



Additional Information

Ophthalmology website
<http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/eye/>

Ophthalmology residency website:
<http://www.uihealthcare.org/ophthalresidency/>

Graduate Medical Education Website
<https://www.uihealthcare.org/GME>

Maps
<http://www.uihealthcare.org/Search/Default.aspx?search=map>

EyeRounds
<http://webeye.ophth.uiowa.edu/eyeforum/>

2015 INTERVIEW GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Thank you for your interest in our program!

We offer a three-year ACGME-accredited program with a tradition of excellence. Our program is recognized as one of the finest ophthalmology training centers in the world and our clinical and research programs are consistently ranked among the best in U.S. News & World Report. We include an integrated internship that will give you just the right amount of additional medical training and early ophthalmology experience. Our department provides an environment that fosters not only intellectual curiosity and collaboration but also a commitment to teaching and patient care.

We have three main areas where our residents rotate. Our main facility is at the university with state of the art patient care facilities, a library, teaching spaces, and a resident room. Our Iowa City VA has a dedicated wet lab and simulation facility along with ultramodern OR and clinic space. The Des Moines VA houses a busy modern eye clinic and OR.

Our residency program seeks to give residents a broad general ophthalmology background with the opportunity to gain experience in all subspecialty areas. We encourage research and invite residents to share their results at national meetings. We use <http://eyerounds.org> to share our interesting cases with the world. Our faculty are dedicated to resident education. Our alumni are spread all over the US and enjoy helping our residents start their careers. Most importantly the patients at our two VAs and the University Hospital enjoy our residents and are our active partners in teaching the next generation of leaders in ophthalmology.

Thank you again for considering our program.



Thomas A. Oetting, MD, Director,
Ophthalmology Residency Program



INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

- Interview
- Walking Tour
- Driving Tour
- Internal Medicine Integrated Internship, PGY1

Interview

You will be picked up in the Blodi conference room and taken to each interview location.

You will have three separate interviews:

- **Dr. Thomas Oetting and Dr. Elliot Sohn**
- **Dr. Keith Carter and Dr. Erin Shriver**
- **Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick and Dr. Christi Carter**

Walking Tour

You will be picked up in the Blodi conference room and taken on a tour of the ophthalmology department and the hospital. (Approximately 1 hr).

Our VA is well equipped but requires crossing a few streets so we will not make the trip to the VA. The tour will include an optional tour of our Medical Education Research Facility (MERF) if you are interested.

Driving Tour

You will be picked up in the Blodi conference room and taken on a resident led driving tour of the Iowa City area. (Approximately 1.5 hrs). Your folder contains a booklet "University of Iowa Visitor Guide" which includes a map of the area along with an insert listing the driving tour highlights.

Internal Medicine

(Integrated Internship, PGY1)

You will be picked up in the Blodi conference room and taken to the Department of Internal Medicine. In groups of 5 or 6, you will meet with the Internal Medicine Program Director, Dr. Manish Suneja, MD, or some other representative from their department. They will present the Internal Medicine portion of the Integrated Internship. One of our current prelim residents will escort you to and from Internal Medicine to further answer any questions you may have.

Lunch

Food will be provided in the Blodi Conference Room. Current residents will be stopping by to eat and visit with you as their clinic schedules permit.

Informal Dinner

Dinner at Orchard Green will begin at 6:30 pm on Friday October 16th with several of our current residents, including our current Integrated Internship, PGY-1 residents and their spouses/significant others. Dress will be casual (jeans) and accompanying spouses/significant others are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions in a relaxed atmosphere and get to know more about our program and Iowa City from our residents.

