

# Alumniscope

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FOCUSING ON RESIDENCIES



Southern California College of Optometry

# Beyond Graduation

*Established in 1978, SCCO's postdoctoral residency programs provide invaluable real-world experience*

"Unique and concentrated clinical experiences that last a lifetime," that's how SCCO's Director of Residency Programs Judy W. Tong, O.D., '91, describes the value of completing a twelve-month residency program. "It provides a different perspective to how overall patient care is delivered. A residency is more than just examining additional patients beyond graduation. Rather, it is a career choice and can dictate the future of these young doctors.

"The challenges these men and women will face during their residency training are well worth the one year time commitment," remarks Dr. Tong. "The level of complexity of the patients they see, the interaction with mentors and other health care professionals, the use of cutting edge technology, and the additional learning components all



At the December 2005 meeting of the American Academy of Optometry 17 of the 23 SCCO Residents for 2005-06 met with Director of Residency Programs Judy W. Tong, O.D., '91 (second row, second from right). The meeting was held in San Diego, CA.

provide the resident with the confidence to manage a wide variety of ocular and systemic conditions. Some residencies provide extremely unique opportunities to care for patients and conditions that are seldom seen by our colleagues in practice. Others may elect to concentrate in areas such as vision therapy, low vision rehabilitation or specialty contact lens fitting."

Optometric residency programs are one-year, accredited postdoctoral curriculums that offer advanced patient care management experiences in clinical subspecialties. Scholarship requirements are also required as well as the opportunities for teaching.

"The critical thinking of an optometrist who has completed a residency is taken to a higher level," notes Dr. Tong. "Their past experience allows the optometrist to provide more advanced comprehensive care to the population they serve. As the resident goes into the profession ready to begin his or her career, they will be able to find more opportunities in which to practice. From a private practitioner's standpoint, these young doctors can bring a new dimension of clinical services into a practice such as pediatric vision care, ocular disease

"The Cornea and Contact Lens Residency at the College's Eye Care Center provides the resident with an experience in contact lens patient care that would typically take many years to achieve in other practice situations. Our residents leave the program able to confidently manage the most challenging contact lens patients. They provide care to patients with corneal disease (keratoconus and pellucid marginal degeneration), post-surgical patients (post-penetrating keratoplasty and post-radial keratotomy), orthokeratology patients, and patients needing prosthetic eye care. The residents' experience enables them to be more confident if they choose to start their own private practice or more competitive if they pursue group practice opportunities. Many of our past residents are full- or part-time optometric educators."

**Timothy B. Edrington, O.D., M.S.**  
 Professor, Southern California College of Optometry  
 Coordinator, Cornea and Contact Lens Residency, Stein Family  
 Cornea and Contact Lens Center, Eye Care Center, SCCO  
 O.D., Indiana University, School of Optometry, 1972  
 M.S., California State University, Fullerton, 1988



“My residency has been invaluable. In fact, I would not be where I am today without completing a residency. My first job was with Indian Health and the optometrist hiring there was specifically looking for a residency-trained optometrist. In my current position, as chief of optometry at the Sepulveda VA and as residency coordinator here, this background is critical. It affords me the experience as well as the credentials to run a program like this.

“Completing a residency opens up many avenues. One can teach, become involved with academics, or pursue a VA career, as I did. Also, a residency often appears attractive to potential employers such as ophthalmologists or large health centers such as Kaiser, who seem to understand and appreciate the advanced knowledge gained during a residency. However, more than half my former residents are currently employed in private practice. They tell me the residency allowed them the knowledge to become the best optometrists they could, to practice at the pinnacle of their profession and, it allows them to treat their patients to the best of their abilities. Isn't that alone reason enough to complete a residency?”

