2nd
- December 9th
- December 16th

MD Faculty clinics and resident clinics must be pushed back to 2:00 PM to accommodate the interviews. Contact Lauren Belasco at (210) 567-8406 or e-mail her for info.

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Resident & Alumni News

Aaron Miller, MD (Class of 2005) was featured on the homepage of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in a story about one of his patients whom he diagnosed with Marfan’s Syndrome. Read the story here and learn more. Congratulations, Dr. Miller! The Department of Ophthalmology is proud of you!

Acceptance notifications for AAO 2016 Abstracts are going out now and Michael Jansen, MD received one! His abstract, “Compliance Trends in Patients with Diabetic Macular Edema and Exudative Macular Degeneration” was accepted as a poster. Way to go!

Save the Date! Speaking of the Annual American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting...mark your calendars for the Alamo City Ophthalmology Residents’ Alumni Reception, being held at the Marriott Chicago Magnificent Mile on Saturday, October 15, 2016. It will be held in the Armitage Room of the hotel, located at 540 N. Michigan Avenue.

*UTHSCSA Holiday* Monday, Sept. 5th

Enjoy the day off

Happy Labor Day
Event Calendar


September is: Children's Eye Health and Safety Month ● National Courtesy Month ● National Good Manners Month ● Classical Music Month ● National Piano Month ● Baby Safety Month ● American Breakfast Month ● National School Success Month ● National Sewing Month ● Read-A-New-Book Month ● Women of Achievement Month.

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Birthdays

Lucy Reyna ....................... Sept. 1
Eric Balzen ...................... Sept. 4
Dr. Jackson ...................... Sept. 7
Marisela Bermudez ............ Sept. 7
Eric Muir, PhD ................. Sept. 8
Yadira Garcia .................... Sept. 12
Eva Gutierrez .................... Sept. 12
Margarita Ytuarte .............. Sept. 17
Martha Schatz, MD ............. Sept. 19
Daniel A. Johnson D .......... Sept. 21
Abel Alcala ...................... Sept. 25

We all have two lives, the second one starts when we realize we only have one. —Confucius

If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely. —Roald Dahl

Medical heals the body. Music heals the soul. —Unknown

You must do the things you think you cannot do. —Eleanor Roosevelt

UTHSCSA Holidays, FY 2016-17

Click here for this year's calendar on the UTHSCSA website.

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* Denotes a Mission Critical holiday. It is at the discretion of the clinical operations leadership at each school to determine whether their operations will be open or closed on the Mission Critical holidays.

** Battle of the Flowers date not yet confirmed. Subject to change.
Meetings

Annual American Academy of Ophthalmology Meeting in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO)
October 15-18, 2016

Subspecialty Day
October 14 and 15
McCormick Place
Chicago, IL

Registration and Hotel Reservations remain open to AAO/AAOE Members and Non-members

Registration deadline: September 26th
(After that, registration fees & ticket prices will rise.)

44th Annual Continuing Education (ACE) Program
sponsored by JCAHPO
October 14-16, 2016
Hyatt Regency
Chicago, IL

If you plan to attend, please work with Sherry Gonzalez (567-8401 or via gonzalezsl@uthscsa.edu) to coordinate all arrangements with her.

Community News

Things to do around San Antonio... Labor Day Artisan River Walk Show on Friday, Sept. 2nd - Monday, Sept. 5th from 11:00 AM - 11:00 at the San Antonio Riverwalk. Participating vendors display their handmade merchandise along the San Antonio River Walk. Artisans are different for each show but usually include pottery, textiles, jewelry, woodwork, paintings, beadwork and more. Click here for more info.

