
COVID Congratulates the New Fellows and Certified Optometric Vision Therapists

Twenty-nine optometrists completed the certification process and were inducted as Board Certified Fellows (FCOVD) of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVID) and two optometrists were inducted as Board Certified Academic Fellows of COVID (FCOVD-A) at the COVID 40th Annual Meeting, October 16, 2010 in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. They are:

Name:	City,State	Name:	City,State
Jamie Anderson, OD, FCOVD	Centennial, CO	Ralph Latimer, OD, FCOVD	Oklahoma City, OK
Daniel Bowersox, OD, FCOVD	Shelbyville, KY	Stefani Martin, OD, FCOVD	Delray Beach, FL
Pauline Buck, OD, FCOVD	Miami, FL	Heather McBryar, OD, FCOVD	Hixson, TX
Lynnette Burgess, OD, FCOVD	Hamilton, MI	Harriet Pelton, OD, FCOVD	Bloomfield, MI
Steven Curtis, OD, FCOVD	Columbus, OH	Patricia Poma-Nowinski, OD, FCOVD	Bloomfield, MI
Mark Dean, OD, FCOVD	Myrtle Beach, SC	Philip Raber, OD, FCOVD	Kidron, OH
Janette Dumas, OD, FCOVD	Memphis, TN	Jameel H. Rizwana, M. Phil. Opt, FCOVD-I	Chennai, India
Tressa Eubank, OD, FCOVD	Memphis, TN	S. Moshe Roth, OD, FCOVD	Old Bridge, NJ
Allison Falden, OD, FCOVD	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	Hadassa Rutman, OD, FCOVD	New York, NY
Aditya Goyal, B. Opt., FCOVD-I	Chennai, India	Heike Schuhmacher, Dr. Med, FCOVD-I	Bad Homburg, Germany
David Grisham, OD, FCOVD-A	Novato, CA	Benny Shao, OD, FCOVD	Campbell, CA
Nicole Gurbal, OD, FCOVD	Atlanta, GA	Jennifer Sortor, OD, FCOVD	Ann Arbor, MI
Sarah Hill, OD, FCOVD	Billings, MT	Scott Steinman, OD, FCOVD-A	Memphis, TN
Susan Jong, OD, FCOVD	Baton Rouge, LA	Tilena Waters, OD, FCOVD	Cedar Rapids, IA
Susan Lake, OD, FCOVD	Warrensburg, MO	Stephanie Wolman, OD, FCOVD	Harrison, NY
Briana Larson, OD, FCOVD	Austin, TX		

In addition, twenty-five optometric vision therapists completed the COVID certification process at this year's Annual Meeting and were inducted as Certified Optometric Vision Therapists (COVT). They are:

Name:	Employed by COVID Fellow Members:	Name:	Employed by COVID Fellow Members:
Irene Anderson, COVT	Gary Williams, OD, FCOVD	Jacqui Orlosky, COVT	Bruce Wojciechowski, OD, FCOVD
John Balsley, COVT	Robert Prazer, OD, FCOVD	Jennifer Roeber, COVT	Amy Cecil, OD, FCOVD
Susan Balzer, COVT	Robert Prazer, OD, FCOVD	Linda Solway, COVT	Carl Hillier, OD, FCOVD
April Banores, COVT	Randy Schulman, OD, FCOVD	Megan Smith, COVT	J. Robert Walesby, OD, FCOVD
Cristy Concepcion, COVT	Carl Hillier, OD, FCOVD		
Laura Jane Cooper, COVT	Sandy Johal, OD, FCOVD	Karen Gwen Stowers, COVT	Carole Hong, OD, FCOVD
Vincent DiGiovanni, COVT	Genia Beasley, OD, FCOVD	Jill Thomas, COVT	Mary Van Hoy, OD, FCOVD
Maureen Ellis, COVT	Paula Johnson, OD, FCOVD	Wendy Warner, COVT	Dawn Dunford, OD, FCOVD
Wendy Hartman, COVT	Genia Beasley, OD, FCOVD	Heather Weifenbach, COVT	Genia Beasley, OD, FCOVD
Brenda Jackson, COVT	Carl Hillier, OD, FCOVD	Margaret Cole, COVT	Robert Prazer, OD, FCOVD
Lisa Knopp, COVT	Theodore Kadet, OD, FCOVD	Helen Welsh, COVT	Carole Hong, OD, FCOVD
Corrina Maslanka, COVT	Mehrnaz Green, OD, FCOVD	Audrey Zalaznik, COVT	Kara Heying, OD, FCOVD
Jane McClure, COVT	Dana Haba, OD, FCOVD		
Alicia Hunt, COVT	Robert Prazer, OD, FCOVD		