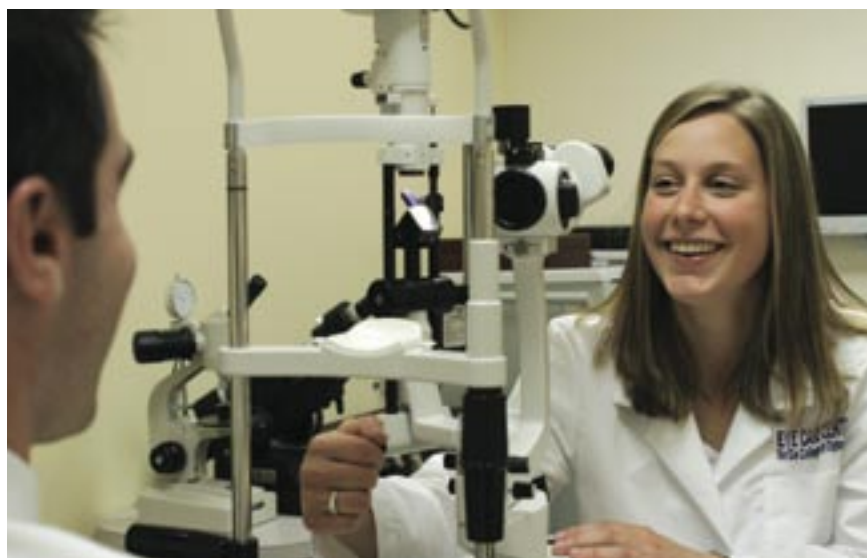
**Steven G. Ferrucci, O.D.**

Assistant Professor, Southern California College of Optometry  
 Chief, Optometry Section, Sepulveda VA Medical Center, Sepulveda, CA  
 Coordinator, Primary Eye Care — Department of Veterans Affairs  
 Residency, Sepulveda VA Medical Center  
 O.D., New England College of Optometry, 1994  
 Residency in Hospital-Based / Primary Care Optometry, Sepulveda VA  
 Medical Center, 1996–97

management or low vision rehabilitation. In comparison to a new graduate, the confidence level and previous experience of a residency-trained optometrist are unparalleled. In addition, these doctors can also find opportunities to practice in academic settings, tertiary care centers or within Federal Service Optometry.”

In 2005–06, the Southern California College of Optometry offered 15 different post-doctoral residency programs encompassing 24 positions. All programs are structured in accordance with the guidelines of the American Optometric Association Accreditation Council on Optometric Education and are fully accredited. The College offers residency programs at Veterans Affairs Medical

Centers and Outpatient Clinics; Indian Health Service Clinical Facilities; Center for the Partially Sighted; and several at its own on-campus patient-care facility, the Eye Care Center.



“It seems as if years of practice could never replace the experience I’ve had here as a resident,” said Kelly E. Kingsbury, O.D., the 2005–06 Resident, Cornea and Contact Lenses, Stein Family Cornea and Contact Lens Center, Eye Care Center, SCCO. She received her O.D. degree from Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University.



The 2005–06 Residents at the College’s Eye Care Center include (l-r): Resident in Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy Allison Jung Park, O.D.; Resident in Cornea and Contact Lenses Kelly E. Kingsbury, O.D.; and Resident in Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy Jennifer M. Smith, O.D.; with SCCO’s Director of Residency Programs Judy W. Tong, O.D., ’91.

Stipends vary depending on the institution that is funding the program, e.g., Veterans Affairs, Indian Health Service or SCCO. For programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs the stipend is currently \$29,000 and for the Indian Health Service the stipend ranges from \$28,500 to \$31,000. Some programs also provide health benefits, educational travel grants to national meetings, and residency housing. A resident may also defer his or her student loans for 12 months.

“I’m passionate about residency education because of what it offered me personally and what I know it can offer our students,” said Assistant Professor Tong, who completed a residency in primary care optometry in 1992, at The Eye Institute, Philadelphia, PA. “The clinical experience and level of confidence one develops is tremendous. Residents also enhance their career opportunities.”

Today, many optometric career opportunities require the completion of a residency program. The Department of Veterans Affairs is one such facility. “Several SCCO residents who have completed residency programs within a Veterans Affairs facility have used that experience as a stepping stone to a full-time position with the VA,” noted Dr. Tong.

“A residency program was important to me because I knew that I would specialize in vision therapy and wanted to gain as much experience as I could as quickly as possible. The SUNY residency was a perfect fit for me, as it was a great combination of academics and the opportunity to work with well-known clinicians who also ran successful private practices. That experience in addition to my great education in vision therapy at SCCO gave me confidence to open my own VT specialty practice one year later.”

**Kellye J. Kneuppel, O.D., ’93**  
Private Practice, Brookfield, Wisconsin  
O.D., Southern California College of Optometry, 1993  
Residency in Vision Therapy, State University of New York,  
College of Optometry, 1993–94

## Optometric Residency Programs, 2005–06

### Southern California College of Optometry

Twenty-three optometrists are completing SCCO residency programs in 2005–06. They represent nine schools and colleges of optometry.

- Residency: Cornea and Contact Lenses  
Location: Stein Family Cornea and Contact Lens Center, Eye Care Center, Southern California College of Optometry
- Coordinator: Timothy B. Edrington, O.D., M.S.  
Resident: Kelly E. Kingsbury, O.D.  
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
  
- Residency: Geriatrics / Primary Care — Department of Veterans Affairs  
Location: West Los Angeles VA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA  
Coordinator: Pauline F. Ilsen, O.D., ’88  
Residents: Ricardo Fukuzato, O.D.  
Pennsylvania College of Optometry  
Lindsay Harris, O.D.  
Pennsylvania College of Optometry  
Susan Sosun Kwong, O.D.  
Southern California College of Optometry
  
- Residency: Low Vision Rehabilitation  
Location: The Center for the Partially Sighted, Los Angeles, CA  
Coordinator: Tina R. MacDonald, O.D., ’92  
Resident: Tuan X. Du, O.D.  
State University of New York, College of Optometry
  