Second Sunday Jazz at the Witte (free with Museum admission) continues through November 13th from 3:00-5:00 PM. The Witte Museum is located at 3801 Broadway St. Enjoy relaxing jazz under the pecan trees of the Will Smith Amphitheater. Food and beverages are available for purchase from Picante Grill. Sunday Jazz at the Witte is presented in partnership with Trinity University’s KRTU Jazz 91.7. This event is general admission only and free for Witte and KRTU members. (From www.visitsanantonio.com)

UTHSCSA News

Special Events Council invites all UTHSCSA employees to celebrate the (State Employees Charitable Campaign) SECC Kick-off with a Food Truck Fundraiser! This year’s food trucks are from:
- Cheesy Janes (burgers)
- K-Hill BBQ
- Wheelie Gourmet (Mediterranean)
- Teka Molino (Tex-Mex)
- Lagniappe Today (Cajun)
- Amore Pizza (Italian)
- Sir Wacha (Asian)
- SaWeet Cupcakes
- Ketani Yogurt (frozen).

Come on by, Thursday, September 1st, between 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM on Long Campus, and look for the food trucks in Visitor Lot 6 (near main entrance).
**Green (& Earth News)**

**Mystery Whale Discovered.** In late July, scientists discovered a new species of whale on the island of St. George, Alaska. This species of whale has never been seen alive and is yet to be named. Source: CNN.

Although the **2016 Hurricane Season** officially started on June 1st, September through November typically marks the most active period of hurricane season. Forecasters continue to predict a higher-than-average number of storms to strike the US this season, with concern about Florida “being overdue” for a hurricane. From mid-August through mid-October, the activity spikes, accounting for 78% of the tropical storm days, 87% of the category 1 and 2 hurricane days and a whopping 96% of the major (category 3, 4 and 5) hurricane days. (Source: NOAA). Keep an eye on the weather and be prepared. For the latest hurricane info, check the National Hurricane Center website. For preparedness tips, go here.

**Faculty**

Kent L. Anderson, MD, PhD  
Cornea and External Disease, Cataract and Refractive Surgery

John E. Carter, MD  
Neuro-Ophthalmology

Steven Chalfin, MD, FACS  
Comprehensive Ophthalmology & Cataract Surgery

Annie Chan, MD  
Cornea, Refractive, and External Disease

Jacqueline Y. Chan, OD  
Optometry, Low Vision, Contact Lenses

Timothy Duong, PhD  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI); Spectroscopy (MRS); speckle and optical imaging; brain and retinal anatomy.

Constance Fry, MD  
Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery & Ophthalmic Oncology

Elena Geraymovych, MD  
Diseases of the Retina and Vitreous

Randolph Glickman, PhD  
Electrophysiology and Biochemistry

Melanie Gonzalez-Oliva, OD  
Optometry, Contact Lens, Low Vision and Diabetes

Stephanie M. Jardeleza, MD  
Retina, Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy

Daniel A. Johnson, MD  
Cornea and External Disease; Cataract & Refractive Surgery; Uveitis and Ocular Immunology

Judianne Kelloway, MD MEd, FACS  
Associate Dean for Admissions (SOM)  
Retinal Disease and Surgery

Jeffrey Kiel, PhD  
Vascular Physiology

Jorge Antonio Montes, MD  
Comprehensive Ophthalmology

Ann-Marie Mora, OD  
Optometry

Eric Muir, PhD  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), retinal degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma

René Renteria, PhD  
Retina (neurons, synapses, and circuits)

Carlos Rosende, MD, FACS  
Comprehensive Ophthalmology & Cataract Surgery

Martha Schatz, MD  
Pediatric Ophthalmology, Neuro-Ophthalmology, Cataract Surgery

Jeong-Hyeon Sohn, MD  
Diseases of the Retina and Vitreous

Frank W. Scribbick III, MD  
Comprehensive Ophthalmology, Ophthalmic Pathology, Cataract Surgery

Qiang Shen, PhD  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in rodent stroke imaging, high resolution retina imaging; multi-modality functional MRI.

Roger Velasquez, MD  
Comprehensive Ophthalmology, Glaucoma

E. Joseph Zayac, OD  
Optometry, Contact Lenses

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

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