Orchard Green
521 S Gilbert St, Iowa City, IA 52240



DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Comprehensive Ophthalmology

Griess, Michael, MD Oetting, Thomas MD
 Johnson, Tim, MD, PhD Shahid, Khadija, OD

Contact Lens

Larson, Tressa, OD Sindt, Christine, OD

Cornea/External Disease & Refractive Surgery

Goins, Kenneth, MD Greiner, Mark MD

Glaucoma

Alward, Wallace, MD Fingert, John MD, PhD
 Bettis, Daniel, MD Kwon, Young, MD, PhD

Neuro-Ophthalmology

Kardon, Randy, MD, PhD Wall, Michael, MD
 Thurtell, Matthew, MD

Oculoplastics

Allen, Richard, MD, PhD Carter, Keith MD
 Shriver, Erin, MD

Ophthalmic Pathology

Syed, Nasreen, MD

Pediatric Ophthalmology

Drack, Arlene, MD Larson, Scott, MD
 Dumitrescu, Alina, MD Olson, Richard, MD
 Kemp, Pavlina, MD

Retina

Abramoff, Michael, MD, PhD Mahajan, Vinit, MD, PhD
 Boldt, Culver, MD Russell, Stephen, MD
 Folk, James, MD Sohn, Elliott, MD
 Gehrs, Karen, MD Stone, Edwin, MD, PhD

Veteran's Administration – Ophthalmology

Abramoff, Michael, MD, PhD Kirschling, Brian, OD
 Allen, Richard, MD, PhD Oetting, Thomas, MD
 Bettis, Daniel, MD Shriver, Erin, MD
 Griess, Michael, MD Syed, Nasreen, MD
 Kardon, Randy, MD, PhD Wagoner, Michael, MD, PhD

Vascular

Hayreh, Sohan, MD, PhD, DSc

Vision Rehabilitation Service

Shahid, Khadija, OD Wilkinson, Mark, OD

TODAY'S APPLICANTS



Braden Burckhard
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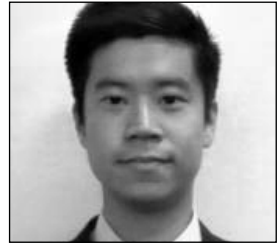
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University of Alabama



Megan Tuohy
Indiana University



Obinna Umunakwe
Vanderbilt



Clayton Wisely
Ohio State



"I left my interview excited about the people at the University of Iowa. The faculty had a genuine enthusiasm for teaching in an environment where the first focus was always doing what was best for the patient. Also, the emphasis on didactic learning with daily rounds was unique to Iowa."

Johanna M. (Dijkstal) Beebe, MD Ophthalmology Resident, 2013-2016

SURGICAL STATISTICS

REQUIRED SURGERIES	ACGME MINIMUM	2015 NATIONAL 50%	2015 IOWA AVERAGES
Cataract	85	169	240.8 (88%)
YAG Capsulotomy	5	16	34 (94%)
Laser trabeculoplasty	5	9	10.8 (52%)
Laser iridotomy	4	13	11.8 (45%)
Panretinal laser photocoagulation	10	27	25.4 (43%)
Keratoplasty	5	9	13.8 (78%)
Keratorefractive Surgery	6	10	8 (24%)
Strabismus	10	21	25.6 (64%)
Glaucoma	5	11	7 (15%)
Retinal Vitreous	10	23	14.2 (10%)
Intravitreal Injection	10	57	43.6 (32%)
Oculoplastic and Orbit	28	62	121.4 (94%)
Eyelid laceration	3	8	12.4 (73%)
Chalazia Excision	3	7	7.4 (52%)
Blepharoplasty	3	8	26.2 (91%)
Globe Trauma	4	8	9.8 (63%)



“I wanted to complete my training at a residency where I would learn from world experts on how to identify and treat eye disease with cutting edge medical and surgical therapy. Iowa has proven to be an excellent choice for this. I am grateful to be training as such a wonderful program.”

David Philips, MD Ophthalmology Resident, 2013-2016

STEPHEN A. WYNN INSTITUTE FOR VISION RESEARCH

The University of Iowa Stephen A. Wynn Institute for Vision Research was created to accelerate the eradication of heritable human blindness through interdisciplinary research, education and clinical care.

WHY IOWA?