- Residency: Ocular Disease — Department of Veterans Affairs  
Location: Southern Nevada VA Health Care System, Las Vegas, NV  
Coordinator: Lane T. Fujimoto, O.D., ’95  
Resident: Vivienne Marie Velasco, O.D.  
Southern California College of Optometry
  
- Residency: Ocular Disease / Low Vision Rehabilitation — Department of Veterans Affairs  
Location: VA Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center, Los Angeles, CA  
Coordinator: Chang Kim, O.D., ’90  
Resident: Dana Linnea Rasmussen, O.D.  
Southern California College of Optometry

Residency: Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy  
 Location: Studt Center for Vision Therapy, Eye Care Center, Southern California College of Optometry  
 Coordinator: Carmen N. Barnhardt, O.D., M.S., '95  
 Residents: Allison Jung Park, O.D. Southern California College of Optometry  
 Jennifer M. Smith, O.D. University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Optometry

Residency: Primary Eye Care — Department of Veterans Affairs  
 Location: Santa Barbara VA Outpatient Clinic, Santa Barbara, CA  
 Coordinator: Debie M. Pian, O.D.  
 Resident: Ashley Rae Elliott, O.D. Pacific University, College of Optometry

Residency: Primary Eye Care — Department of Veterans Affairs  
 Location: Salt Lake City VA Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT  
 Coordinator: Harald E. Olafsson, O.D., '77  
 Residents: Dustin D. Harlin, O.D. Pacific University, College of Optometry  
 Jeffery Lovell Mellor, O.D. Pacific University, College of Optometry

Residency: Primary Eye Care / Geriatric Optometry — Department of Veterans Affairs  
 Location: Sepulveda VA Medical Center, Sepulveda, CA  
 Coordinator: Steven G. Ferrucci, O.D.  
 Residents: Victoria April Chin, O.D. State University of New York, College of Optometry  
 Amy Wing Shan Lam, O.D. State University of New York, College of Optometry  
 Hannah Eun Jung Park, O.D. New England College of Optometry



Professor Timothy B. Edrington, O.D., M.S., coordinator, Cornea and Contact Lens Residency, Stein Family Cornea and Contact Lens Center, Eye Care Center, SCCO, with Resident Kelly E. Kingsbury, O.D.

Residency: Primary Eye Care — Indian Health Service  
 Location: Gallup Indian Medical Center, Gallup, NM  
 Coordinator: Michael W. Davis, O.D.  
 Resident: Stella K. Lau, O.D. Southern California College of Optometry

Residency: Primary Eye Care — Indian Health Service  
 Location: Northern Navajo Medical Center, Shiprock, NM  
 Coordinator: Brian Bucca, O.D.  
 Resident: Dien T. Le, O.D. Illinois College of Optometry

Residency: Primary Eye Care — Indian Health Service  
 Location: Crownpoint Health Care Facility, Crownpoint, NM  
 Coordinator: Steven M. Glover, O.D., '80  
 Resident: Stacy Maria Washington, O.D. Southern California College of Optometry

Residency: Primary Eye Care / Low Vision Rehabilitation — Department of Veterans Affairs  
 Location: Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, Tucson, AZ  
 Coordinator: Amy Grimes, O.D.  
 Residents: Jennifer R. Valente Caywood, O.D. Pacific University, College of Optometry  
 Carla B. Engelke, O.D. Southern College of Optometry  
 Amanda E. Mendez Roberts, O.D. Pacific University, College of Optometry

Residency: Primary Eye Care / Ocular Disease — Indian Health Service  
 Location: Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, Sacaton, AZ  
 Coordinator: Doug Hassenpflug, O.D., '01  
 Residents: Keith J. Castleton, O.D. Southern California College of Optometry  
 Katherine Chhor Cocchiaro, O.D. Pacific University, College of Optometry

Residency: Primary Eye Care — Indian Health Service  
 Location: Kayenta Service Unit, Kayenta, AZ  
 Coordinator: Melanie Tarutani, O.D.  
 Resident: No resident in 2005–06

“People often say that a residency gives one five years’ worth of experience in a single year, but I believe it does something more than that; it changed how I think in terms of daily patient care, continuing education, and career goals. Even now, I still find myself learning about things I never knew existed. That’s something five years in ordinary circumstances couldn’t provide. To any O.D., new or otherwise, I’d say, ‘It’s never too late to consider residency training.’”

**Pauline F. Ilsen, O.D., '88**

Associate Professor, Southern California College of Optometry  
Coordinator, Primary Eye Care / Geriatric Optometry — Department of  
Veterans Affairs Residency, West Los Angeles VA Healthcare Center,  
Los Angeles, CA

O.D., Southern California College of Optometry, 1988  
Residency in Hospital-Based Optometry / Geriatrics,  
West Los Angeles VA Medical Center, 1988–89

“Many schools and colleges of optometry require residency training as a basic qualification for new clinical faculty positions.”

