

Faculty Kudos: Academic Year 2008-2009

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This Faculty Kudos update is intended to announce recent accomplishments of faculty members in the College of Optometry. It is comprised of information that has been relayed to me and that I have encountered, so please do not view this to be necessarily all-inclusive. I welcome faculty input/updates for Kudos announcement information pertaining personally or to faculty peers.

James Kundart & Rick London and the Staff at Pacific University College of Optometry:
Were recognized by the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group (PEDIG) as the April 2008 “site of the month” for outstanding performance.

Rick London

Received the “President’s Award for Excellence in Professional Teaching” presented at the Pacific University Faculty and Staff Awards Celebration, May 2008.

Willard Bleything & Sandra Landis:

Article: “The College of Optometrists in Vision Development – QOL Questionnaire in a socially at-risk population of youth”, in July 2008 issue of Optometry & Vision Development.

B. Kinoshita, M. Lampa, P. Caroline

Drs. Kinoshita and Lampa and Pat Caroline published the following article. “Unique Applications for Silicone Hydrogel Lenses”. Contact Lens Spectrum, September, 2008. 145(6):24-31.

G. Erickson, D. Erickson

Drs. Graham and Dina Erickson published the following article. “New Technologies in Contact Lenses Benefit the Athlete Patient”. Review of Cornea & Contact Lenses, September, 2008.

F. Horn and T. Doll

Drs. Fraser Horn and Tracy Doll both became new fellow of the American Academy of Optometry during the Academy meeting in Anaheim, California in October 2008.

The following other PUCO alumni became Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry: Dr. Richard Baird ('07), Aaron Bronner ('07), Randall Fuerst ('83), Winter Lewis ('00), Amanda Mendez-Roberts ('05), Ronda Olson ('04), Nathan Price ('96), Nidhi Rane Ashwani (MS '01 OD'03), Jennifer Tam ('04), Walter Whitley ('02).

L. Yudcovitch, J. Hayes, P. Handford and J. Lighthizer

Drs. Yudcovitch, Hayes, Handford and Lighthizer presented a scientific poster session at the American Academy of Optometry meeting in October 2008. The poster “An Analysis of Spectacle Prescribing Habits for Infants and Preschoolers: The Pacific Pediatric Prescribing Pattern (P4) Study” is an analysis of 585 patients under the age of eight and the correlation between age, cycloplegic retinoscopy and the amount of cylinder prescribed. The poster was highlighted in the October 2008 issue of Review of Optometry.

L. Skorin, Jr., N. Lighthizer, L. Hua

Drs. Skorin and Hua and Nate Lighthizer published the following Clinical Case Presentation. "Traumatic Optic Neuropathy". *Clinical & Surgical Ophthalmology*, Volume 26, Number 11, 2008.

Scott Pike

Spotlight on AOA members: "Oregon OD's program provides sustainable opportunity in Guatemala" *AOA News*, February, 2009.

Blair Lonsberry

was granted indefinite tenure by the Board of Trustees at their March 7, 2009 meeting.

Karl Citek

Was granted a sabbatical appointment for the spring 2010 semester by the Board of Trustees at their March 7, 2009 meeting. Dr. Citek will author a textbook on changes in visual function with drug and alcohol use.

Bradley Coffey

Has been the principal investigator at Pacific University for the ACHIEVE (The Adolescent and Child Health Initiative to Encourage Vision Empowerment Study) for three years (Sept. 2003 – Oct. 2007). "Randomized Trial of the Effect of Contact Lens Wear on Self-Perception in Children", was published the March '09 edition of *Optometry and Vision Science*.

Several related articles were recently published in the eye health and general media community. PubMed.gov, MSNBC.com, Ophthalmology Times, Foxbusiness.com

D. Erickson, D. Goodwin, Michael Rollins, Amber Belaustegui, Chad Anderson

Drs. Dina Erickson, Goodwin, Rollins, Belaustegui and Chad Anderson (2010) published the following article. "Comparison of dynamic countour tonometry and Goldman applanation tonometry and their relationship to corneal properties, refractive error, and ocular pulse amplitude". *Optometry* (AOA journal), April 2009.

J. Smythe

Dr. Smythe published the following article. "Success with Multifocal Contact Lenses". *Refractive Eyecare*, Volume 13, Number 4, April 2009.

Erickson GB, Horn FC, Barney T, Pexton B, Baird RY.

"Visual performance with sport-tinted contact lenses in natural sunlight." *Optom Vis Sci* 2009, 86:pp TBD.

P. Caroline, J. Choo, D. Harlin, E. Papas, B. Holden

"Morphologic changes in cat epithelium following continuous wear of orthokeratology lenses: A pilot study." *Contactlens & Anterior Eye. The Journal of the British Contact Lens Association.* 31 (2008) 29-37.

Graham Erickson, Chair of the AOA Sport Vision Section

Was mentioned in an article on the front page of the AOA News. "TBI, aviation vision lead Sunday CE. April 2009.

M. Lampa

"Keratoconic Contact Lenses Significantly Improve the Vision of a PRK patient" case history was published in the "Just in Case" feature of the Eyewitness magazine, Contact Lens Society of America. First quarter 2009.

Mark Andre

Received the Joseph W. Soper Award for Excellence in Contact Lens Education. March 21, 2009

Pat Caroline

Received the Kevin Touhy Memorial Lecture Award. March 2009

Karl Citek

Four U.S. Patents issued in 2008-2009

Bradley Coffey

Received the William & Diana Ludlum Educators Award, presented by the NeuroOpometric Rehabilitation Association, March '09

Rick London

Received the Advancement of Science, presented by the NeuroOpometric Rehabilitation Association, March '09

Dina Erickson

Became the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association O.D. of the month, April 2009

John Hayes, Hannu Laukkanen, Jim Sheedy, Yu-Chi Tai, Shun-nan Yang

Are the recipients of Haynes Research Grant for the project entitled: A new way to screen and diagnose Dyslexia - an eye movement approach. April 2009

Lorne Yudcovitch

Was named Didactic Faculty of the year, by the AOSA. The award was given at OptoRock, April 2009.

Fraser Horn

Was named Clinical Faculty of the year, by the AOSA. The award was given at OptoRock, April 2009.

Len Hua

Is the co-recipient of the Pacific University Faculty Grant Award for an Interdisciplinary Investigation with Pamela Kawaski (School of Dental Health Science) and Vedavalli Pokala (School of Pharmacy), December 2008.

Paul Kohl and J.P. Lowery

Received the Kikuchi College Research Grant for design and evaluation of a face optotype preferential looking acuity test for infants, December 2008.

Jim Sheedy

Received a Research Grant from the Alcon Corporation, Effects of CL solution on dry eyes and visual performance \$170,000.

Lorne Yudcovitch

Received a Humanitarian Certificate from the Governor of the State of Vera Cruz, MX for a August 2008 Amigos Eyecare mission.