NEWSMAKERS

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COVD Signs Ground Breaking Letter of Understanding with Special Olympics Opening Eyes

The College of Optometrists in Vision Development signed a letter of agreement with the Special Olympics Opening Eyes organization. A Special Olympics vision screening was held during the COVD 40th Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico. Thanks to all who participated in the event!



COVD signs letter of agreement with Special Olympics.

Women in Optometry Features COVD Members

COVD Fellows Drs. **Ingryd Lorenzana** and **Sarah Hinkley** were both featured in the *Review of Optometry's Women in Optometry* special magazine.

Dr. Lorenzana is a faculty member at the Illinois College of Optometry and in private practice in Schaumburg, IL while Dr. Hinkley is a faculty member at the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris University. Go to <http://www.revoptom.com/cmsdocuments/2010/7/wo0610.pdf> to read more about these two remarkable COVD members.

Mexican Optometrists Learn about Functional Vision, Special Needs Patients and Infant Vision

During the recent XV Congreso Academico International de Optometria Funcional in Puebla, Mexico; COVD members Drs. **WC Maples**, **Efrain Castellanos Bahena**, **Dominick Maino**, **Philip Bugaiski** and **Claude Valenti** gave several hours of continuing education on infant vision, visual neglect, special populations, visual attention and preschool children.



Dr. Marilyn Brenne Heinke was presented with the 2010 Curtis F. Kenitz Optometric Service Award.

COVD Fellow Receives Optometric Service Award from the Wisconsin Optometric Association

Dr. **Marilyn Brenne Heinke** of Seymour was presented with the 2010 Curtis F. Kenitz Optometric

Service Award on Sept. 24 at the Wisconsin Optometric Association (WOA) Convention and Annual Meeting in Madison. This award is presented in memory of Dr. Curtis F. Kenitz to a doctor who has demonstrated excellence in volunteering. Dr. Heinke owns and operates a private practice in Seymour, Wisconsin. She is a graduate of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry and has served the citizens of Wisconsin for 66 years. She has devoted her career to providing optometric vision therapy (OVT) to patients who need it and to teaching other professionals and optometrists about the benefits of OVT care. Marilyn served as co-chair of the Exhibit Hall at the annual **College of Optometrists in Vision Development** (COVD) meeting for several years and also as COVD Wisconsin State Coordinator. She served on the Professional Advisory Board for the Learning Disabilities Association in Wisconsin. Dr. Heinke is also a long time volunteer at the Special Olympics Lions Club Opening Eyes program, having volunteered for 17 of the 18 events here in Wisconsin over the past ten years.

COVD Fellow, AOA Trustee and Spokesperson

Dr. **Andrea P. Thau** was re-elected to the board of trustees of the American Optometric Association for



Dr. Andrea Thau

her second three-year term. She was also elected into the National Academies of Practice as a Distinguished Practitioner in Optometry. Dr. Thau was most recently quoted in *Redbook*, April, 2010 “Ease Your Eyestrain” regarding Computer Vision syndrome; *AllYou*, May 2010 “Test Your Vision IQ” regarding systemic illnesses that can be detected during an eye examination, good visual habits, and nutrition for your eyes; *Body+Soul*, June 2010 “Anatomy of the Perfect Sunglasses” regarding choosing the right sunglass lenses; *Parenting: School Years*, June 2010 regarding UV protection for children, and *Woman’s Day*, October 17, 2010, regarding the dangers of decorative contact lenses. She also presented “Babies Examined Here!” as a lecture during the South Carolina

Optometric Physicians Association Annual Meeting and SECO chose her presentation “Is Your Young Patient Visually Ready for School? (Kids Don’t Know What They Can’t See)” for their virtual learning site.