Within optometric education, residencies began in 1967 when three-month advanced clinical training programs in vision therapy were initiated at the Optometric Center of New York. The early certificate programs were not formally recognized by any official body. The first formally accredited one-year optometric residency began in 1976 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Since then, there has been steady growth of programs offered through the Department of Veterans Affairs, the schools and colleges of optometry, the Public Health Service, the military, and private co-management centers. SCCO’s first residency, established in 1978, was offered in children’s vision.

## Faculty with Residency Education

Troy Allred, O.D., '99  
Pediatric Optometry, UAB,  
School of Optometry,  
Birmingham, AL

Carmen N. Barnhardt, O.D.,  
M.S., '95  
Pediatric Optometry and Vision  
Therapy, SCCO

Morris S. Berman, O.D., M.S.  
Residency in Optometry, SUNY,  
College of Optometry,  
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Kett G. Blatter, O.D., '02  
Ocular Disease, Hu Hu Kam  
Memorial Hospital,  
Sacaton, AZ

Eric J. Borsting, O.D., M.S.  
Vision Training, SUNY, College  
of Optometry, New York, NY

Geoffrey F. Chiara, O.D., '86  
Hospital-Based Optometry, VA  
Medical Center,  
Tuscaloosa, AL

Raymond H. Chu, O.D.  
Pediatric Optometry and Vision  
Therapy, SCCO

George W. Comer, O.D.,  
M.B.A.  
Hospital-Based Optometry,  
VA Medical Center,  
Lexington, KY

Susan A. Cotter, O.D., M.S.  
Children’s Vision, SCCO

Gail Ellias, O.D.  
Hospital-Based Optometry /  
Geriatrics, West Los Angeles  
VA Medical Center,  
Los Angeles, CA

Steven G. Ferrucci, O.D.  
Hospital-Based / Primary Care  
Optometry, Sepulveda  
VA Medical Center,  
Sepulveda, CA

Melina D. Friedman, O.D.  
Pathology / Low Vision,  
Palo Alto VA Hospital,  
Palo Alto, CA

Lane T. Fujimoto, O.D., '95  
Primary Care / Hospital-Based  
/ Geriatric Optometry,  
Sepulveda VA Medical  
Center, Sepulveda, CA

Regina S.W. Garriott, O.D., '92  
Pediatrics and Vision Therapy,  
SCCO

Amy Grimes, O.D.  
Primary Eye Care and Low  
Vision Rehabilitation, VA  
Medical Center, Tucson, AZ

Catherine L. Heyman, O.D., '93  
Pediatric Optometry and Vision  
Therapy, SCCO

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Vision Therapy and  
Rehabilitation, SUNY,  
College of Optometry,  
New York, NY

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Geriatrics, West Los Angeles  
VA Medical Center,  
Los Angeles, CA

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Hospital-Based Optometry /  
Geriatrics, West Los Angeles  
VA Medical Center,  
Los Angeles, CA

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Ocular Disease / Low Vision  
Rehabilitation, Los Angeles  
VA Ambulatory Clinic,  
Los Angeles, CA

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Hospital-Based Optometry,  
Fresno VA Hospital,  
Fresno, CA

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Binocular Vision and Pediatric  
Optometry, The Eye Institute,  
Philadelphia, PA

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Cornea and Contact Lenses,  
UH, College of Optometry,  
Houston, TX

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Vision Enhancement and  
Rehabilitation, SUNY,  
College of Optometry,  
New York, NY

Harue J. Marsden, O.D.,  
M.S., '87  
Family Practice, UH, College of  
Optometry, Houston, TX

Timothy Messer, O.D.  
Low Vision Rehabilitation,  
Hospital-Based Optometry,  
VA Medical Center,  
Kansas City, MO

Loretta Ng, O.D.  
Ocular Disease / Refractive  
Surgery, Britton Vision  
Associates and TLC,  
Oklahoma City, OK

Marsha Nguyen, O.D.  
Ocular Disease / Low Vision  
Rehabilitation, VA Outpatient  
Clinic, Los Angeles, CA

Monique M. Nguyen, O.D., '02  
Pediatric Optometry and Vision  
Therapy, SCCO

John H. Nishimoto, O.D.,  
M.B.A., '87  
Hospital-Based Optometry /  
Geriatrics, West Los Angeles  
VA Medical Center,  
Los Angeles, CA

According to the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO), there are 127 accredited optometric residency programs affiliated with a school or college of optometry. Some residencies offer more than one position. ASCO's website also notes that there are nine recommended titles for optometric residencies. They are: Family Practice Optometry; Primary Eye Care; Cornea and Contact Lenses; Geriatric Optometry; Pediatric Optometry; Low Vision Rehabilitation; Vision Therapy and Rehabilitation; Ocular Disease; and Refractive and Ocular Surgery.

