

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS.....

BRUCE BALDWIN, O.D., a graduate of UAB School of Optometry, is a 28 year veteran of the US Air Force where he served in a number of roles including clinician, researcher and educator. His contact lens and refractive surgery research led to the approval of contact lenses and laser vision correction for Air Force Pilots. Dr. Baldwin has taught the art and science of contact lens fitting to optometry and ophthalmology residents at Wilford Hall Medical Center, the UAB School of Optometry, and the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine. Now practicing in North Carolina, Dr. Baldwin manages the UNC Chapel Hill Contact Lens Clinic, offering evaluations and prescriptions for all contact needs, including specialty medical fits for conditions like keratoconus, corneal transplants, and corneal trauma.

LINDA CASSER, O.D., a 1978 graduate of the Indiana University School of Optometry completed a two-year residency program at the Joseph C. Wilson Health Center in Rochester, NY. She served four years as Chief of Primary Care Module 4 at the Eye Institute and Assistant at PCO. She was a faculty member at the Indiana University School of Optometry for thirteen years. She joined the Pacific University School of Optometry in 1997. In 2006, Dr. Casser joined the National Board of Optometry, serving as Associate Executive Director of Clinical Examinations. In January 2009, Dr. Casser assumed the role of Dean at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University.

PAUL CHOUS, O.D. was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes melitus at age five. He completed his undergraduate education at Brown University and UC Irvine and his Doctorate of Optometry in 1981. He developed proliferative diabetic retinopathy in 1986 and underwent multiple laser treatments to save his vision. Dr. Chous has practiced optometry with a special emphasis on diabetic eye disease and diabetic education for 14 years in the State of Washington. He authored a book for patients and doctors alike about the myriad effects of diabetes on the eyes and retinal system "Diabetic Eye Disease: Lesions From a Diabetic Eye Doctor". He practices in Tacoma, Washington.

STEPHEN EYLER, O.D., a NCSOS member who practices in Charlotte, received his Doctor of Optometry Degree from The Ohio State University in 1977 and earned his Fellowship from the Academy in 1988. Dr. Eyer has served as a clinical examiner for the State Board of Examiners and the National Board of Optometry; he served as a member of the NC State Board, the Board of Directors of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry and the Board of Directors of the National Board of Optometry. He currently serves as co-chair on the AAO Admittance Committee Region 2. Dr. Eyer has received many honors, including the John D. Robinson Award for Clinical Excellence, the John D. Costabile Distinguished Service Award, and in 2009 the American Optometric Student Association's Founders Award.

NITIN GUPTA, M.D. is associated with the Taylor Vitreoretinal Center in Raleigh, NC. He is from Smithfield, NC and earned his science degree in Biology from Duke University. He later attended NC State and UNC at Chapel Hill. He graduated from the Brody School of Medicine at Easter Carolina., completing his residency at the Medical College of Georgia.

ALON HARRIS, M.D. is a professor of ophthalmology and integrative physiology. His interests include ocular hemodynamics in health and disease, non-invasive imaging assessment of ocular blood flow and metabolism, relationship between ocular blood flow and visual function in glaucoma, vascular etiology of age related macular degeneration, and assessment of ocular metabolism in health and disease. Dr. Harris received his B.A. at Wingate Institute in Israel, Masters at Indiana University, Ph.D. at Indiana University and completed his postgraduate education at the Medical Science Program (Physiology/Biophysics) at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

TOM PORTER, O. D. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at St. Louis University's Eye Institute where he also serves as director of the Low Vision Service. He also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy of St. Louis University as an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Optometry of the University of Missouri School of Optometry. Dr. Porter served as President of the Missouri Optometric Association and served on the Missouri State of Optometry. He earned his undergraduate degree in journalism before his OD degree from Southern College of Optometry. In addition to patient care, Dr. Porter serves as a consultant to several low vision products manufacturers and distributors and his efforts have contributed to the development of several electronic and optical low vision aids.

KIMBERLY REED, O.D. earned her undergraduate degree in 1986 from Auburn University and her Doctor of Optometry degree from UAB in 1990. She then completed her post graduate residency at the Illinois College of Optometry where she subsequently spent an additional two years as a clinical faculty member. Dr. Reed has been with Nova University School of Optometry in Florida since 1993. Currently she teaches courses in Pharmacological Management of Anterior Segment Ocular Disease and Ocular Pharmacology and also is a clinical preceptor in the third year primary care clinic. Dr. Reed has developed a special interest and focus in nutrition and supplementation as it relates to ocular health.

WES STRICKLAND, who will be doing the workshop on Electronic Medical Records, is the company founder of Cortex Technology and is a passionate architect. He got started with this information technology a decade ago as the Director of IT with a regional retail chain. He holds a BS in Information Technology from Ohio Dominican University.

REBECCA WARTMAN, O.D., a North Carolina licensed optometrist who practices in Asheville, is a 1987 graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry. She serves on the ON-Sight SeniorCare EyeCare Services and is a Medical Director of these services, serving 54 nursing homes. She is a member of AOA's Third Party Center and Coding Subcommittee and a member of the AOA's Practice Advancement Committee. She serves as chairman of NCSOS' Third Party Committee, presenting lectures to new licensees, assistants, and optometrists. After serving through the administrative chairs of the Society, she served as NCSOS president in 2002-2003.