WE ASKED THE CURRENT RESIDENTS WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THE IOWA OPHTHALMOLOGY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

RESIDENCY

- Longstanding culture of resident education as top department priority
- Annual resident retreat to Madison for phacoemulsification course
- Program purchases all lenses and loupes for each resident
- Iowa refractive surgery course with certification
- Program Purchases several books including basic science manuals
- EyeSi simulator available 24/7
- Wet-lab with virtually unlimited supply of artificial, porcine, and human eyes
- EyeRounds.org integrated into our program -- residents paid for content
- Free subscription to many journals and ophtho questions
- One-on-one wet lab teaching to prepare you for the OR
- Structured surgical curriculum
- Resident room with your own desk and space for books, personal belongings
- Morning rounds four days a week and BCSC lectures one day each week
- Informal teaching rounds almost every day after clinic with clinical faculty
- Two surgically busy VA hospitals
- Structured educational environment balanced by lots of autonomy at our 2 VAs
- Travel reimbursement for meetings when invited to present
- Third-year residents attend AAO Annual Meeting reimbursed by department
- \$300 per year at UIHC cafeteria (\$550 during intern year)
- Resident family where residents support and encourage each other
- International experience for third-year residents (doesn't count as vacation)
- Five fellowship/job interview days (doesn't count as vacation)



Outside
RANKED IOWA CITY #3
FOR THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN THE U.S.



WHY IOWA?

WE ASKED THE CURRENT RESIDENTS WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THE IOWA OPHTHALMOLOGY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

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RANKED IOWA #4
OPHTHALMOLOGY RESIDENCY REPUTATION

INTERNSHIP

- Five 4 - week rotations in ophthalmology
- See ophthalmology patients on your own from day one with support from other residents and always supervised by faculty at UIHC
- \$550 at cafeteria
- Being welcomed as a part of the ophtho team as an intern.
- Free lunch every day
- Start working on resident research project or EyeRounds.org publications

RESIDENCY

- Chairman who was previously a residency program director and is dedicated to resident education
- Five clinical conferences throughout the year with

visiting lecturers, good food, and opportunities to meet and network with Iowa alumni

- Dedicated ophthalmology library with full-time librarian
- Low turnover in faculty and staff
- Fantastic residency program coordinator with always-stocked candy dish
- Incredible refractive surgery discount for Iowa residents (\$500 for bilateral custom wavefront-guided refractive surgery)
- Supportive GME office. Eg had 3 residents with health issues who kept salary during extended treatment
- Residency program director that is highly devoted to resident education and has won numerous teaching awards, including the 2012 Straatsma Award for Excellence in Resident Education

- Amazing photography department that is able to capture anything you want to help you with presentations and EyeRounds submissions

ALUMNI

- Great alumni network from all over the world
- Alumni Roundtable Dinners where alumni share insights into their chosen practice type, job search tips, etc
- Generous alumni eager to “give back” to the program with financial and other donations to department designated for residency program

IOWA CITY

- Affordable cost of living (40-50% of residents buy instead of renting)
- Medical Partners group for spouses and children of UI medical students/residents with weekly get togethers, play dates, book club, movie nights, etc
- Full gym next to hospital with pool, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, track, and other exercise equipment for just \$15/month and access to other university exercise facilities
- Easily live within walking distance of the hospital (At least 50% of residents walk or bike for majority of the year)

CURRENT RESIDENTS

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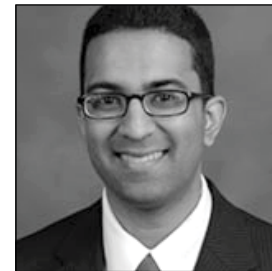
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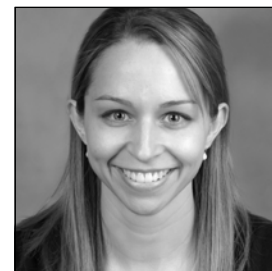
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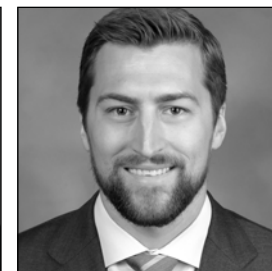
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RESIDENT BIOS



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Buffalo, NY

Why did you choose Iowa?

Picture having a department full of world-class faculty standing behind you, hoping to see you - a resident - succeed. What could be more powerful than that in a training program? The clinical and surgical opportunities here are truly top notch, but it is the caring culture that sets Iowa apart.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

I love hosting dinner parties. I'm also the head of HR for Yotopia - Iowa's Farm Fresh Froyo.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

I am always around the ped mall in downtown Iowa City. I love the energy there.



Johanna M. (Dijkstal) Beebe, MD
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Cheyenne, Wyoming

Why did you choose Iowa?