Seventeen of the 89 members of the Class of 2006 have been accepted into a residency program for 2006–07.

"I graduated from SCCO in 2000 and completed a residency in Primary Eye Care at the VA San Francisco Medical Center in 2001. I am currently a Staff Optometrist with the VA San Diego Healthcare System and started working here shortly after completing my residency in 2001. My residency experience required hard work, discipline, and dedication, but provided me with an opportunity to hone my clinical skills and improve my confidence in managing patients with complex ocular and systemic disorders. The VA looks favorably upon residency training when hiring Optometrists and this was an important consideration when I applied for employment with the VA San Diego Healthcare System."

**Brian S. Kawasaki, O.D., '00**  
Staff Optometrist, VA San Diego Healthcare System, San Diego, CA  
O.D., Southern California College of Optometry, 2000  
Residency in Primary Eye Care, VA San Francisco Medical Center,  
San Francisco, CA, 2000–01

"So why *another* year of education? After four years of optometry school, this choice was actually a no-brainer! As a fourth-year student, I was very fortunate to intern at a large clinic in Detroit, Michigan, where the main focus of patient care was fitting irregular corneas. I was immediately convinced that knowing how to fit and manage specialty contact lenses was an extraordinary niche for our profession. As I set my goals for what I wanted to gain from residency training, I realized SCCO's program met all of my needs. I've had the opportunity to work with over a hundred keratoconus patients, fit several post-surgical corneas, manage pediatric patients as young as four months old and even work with some prosthetics. It seems as if years of practice could never replace the experience I've had here as a resident. I'm so grateful to have learned so much from the faculty here, and I can't wait to get out and use my knowledge of specialty contact lenses in everyday practice."

**Kelly E. Kingsbury, O.D.**  
O.D., Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University, 2005  
Resident, Cornea and Contact Lenses, Stein Family Cornea and Contact  
Lens Center, Eye Care Center, Southern California College of  
Optometry, 2005–06

## Endow a Residency Program

Would you like to endow an SCCO Residency Program? For information on this unique naming opportunity contact SCCO's Vice President of Advancement William E. Heaton Jr., at 714.449.7464 or [wheaton@scco.edu](mailto:wheaton@scco.edu).

Jerry R. Paugh, O.D.,  
M.S., Ph.D.  
Contact Lenses, OSU, College of  
Optometry, Columbus, OH

Debie Pian, O.D.  
Hospital-Based / Primary Care  
Optometry, Sepulveda VA  
Medical Center,  
Sepulveda, CA

Andrew F. Pilon, O.D.  
Primary Care, Ocular Disease,  
ICO, Chicago, IL

Michael W. Rouse, O.D.,  
M.S.Ed.  
Children's Vision, SCCO

Mark H. Sawamura, O.D., '91  
Primary Care Optometry, The  
Eye Institute, Philadelphia, PA

David P. Sendrowski, O.D.  
Hospital-Based Optometry /  
Geriatrics, West Los Angeles  
VA Medical Center,  
Los Angeles, CA

Susan M. Shin, O.D., '99  
Pediatric Optometry and Vision  
Therapy, SCCO

Erin I. Song, O.D.  
Pediatric Optometry and Vision  
Therapy, SCCO

Huey Fen Song, O.D.  
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Tucson, AZ

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Medical and Surgical Eye Care,  
Eyecare Associates of Nevada,  
Reno, NV

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School of Optometry,  
Berkeley, CA

Judy W.H. Tong, O.D., '91  
Primary Care Optometry, The  
Eye Institute, Philadelphia, PA

Long D. Tran, O.D.  
Cornea and Contact Lenses,  
SCCO

Paul A. Vejabul, O.D., '02  
Ocular Disease, Hospital-Based  
/ Geriatric Optometry,  
Sepulveda VA Medical Center,  
Sepulveda, CA

Rex B. Villegas, O.D.  
Hospital-Based Optometry /  
Geriatrics, West Los Angeles  
VA Medical Center,  
Los Angeles, CA

Alyon J. Wasik, O.D., '99  
Primary Care Optometry, San  
Francisco VA Medical Center,  
San Francisco, CA

May M. Wong, O.D.  
Cornea and Contact Lenses,  
SCCO

## Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2005

The Alumni Association of the Southern California College of Optometry has honored San Francisco optometrist Mark M. Morris, O.D., as its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2005. Dr. Morris, a 1963 graduate of the College, was selected for this special recognition based on his service to his alma mater, leadership within the optometric profession, and achievement in community service.

“Dr. Morris joins a select group of 24 graduates of the College that have received this honor in recognition of their dedication and support on behalf of their alma mater, profession and community,” noted College Trustee Duane A. deCroupet, O.D., a 1970 graduate of the Southern California College of Optometry and the 2002 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award. Dr. deCroupet presented the award to Dr. Morris at the College’s Reunion Banquet held on October 8 in Fullerton, CA.

