# OPHTHALMOLOGY OUTLOOK QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



### The Chair Note...

I am so excited to announce the start to our Ophthalmology Outlook: Quarterly Newsletter! This has been a vision of mine to send out to the department regularly and I'm very excited to see where this goes. We will be sending it out at the end of each quarter and will have our quarters align with the academic calendar with Spring (Jan, Feb, Mar), Summer (April, May, June), Fall (July, Aug, Sep) and Winter (Oct, Nov, Dec). If you have exciting announcements, any achievements, recognitions, etc that you would like to be considered for the quarterly newsletter please email them to our Admin, Kristen Helms.

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I also want to put a timely plug in for the Annual Diabetes walk scheduled for October 1st at 2pm. Not only is this a very worthy cause for our diabetic patients, friends and family members, but it is a lot of FUN for us to do this together! If you haven't participated before or you are new to our department—please come. You can bring your kids, dogs, significant other or whomever! Anyone willing to walk for this cause is welcome. We take a group photo at the event, so if you want to guarantee that your picture will be in the next "Ophthalmology Outlook" then come join us!

### **Ophthalmology Update 2017 Recap**

The Ophthalmology Update 2017 was a huge success, yet again! We are so thankful to all those that joined us on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, whether you were there to listen or to contribute content. You helped make it another successful event!

We had a full day of lectures by many members of our faculty and were joined by several guest speakers as well.

We started the event off with Dr. Morris (pictured to the right with Dr. Chen) to discuss "Cataract Postoperative Endophthalmitis (CPOE)." Dr. Morris is the founding physician of Retina Specialists of Alabama, as well as President of the Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education. Dr. Mallette joined us from Jackson Eye "Update Associates for an on Intermittent Exotropia." Dr. Nerad joined us from the Cincinnati Eye Institute to discuss "Diagnosis of Evelid Lesions Made Easy." Dr. Weikert joined us from the Cullen Eye Institute and Baylor College of Medicine to present on "Biometry and IOL Calculations: Clinical Pearls and Challenging Cases." We also had guest speaker, Jenny Edgar, join us for a presentation on "Ophthalmic Coding Update: What Ophthalmologists Need to Know."

Now we cannot wait until August 18, 2018's line-up of Faculty and guest speakers!



Dr. Chen with guest speaker, Dr. Morris



# New Ophthalmology

### Residents



Sean Carter — University of South Alabama

Kevin Mays — University of South Carolina





Clayton Patrick — Louisiana State University



Sneh Dhannawat — NY Metropolitan Hospital

# Ophthalmology

Erin Petersen — UMMC

### Announcements & Achievements

 Dr. Tieu's VISN 16 Pilot Grant "Molecular Basis of Retinal Detachment" was approved for funding.



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR NEXT QUARTER'S EVENTS

October:

• Diabetes Walk: 10/1

#### November:

- Resident Interviews: 11/2
- AAO: 11/10-11/15
- Thanksgiving Luncheon: 11/16
- Thanksgiving Holiday : 11/23-11/24

### December:

- Resident Interviews: 12/9
- Christmas Luncheon: TBD
- Christmas Party: 12/9
- Christmas Holiday: 12/22-12/25

# please help UMMC with hand hygiene. We can all make a difference!

# Suxia Li, M.D. Cornea Fellowship

We have been very lucky to have had Suxia Li, M.D. with us for her Cornea Fellowship. She has been training under the direction of Bo Huang, M.D. and has done a phenomenal job while with us.

We had a small celebration dinner on August 16th to wish her well in her future endeavors!



Left to Right: Fay Beach, Kathy Nelson, Shenitta Turner, Demetrius Smith, Dr. Bo Huang, Dr. Suxia Li, Emily Smith, Kathy Hillman, Kristin Watson



Closer Look Potical Shop We have had several additions to our lines carried in the Optical Shop. We have been carrying Lucky, Kate Spade, Marc Jacobs, Fossil, and Sacs Fifth Avenue. We are so excited about our new lines of Carolina Herrera, Jonathan Adler, and John Varvatos! Feel free to come take a peek at the new products and options. You never know, you might see something you can't live without either! Our Optical Shop has the capability of doing contact lens fittings and can have it filed on AlwaysCare. We even have the Miraflex frames that are the go-to for children! We are so proud of what our Optical Shop has to offer!

# **New Ophthalmology Employees**



Kimberly Buckhalter - Phys Scheduler

Dominique Butler - MOA



Stephanie Ivey - Ophth Tech Catherine McMurry - Ophth Photo

Kristen Helms - Dept Admin

Jill Hollingsworth - Ophth Surg Tech



Kay Rainer - Phys Scheduler

Charles Mitchell - Ophth Surg Tech





Erin Hopkins - Ophth Tech

# Welcome to the team!

### New Ophthalmology Faculty Members

### **Dr. Jay Craddock**

Joined us on July 5<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Jay Craddock has rejoined us as a full time faculty member following his one year fellowship in Glaucoma at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He was a part time UMMC faculty member for two years while with the VA as well. Dr. Craddock actually attended the University of Mississippi's School of Medicine and completed his residency at UMMC. He specializes in glaucoma management, comprehensive eye care, as well as cataract surgery.



Dr. Craddock's wife, Puja, is a Pediatrician

for the Batson Emergency Department. They have two children, Nina and Ari. Nina is their 5 year old daughter in Kindergarten and Ari is their 2.5 year old son.

We are so excited to have him as a full time part of our team!

### Dr. Albert Lin

Joined us on July 17th

Dr. Albert Lin came to us from the University of Virginia Health Systems where he completed a 2 year Vitreoretinal Surgical Fellowship. He actually attended the University of Mississippi's School of Medicine and completed his Ophthalmology residency at UMMC prior to relocating to Virginia for his fellowship. Dr. Lin is a Retina Specialist and he will truly be an asset to our team.

His work interests, including his work in the field of retina, incudes clinical trials, biomedical research, and surgical training of residents and fellows.

Dr Lin grew up in Vicksburg, MS and briefly left for 4 years to attend college in Philadelphia, PA. He and his wife, Caroline, have 3 poodles of various sizes. His hobbies include cooking and grilling, walking his dogs, fishing, binge watching TV, playing video games, and fitness.

We are very fortunate to have him back with us!





Dr. McCaa's Family Members Accept Her Hall of Fame Certificate in Her Honor

## Dr. McCaa Inducted Into the Medical Alumni Chapter Hall of Fame

Our very own Dr. Connie McCaa was honored with being inducted into the Medical Alumni Chapter Hall of Fame. Her family came to accept her certificate on her behalf. This was an honor that Dr. McCaa was knowledgeable of prior to her passing.

Dr. McCaa passed away on April 19th, 2017 due to complications from heart surgery. She was a huge part of our very own Ophthalmology department, loved by faculty, staff, residents and patients alike. Dr. McCaa was the 1st woman and 1st person from Mississippi to be inducted into the AAO's Hall of Fame, which happened in 2014.

She was a graduate of UMMC in 1963 with her doctorate and 1977 with her M.D. Dr. McCaa has been an intricate part of the UMMC Medical Center ever since.

Dr. McCaa was so dedicated and it could really be seen in her patient care, as well as her interactions with students, residents, and anyone else she came into contact with.



#### 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 Lee Jones — PGY2 Jeffrey St. John — PGY2 Sean Carter — PGY1 Kevin Mays — PGY1 Clayton Patrick — PGY1

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

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