Thankfully despite the bitterly cold temperatures, January has once again brought exciting news to warm up the Department of Ophthalmology. Ophthalmology match day was Thursday January 11th and we matched another top notch group of applicants! This year we added to the ophthalmology family 2 applicants from Mississippi and 2 from Louisiana. Taylor Coleman and Johnny Lippincott are well known to us as students at UMMC School of Medicine. Blake Matherne is currently a M-4 at LSU New Orleans. Finally, Kristina Moore will move to Mississippi after graduating from LSU Shreveport (and, yes, after so many years of female deprived residency classes we have matched a female for the 3rd year in a row!) It should be no secret to you that even though providing top quality patient care is my first priority for our department, educating residents is a very close second! A big thank you to each and every one of you for helping us with the process of interviewing applicants for these 4 residency spots. Thank you to the faculty and residents for devoting 2 of your weekends in December to this process. Thank you to all the clinic staff for making our clinic look spic and span for the big days. And my biggest thank you of course is to Kyle Lewis and Will Watkins for planning and organizing all of the details that go into making interview days successful. All of our hard work has definitely paid off again for our residency program. Please join me in welcoming these new residents to our department!
Dr. Kyle Lewis presented his ASOPRS research thesis titled, Changes in Peripapillary Blood Vessel Density in Graves’ Orbitopathy After Orbital Decompression as Measured by Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography, at the Fall ASOPRS meeting. The thesis was awarded the Marvin Quickert Thesis Award, an award given to the thesis judged to be the most outstanding of the year.

During the fall meeting Dr. Lewis also took and successfully passed the ASOPRS entrance examination and will be inducted into the society at the spring 2018 meeting.
Welcome To The Team!!

Latoya Poston  
Medical Office Assistant

Damescia 'Dee' Rhymes  
Ophthalmic Surgical Tech

Kari Evans  
Ophthalmic Tech

Don Howell  
Supv. Clinical Operations

Joy Hite  
Administrative Assistant

Ashley Hanson  
Medical Office Assistant

Jaclyn "Jazz" Marshall  
Physician Scheduler

New Ophthalmology Employees
Drs. Kyle and Andrea Lewis, along with ophthalmology resident Jonathan Carrere and ENT resident Lauren Buck, journeyed to Montellano Guatemala in November as part of a Surgical mission. The week long trip was coordinated through Health Talents International, a ministry with a long standing presence in Guatemala. Together with two other comprehensive ophthalmologists, the team performed over 100 oculoplastic, cataract, pterygium, and ENT cases. Memorable cases included watching vision be restored to a 2 year old who was blind from congenital cataracts, hearing being restored to a woman who couldn’t hear for many years, and an 8 month old with orbital extension of a large dacryocystocele that was treated and binocular vision restored. This last case will be submitted to a medical journal due to its rarity. “It is greatly rewarding seeing the impact that Health Talents is able to make for these people and we were blessed to be able to be a part of this trip. The team was able to touch a lot of lives on this trip but ours were touched the most.”
FACULTY:
Kimberly Crowder, M.D., Chair — Comprehensive
Ching-Jygh Chen, M.D. — Retina
Federico Gonzalez-Fernandez, M.D. — Ocular Pathology / VA
Bo Huang, M.D., Ph.D. — Cornea
Nils Mungan, M.D. — Pediatric
Rosanna Bahadur, M.D. — Cornea / VA
Lola Idowu, M.D. — Glaucoma
Kyle Lewis, M.D. — Ocular-plastics
Rajesh Sharma, M.D. — Neuro Ophthalmology
Jay Craddock, M.D. — Glaucoma
Albert Lin, M.D. — Retina
Michael Palmer, M.D. — Comprehensive / VA
Brian Tieu, M.D., Ph.D. — Retina / VA
William Watkins, M.D. — Comprehensive
John Green, M.D. — Comprehensive / VA
Larry Parker, M.D. — Neuro Ophthalmology / VA
Charles Sherwood, M.D. — Comprehensive / VA

RESIDENTS:
David Kilpatrick — PGY4
Ben Pace — PGY4
Corey Parish — PGY4
Devin Tran — PGY4
Jack Bullock — PGY3
Jonathan Carrere — PGY3
Jorge Jimenez — PGY3
Sneh Dhannawat — PGY2
Jonathan Feng — PGY2
Lee Jones — PGY2
Jeffrey St. John — PGY2
Sean Carter — PGY1
Kevin Mays — PGY1
Clayton Patrick — PGY1
Erin Petersen — PGY1

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Terry Ables — Department Business Administrator
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