In support of SCCO Dr. Morris has served on the Board of Directors of both the Alumni Association and the Council of Regents. As president of the Alumni Association, 1992–94, he served simultaneously on the College’s Board of Trustees. Since 2001, he has served as chair of the College’s Council of Regents during which time several initiatives to assist the College in its friend-raising and fund-raising endeavors have been started.

From a private optometric practice at 2458 Mission Street in San Francisco, Dr. Morris has provided vision care to thousands of families since 1963. A member of the American Optometric Association since 1963, he is also an active member of the California Optometric Association, Bay Area Optometric Council, and San Francisco Optometric Society.



The Alumni Association of SCCO has honored San Francisco optometrist and 1963 graduate Mark M. Morris, O.D., as its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2005. Pictured at the College’s Reunion Banquet are (l-r): SCCO President Les Walls, O.D., M.D., with his wife, Mary Ann Walls, O.D.; and Sue Morris with her husband and honoree, Mark M. Morris, O.D.

In his community, he has volunteered and led numerous organizations. They include Mission Neighborhood Centers, San Francisco Jaycees, Mission Optimist Club, Boy Scouts of America, and Commission for the Preservation of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries and Landmarks. Dr. Morris has also served as a director, University of California, Berkeley, Alumni Association.

Supporting all of his professional and community activities is his wife, Sue. The couple resides in Tiburon.

### SCCO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

2005	Mark M. Morris, O.D., '63
2004	Wayne W. Hoeft, O.D., '59
2003	James L. Cox, O.D., '67
2002	Duane A. deCroupet, O.D., '70
2001	Tony Carnevali, O.D., '75
2000	Rodger T. Kame, O.D., '62*
1999	Hershel B. Welton, O.D., '64
1998	Robert L. Gordon, O.D., '71
1997	Akio Kanai, O.D., '72
1996	Warren Harvard Low, O.D., '52
1995	Renald J. Anelle, O.D., '65
1994	Richard H. Kendall, O.D., '51
1993	Lynn Caffrey Gabriel, O.D., '78
1992	Robert L. Severtson, O.D., '51
1991	L. Earl James, O.D., '48*
1990	J. Davis Armistead, O.D., '48
1989	James R. Gregg, O.D., '48
1988	Arthur C. Heinsen, O.D., '48*
1987	Robert F. Kettenhofen, O.D., '46*
1986	Paul C. Barr, O.D., '48
1985	O. Doyle Dannenberg, O.D., '48
1984	Harold R. Lutes, O.D., '38*
1983	Homer H. Hendrickson, O.D., '38*
1980	Leslie W. Scown, O.D., '21*
1979	Louis H. Jaques Sr., O.D., '11*

Note: No award was given in 1981 or 1982. \*Deceased

# Alumni Notes

1947

**Dean C. Goff, O.D.**, El Paso, TX, retired from practice in 1999 at the age of 80. Following graduation he was in private practice for a number of years; then from 1965–72 he joined Farah Manufacturing Company as its chief optometrist caring for 10,000 patients throughout the company's five factories; he returned to private practice in 1972 where he was later joined by his daughter and son-in-law who are OD graduates from the University of Houston, College of Optometry.

1952

SCCO Trustee **Warren Harvard Low, O.D.**, Lomita, CA, has been selected as a recipient of the 2005 Ronald Reagan Republican Gold Medal by the National Republican Congressional Committee.

1958

**Jerome S. Lieblein, O.D.**, has retired from his San Diego practice and is now living in Healdsburg, CA.

1960

The incredible story of, **Samuel Goetz, O.D.**, Los Angeles, and his determination to find the soldier who liberated the Nazi concentration camp at Ebensee, Austria, in May 1945, was detailed in two newspapers in November 2005. The reunion of Dr. Goetz, a survivor of Ebensee, and the soldier, Robert Persinger, a tank commander, was detailed in articles in both the *Orange County (California) Register* and the *Los Angeles Times*. Videotaped testimonies of Holocaust survivors, including Dr. Goetz, can be seen and heard on [www.1939club.com](http://www.1939club.com).

1965

**Clifford G. Leong, O.D.**, Campbell, CA, has been elected by the American Academy of Optometry to the status of, Emeritus Fellow.

Dr. Leong became a Fellow of the AAO in 1972 and has been involved with the Primary Care Section and the Cornea and



1967: After a start in Pasadena, CA, Robert E. Knauer, O.D., relocated to Lemon Grove, CA, to join Amorita A. Treganza, O.D., '44, in practice. Along with the busy practice, he was involved with the San Diego Optometric Society and served a term as its president. Dr. Knauer and his wife, Pauline, live happily retired in La Mesa, CA, with Thursday being golf day.