ICO COVDers Present Research

The Illinois College of Optometry faculty who are not only members of the Illinois Eye Institute’s Pediatric/Binocular Vision Service but also Fellows and Associates of COVD presented their research at the American Academy of Optometry meeting in San Francisco. Drs. **Kelly Frantz, Yi Pang, and Darrell Schlange**, presented two posters including: Frantz KA, Pang Y. Unilateral Optic Nerve Hypoplasia with Relative Amblyopia Secondary to Anisometropia and Pang Y, Frantz KA, Schlange D. Vision Therapy Management for Dissociated Horizontal Deviation. Dr. Frantz also administered the 12-hour continuing education program for the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists annual conference at Brown County State Park in Nashville, IN.

OVD editor, ICO professor and COVD Fellow, Dr. **Dominick Maino** presented 2 posters as well. These were: Maino D. The 3 D Vision Syndrome: A Case Report and Maino D, Feis, A. Trisomy 8, Turners Syndrome & Triple X. He also published an article in the *Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry* journal, *Optometric Education* as well (Maino D, Goodfellow G. Yoda and Mr. Clean on TV and in a Digital Universe. *Optom Ed* 2010;35(4);92-95 available at http://www.opted.org/files/public/JOE_SUMMER_2010.pdf).

Other COVD members have presented research not only at the AAO but also at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, COVD, AOA, and the ICBO meetings. These presentations include (COVD members in boldface):

- Eye Movements and their Relationship to Birth Order: **Christine Allison**, OD, AAO, FCOVD; **Darrell Schlange**, OD, FAAO
- Effect of Test Distance and Visual Acuity With Induced Myopia: **Lindsay Sicks, Sandra S. Block, Amanda Keller**
- A Prospective Pilot Study of Treatment Outcomes for Amblyopia Associated with Myopic Anisometropia: **Yi Pang, Christine Allison, Geoffrey Goodfellow, Sandra S. Block, Kelly A. Frantz**
- Introduction to the Penlight Red/Green Procedure to Screen for Convergence Insufficiency

(CI); American Optometric Association Pediatric and Binocular Vision Committee: **Leonard J. Press**, OD, FCOVD, FAAO, Chair, **Sandra S. Block**, OD, M Ed, FAAO, FCOVD, William T. Reynolds, OD, FAAO, **Gary J. Williams**, OD, FCOVD, **Glen T. Steele**, OD, FCOVD, Consultant, Mary Beth Rhomberg, OD, AOA Staff

- Unilateral Optic Nerve Hypoplasia and Vision Loss in Childhood: **Christine Allison**, OD, FAAO, FCOVD, Rachael Beatty, OD
- A Gun Shot to the Head: Oculo-Visual & Perceptual Anomalies: **D. Maino, D. Schlange**, R. Donati, C. Bakouris, M. Nikoniuk;
- Enhancing Pediatric Eye Care Through Community Partnerships: **Scharre, Janice** OD MA, **Kattouf, Valerie** OD, Project Director, Allen, Megan OD, Tahir, Shmaila OD, McMahon, Janice OD **Lorenzana, Ingrid** OD, Govekar, Colleen OD
- Factors Influencing Visual Acuity in Anisometropic Amblyopia: **Yi Pang**, Jamie Ho, Mai Luu.

All of these COVD members participated in the Illinois College of Optometry's 2nd Annual Research Symposium as well.

COVD at the Middle Atlantic Congress

Dr. **Robert Fox** was the primary speaker at the OEP Middle Atlantic Congress in Pittsburgh, PA. He spoke on vision care for the TBI patient on prescribing plus lenses for near work in the asthenopic patient.