1970: This November 1957 photo shows David T. Wakabayashi receiving congratulations from Lt. Colonel Carl Pergler, USAF, for being selected airman of the Month, 6004th Air Intelligence Service Squadron. In March, Dr. Wakabayashi attended the 55th Anniversary Reunion of the Squadron. The U.S. Military Intelligence Service (MIS) Japanese language program produced many of the Japanese linguists who served in the Pacific Theater during WWII. Over the course of WWII, over 6,000 Japanese Americans would serve in MIS, functioning as translators and interpreters. Dr. Wakabayashi is an Assistant Professor at SCCO and serves part-time on the faculty. He has a private practice in Irvine, CA.

Contact Lens Section. He was the senior partner in the Campbell office of Doctors Leong, Low and Lum, when he retired in 2002.

1971

**Robert L. Gordon, O.D.**, and his wife, **Andrea C. Silvers, O.D.**, '70, have brought an associate into their Encino, CA practice. New graduate **Sharon S. Hiyama, O.D.**, '05, joined the practice shortly after graduation from SCCO in May 2005.

1974

**Larry F. Jerge, O.D.**, Lancaster, NY, has been recognized as a, Distinguished Alumnus, of the Erie Community College in Buffalo, NY, and by the Polish American Congress for humanitarian services at home and abroad. Dr. Jerge is also happy to report that he was back in the office in only three weeks' time following mitral valve repair surgery in December. "I'm lucky to have some very good friends in the Western New York Optometric Society who saw patients in my office while I was out," he wrote. Dr. Jerge also noted that his optometrist daughter, Nicole, is now practicing in San Francisco, CA.



1972: Donald J. Janiuk, O.D., (left) has moved to a 3,800-square-foot office where new associate, Randall E. Conrad, O.D., '78, (right) has joined him. The office is located in Poway, CA.

1975

**Setsuya Tsuda, O.D.**, Naka-ku, Nagoya, Japan, missed his class reunion in October 2005 because he was attending the Asia-Pacific Optometric Congress in Tokyo. Dr. Tsuda wrote, "I made a proposal, in a special forum of APCO, on a tiered international standardization of optometric education and relevant scope of practice, in view of the vast differences in the levels of education in different countries, not only in this area but also in Europe, Middle East, etc."

**James H. Grimes, O.D.**, Olympia, WA, was named the 2005 Optometrist of the Year for the Great Western Council of Optometry. Dr. Grimes was recognized for his achievement and overwhelming commitment to optometry and to his community.

1977

**Jane Ann Munroe, O.D.**, is back at her alma mater as the director of Admissions. In this full-time position, Dr. Munroe will be responsible for directing the College's student recruitment program. Prior to joining SCCO in March 2006, Dr. Munroe had been a partner in a full-scope primary eye care practice in Corona, CA, and she served on the medical professional staff, with hospital privileges, at Riverside General Hospital.

1983

The *Los Angeles Daily News* has selected **Barry W. Leonard, O.D.**, Panorama City, CA, as the Readers' Choice Best Optometrist. This is the second consecutive year Dr. Leonard has received this award.

**Brian P. McPartland, O.D.**, Vista, CA, is proud to announce that his son, Graham, is a member of SCCO's Class of 2009. The new optometry student, born while his Dad was in optometry school, began his four-year's of study in August 2005. "My now time flies," wrote Dr. McPartland.



1974: Donald L. Barniske, O.D., provided exams and glasses to displaced residents left homeless by Hurricane Katrina. The Brawley, CA optometrist is pictured checking the vision of a 16 year-old New Orleans resident that, along with his family, was relocated to the southeastern California town. The photo is courtesy of Sergio Estrada, Imperial Valley Press.



1997: MyLinh Tran Duncan, O.D., '97, and her husband and classmate, Jeffrey S. Duncan, O.D., '97, welcomed son, Ryan Matthew, on March 19, 2005. Besides keeping busy with their son, Doctors Duncan have purchased a practice in Costa Mesa / Santa Ana, CA. The family resides in Irvine.



1986: During a cruise to Norway, the Fimreite Family visited the town of Fimreite, where they stood in front of an obelisk that commemorates the 800-year anniversary of the Battle of Fimreite in 1184 AD. Husband and wife and classmates, Jeffrey S. Fimreite, O.D., and Patricia Atie Fimreite, O.D., are pictured with their children, Vanessa, 15, and Michael, 18. The Doctors practice in Santa Ana, CA and reside in Laguna Hills.

#### 1999

**Chelle Nickle, O.D.**, writes that hubby, Scott, is finishing his final semester of law school. The family, including Truman, 3; Gemma, 5; and Davis, 7, currently reside in Spokane, WA.

#### 2003

**Tracy J. Schauer, O.D.**, and her husband, Jeff, reside in North Mankato, MN. Dr. Schauer recently began practicing in a nearby satellite office of, **Blake T. Dirks, O.D.**, '86.