Fighting Misconceptions and Poorly Written Positions Papers

The October 2010 issue of *Optometry*, the Journal of the American Optometric Association, published, "Another Joint Statement regarding Learning Disabilities, Dyslexia, and Vision - A Rebuttal" by **Daniel Lack**, which refuted the unsubstantiated opinion that vision problems are relatively unimportant in learning disabilities. Dan started a Facebook group, "Retract the joint medical statement trivializing vision



Dr. Dan Lack

problems in kids" and he encourages all COVD

members and their friends, relatives and patients to join. He was also interviewed about his article on the show, Speak Out, on WKNY 1490 AM in Kingston, New York. Dan lectured about vision and learning to a class of graduate students at Marist College and to a group of occupational therapists near Woodbury, New York about vision and learning

COVD Fellow Receives Award of Excellence from Special Olympics

They say that athletes are the heart of the Special Olympics, but it's the volunteers that make it beat. Over the past ten years, Dr. **Kellye Knueppel** and the staff of The Vision Therapy Center have proven that statement to be true through their volunteer efforts. The Special Olympics Wisconsin recognized Dr. Knueppel and her staff for their contributions, and presented her with its esteemed Award of Excellence. The Award of Excellence is bestowed upon individuals who represent extraordinary support and creativity in providing services to Special Olympics athletes.



Dr. Kellye Knueppel was recognized with the Special Olympics Award of Excellence for her services.



Dr. Maples (right) receives the Southern College of Optometry Lifetime Achievement Award from SCO's President, Dr. Richard W. Phillips, at the SCO Convocation.

Dr. W.C. Maples Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. **W.C. Maples** was recently honored for lifetime achievement by Southern College of Optometry (SCO) in Memphis. SCO's Lifetime Achievement Award honors alumni who have shown extraordinary leadership skills. Dr. Maples earned his bachelor's degree in geography and chemistry in 1964 from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. He moved to Memphis to study optometry and graduated from SCO in 1968. Dr. Maples practiced 12 years in south Mississippi, where he excelled in children's vision and vision therapy. In 1979, he earned a master's degree in Community Health Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Maples has served in all the offices of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and has served as Chair of the International Examination and Certification Board. The COVD awarded him the A. M. Skeffington Award for his contributions to the behavioral literature in 2000. He was awarded the G. N. Getman Award in 2006 for excellence in developmental vision and inter-professional relations.

Optometric Vision Therapy Featured on NJN News Healthwatch Report

Dr. **Barry Tannen** was interviewed on television. Go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5vZMDcK64&feature=channel to view this.

Celebration focuses on 30-year Career Making Vision Better

Dr. **Terri Vasché** was recently honored in her town's newsletter for her 30-year career as an optometrist. Her credentials include being a member of the American Optometric Association since 1975 and the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association since 1979. She is a Fellow in the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and serves on the International Examination and Certification Board. She is also an adjunct professor for the College of Optometry at Pacific University. She specializes in vision therapy. "I have taken kids who are struggling in school or can't catch a ball or are tripping and retrained their eyes so they can succeed in school." She also works with adults who have had brain injuries or strokes and helps rehabilitate them.

Susan Barry, PhD continues to be in the news, along with her husband, Dan Barry... PNC links below

[Do You See What I See? A Scientist's Journey into 3-D](#)

[Going Binocular: Susan's First Snowfall: Krulwich Wonders...](#)

[How a Man, a Rat and a Spider Learned to Fly: Krulwich Wonders...](#)

Reaching out to Students

Larry Lampert, OD, FCOVD and the staff of Total Family Eyecare in Boca Raton, FL hosted a group of optometry students from the COVD student organization of Nova Southeastern University (NSU). The meeting was organized by the **Davina Kuhnline** and **See Vang**, student co-liaisons for the organization. The meeting gave the students an up-close look at how an optometric vision therapy practice is run and allowed them to ask questions. Due to popular demand, Dr. Lampert will also be visiting NSU in November to lecture to the organization about his sports vision training practice.



An Evening with Stereo Sue

Drs. **Dan Fortenbacher** and **Susan Barry** lectured at the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris University. Go to <http://www.ferris.edu/mco/stereosue/> to read all about it.



New COVTs Cristy Concepcion, Brenda Jackson, and Linda Soloway.

Three Therapists from Same Office Achieve COVT Status

Cristy Concepcion, Brenda Jackson, and Linda Soloway have more in common than earning their COVT status at the COVD 40th Annual Meeting. All were once teachers and chose optometric vision therapy as their second careers. Cristy taught in Guam before moving to San Diego. Brenda retired after teaching for 34 years in Battle Creek, MI. Linda retired after teaching for 31 years in San Diego. They all became therapists in Drs. Carl and Melissa Hillier's practice and went through the certification process together. To see the list of all newly inducted Fellows and COVTs go to page 269.