#### 2004

**Shalu Pal, O.D.**, was one of three optometrists who provided an insightful, intellectual and entertaining look at SECO 2005. Their observations of the recent meeting, held in Atlanta, GA, were published in the magazine, *SECO 2005 The Young OD's Perspective*.



1997: May Yuen Isbell, O.D., with daughter, Elianna Grace. The new bundle of joy made her arrival on March 30, tipping the scales at 6 pounds, 11 ounces. She joins dad, Bill, and big brother, Spencer, at home in Los Angeles, CA.



1998: Olivia Grace was born on July 26 to Vanessa Ferrucci, O.D., and her husband, Steven Ferrucci, O.D., Res. '97. Big sister, Isabella, 3, is delighted. Dr. Vanessa practices in Burbank, CA, and Dr. Steven is an SCCO Assistant Professor and serves as chief, Optometry Section, Sepulveda VA Medical Center, Sepulveda. The family resides in Sherman Oaks.



1998: Derek T. Tong, O.D., Temple City, CA, is serving as president of the San Gabriel Valley Optometric Society for 2006. Besides a solo practice emphasizing vision therapy, he also teaches fourth-year optometric interns at the College's Studt Center for Vision Therapy on a part-time basis. He resides with his wife, Winnie, and son, Samuel, in Arcadia.



2000: Husband and wife and classmates, Brian S. Kawasaki, O.D., and Cindy F. Lum Kawasaki, O.D., with their daughter, Nia. The baby celebrated her first birthday on March 6, 2006. The family resides in San Diego, CA.

#### CORRECTION

Regrettably, the names of two alumni were omitted from the listing of SCCO 2004–05 Annual Fund Donors that appeared in *Alumniscope*, Summer 2005. Their years of support are very much appreciated.

#### Class of 1959

William Scillieri  
*Century Club (27 years of giving)*

#### Class of 1963

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#### IN MEMORIAM

SCCO was saddened to hear of the deaths of the following alumni and friends.

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Casa Grande, AZ
- Richard Knappenberger, O.D., '71  
Bellevue, NE
- Scott A. Loe, O.D., '82  
Casper, WY
- Sheryl A. Andrews, O.D., '83  
Encinitas, CA

## AROUND THE CAMPUS



**Ophthalmotrope Hi-Jinx:** As part of the course on Ocular Motility students created scale models showing the six muscles that control the movement of the human eye. What was unexpected was the creativity. The "Mac" eye (an eye inside a computer), the "left" eye (fully crocheted), and the "evil" eye (inside a haunted house that glows in the dark), were among the variations submitted. Each included a directory explaining the anatomy and many were constructed to accurately mimic the movements controlled by each muscle group.

"Three dimensional representations are excellent learning tools," explained Assistant Professor Lawrence R. Stark, Ph.D. (pictured), who made the assignment. "Each year, students are asked to produce a to-scale model of the eye and its extra-ocular muscles. The objective is to become entirely familiar with the extra-ocular muscles and how they move the eye."

The students were not above certain hi-jinx, what used to be referred to as apple-polishing. One model included an Australian flag — Dr. Stark is a native of Australia. And another, "eye on the ball" was set inside a ballpark that included a billboard promoting the Assistant Professor. Photo by Multi-Media Services Assistant Ronda D. Barton, B.A.

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The core values of the Southern California College of Optometry are those qualities that constitute the educational philosophy and spirit of the institution, and permeate every aspect of the campus community. The College emphasizes and enhances these values in its students throughout the professional program. The core values of SCCO are leadership, ethics, professionalism, compassion, commitment, pursuit of excellence, pursuit of knowledge, collegiality, and sense of community.

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION\*

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**Wednesday, May 24**  
Student Research Symposium  
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**Sunday, June 11**  
ABCs of Pediatric Vision Care  
7 CE Credits / SCCO

**Saturday & Sunday, July 8 & 9**  
4th Annual Ocular Disease  
Program, Part 2  
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**Thursday–Sunday, July 20–23**  
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Conference — New Challenges,  
Opportunities & Skills  
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**Sunday, August 13**  
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**Sunday, September 10**  
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## Special Announcements

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held during the Alumni Reunion All Family BBQ on, Saturday, October 7. Be sure to attend.

### ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now being accepted for the Southern California College of Optometry Alumnus of the Year Award. To nominate an alumnus, please visit the College's website at [www.scco.edu](http://www.scco.edu); navigate to "Alumni & Friends," and select, "Alumnus of the Year."

### SHARED VISIONS 2006 ART EXHIBIT

The Eye Care Center at the Southern California College of Optometry announces Shared Visions 2006, the second annual art exhibit by artists who are blind or legally blind. Selected works will be exhibited in the Eye Care Center for a period of one year (September 2006–September 2007). Please visit the College's website at [www.scco.edu](http://www.scco.edu) to download the artist application packet. Submission Deadline: Thursday, June 1, 2006.

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### SPECIAL EVENT

**102nd Commencement Exercise**  
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