Share these articles with Patients and Their Parents!

Parenting on the Peninsula, has featured six articles this year by Dr. **Carole Hong**. She writes to help educate parents about the importance of not only vision and development, but also about the critical link between vision and learning and general topics related to children's vision. You can access the following articles to share with your patients and their parents at <http://www.ponthept.com> in their archives section.

- Preparing Your Child for Their First Eye Examination – January 2010, page 17
- March is Save Your Vision Month: March 2010 – page 19
- How Well Does Your Baby See: May 2010 – page 16

- Children and Contact Lenses: Is Your Child Ready to Wear Contacts? – June 2010, page 13
- Testing 15 Visual Skills May be the Key to Learning Difficulties – August 2010, page 14
- The Secret to Developing Your Child's Abilities: How Developmental Optometry can Help – October 2010, SHINE, Special Needs and Education Section, Page 7

ICO COVD Docs, Administrators & Students at Special Olympics

COVD Drs. **Melissa Sigler**, **Dominick Maino** and ICO Administrator Dr. Kent Daum, along with ICO's pediatric residents and students all participated



The ICO community at the Special Olympics Opening Eyes program. COVDers Dr. Melisa Sigler holding sign, Dr. Dominick Maino on the far right.

in the Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program that evaluated hundreds of Chicago area students with special needs this past fall at the United Center in Chicago. Students were bused in from all over the city to participate in health and vision evaluations and even had a chance to watch the Chicago Black Hawks practice while waiting to be evaluated.

Online Home Vision Therapy Manual

Dr. **Nathan Bonilla-Warford** has a great online HVT manual. Check it out [here](#).

Blogs

The Mommy Blogs continue to be one of functional/behavioral/developmental optometry's greatest allies. The Webber Family Blog noted that:

So who knew there is such a thing as a vision therapist or a 'Center for Visual Learning and Rehabilitative Therapy'?... I was amazed at all of the things that her office specialized in. Some of which includes:

- Vision Therapy for All Ages

- Treatment for Learning-related Vision Problems, including Visual Difficulties related to ADD/ADHD, Dyslexia, Reading, and Tracking Problems, etc.
- Treatment for Strabismus (eye turns) and Amblyopia (lazy eye)
- Visual Rehabilitation for Special Populations, including Patients with Traumatic Brain Injuries, Stroke, Whiplash, Developmental Delays, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis, etc., Treatment for Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS)



The Webber Family Blog website.

... Katelyn had a sensormotor exam[which] determines if any problems exist with the nerves and muscles of the vision system and tests four visual areas: ocular motor, accommodative, binocular, and sensory systems....The sensormotor exam lasted approx. an hour long and Katelyn did phenomenal! But a lot of her listening and behavior was due to Dr. M's compassionate, funny, kid-friendly personality!Andy and I sat amazed! Then she brought us out into the hall and had Katelyn wear the glasses and walk. It was like watching a 13 month old waddle for the first time unsure of their balance. I immediately started weeping as I could not get over watching my baby girl walk flat footed with no prompting! She had a penguin-like gait but walked with flat feet all the way to the end of the hallway and back!

Read how one mom feels about VT by going to <http://crossingthemidline.blogspot.com/>

- Dr. Dominick M. Maino, Editor, OVD: Maino's Memos
- Lesley Barker: Eye Can Too! Read
- Dr. Nathan Bonilla-Warford, Bright Eyes News

- Dr. Dan L. Fortenbacher, COVD Past President: EXCELErated Vision
- Patricia S. Lemer, Affiliate Member: After the Diagnosis, Then What? Envisioning a Bright Future for People on the Autism Spectrum
- Dr. Lynn Hellerstein, COVD Past President, LynnHellerstein.com Blog
- Dr. Bradley Habermehl, Dr. Brad's Blog
- Dan Fortenbacher, OD, FCOVD, Leonard Press, OD, FCOVD, FAAO, Carole L. Hong, OD, FCOVD, Carl Hillier, OD, FCOVD, Stan Appelbaum, OD, FCOVD, Gary L. Etting OD, FCOVD, Barry Tannen, OD VisionHelp Blog
- Lori Mowbray, OD, FCOVD The Vision Therapy Blog

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