I left my interview excited about the people at the University of Iowa. The faculty had a genuine enthusiasm for teaching in an environment where the first focus was always doing what was best for the patient. Also, the emphasis on didactic learning with daily rounds was unique to Iowa.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

Spending time with my Family, BBQ, fishing, and swimming.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

Downtown Iowa is awesome and offers great concerts and restaurants. There is always a festival or show going through town. The farmers market is incredible. In the summer there are great pools and lakes. We are also big Iowa Basketball fans and the games are a blast!



David L. Phillips, MD
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Northeast Missouri

Why did you choose Iowa?

I wanted to complete my training at a residency where I would learn from world experts on how to identify and treat eye disease with cutting edge medical and surgical therapy. Iowa has proven to be an excellent choice for this. I am grateful to be training as such a wonderful program.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

I enjoy spending time with my family, hunting big game, and fly fishing.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

My favorite thing to do in Iowa City is play in my backyard with my wife and son. I also enjoy tailgating during the Iowa home football games.



Christi Carter, MD
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Leander, Texas

Why did you choose Iowa?

I am so grateful to be training at Iowa. The faculty are brilliant and enthusiastic about teaching. The residents are friendly, fun, and hard-working. The spirit of camaraderie is evident everywhere. I cannot imagine a better place to learn the art of ophthalmology!

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

I love spending time with my family (especially my husband and son), hiking, scuba-diving, playing volleyball, being outside, and eating frozen yogurt.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

I love going to the Lake McBride area. It's a beautiful spot with so much to do -- walking the trails through the gorgeous trees, wakeboarding along the Coralville Reservoir, mountain-biking at Sugar Bottom, and playing disc golf at Turkey Creek. I also enjoy the outdoor summer concert series that takes place on the weekends downtown at the "Ped Mall" (pedestrian mall) in Iowa City. Oh, and one other spot to not forget: Wilson's apple Orchard... So wonderful! It's open from August 1 - October 31. We go multiple times per year to eat all kinds of apples off the trees, pick pumpkins, and enjoy their tasty apple goods (pies, doughnuts, cider, turnovers, etc).



Christopher A. Kirkpatrick, MD
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Colfax, Washington

Why did you choose Iowa?

Strong tradition, world-class faculty that are highly engaged in resident education on a daily basis, and an overall supportive environment amongst co-residents, fellows and faculty alike that make this an exceptional place to train.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

Spending time with my wife and 2 boys. We like doing anything we can do be outdoors - hiking, running, cycling, etc..

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

JavaHouse - highly addicting coffee, and then heading down to the farmers market on the weekend.



Lucas T. Lenci, M.D.
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Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

Why did you choose Iowa?

I chose Iowa because of the superb didactic education and strong emphasis on training well-rounded surgeons. I am so glad I did.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

I love hanging out with my wife and new baby. We love to ride bikes, hike, play at the Coralville reservoir, and enjoy the outdoor parks.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

I enjoy hanging out in the ped mall downtown. I also love playing on the lakes nearby (boating, swimming, skiing).



Jaclyn M. Haugsdal, M.D.
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Lake Mills, Iowa

Why did you choose Iowa?

I chose Iowa for the excellent dedication to resident education. It is obvious talking to any faculty member or staff that they love what they do and they want to teach. Everyone is willing to go out of their way to see each resident succeed and to support you in your education.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

My interests outside of medicine include going on walks to the farmers market and downtown Iowa City with my husband and twin girls. We also enjoy swimming at the local pools and eating at the Iowa City area gems.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

We really like the Iowa City farmers market and eating at Dane's dairy, the Bluebird diner, Giovanni's, and Orchard Green. The pedestrian mall is also a popular spot for summer strolls and enjoying patio drinks and meals.



Prashant K. Parekh, MD, MBA
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Miami, Florida

Why did you choose Iowa?

When considering the ideal aspects of a training program (i.e., high patient volume, collegial environment, strong didactics, world-class faculty and departmental stability, ample research opportunities, personable residents and fellows, facilities within walking distance), I felt that Iowa had them all. Each passing day, I realize more and more what a privilege it is to train here.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

What do you enjoy outside of medicine? Swimming, watching sports, movies, salsa dancing.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

Hang out with friends/co-workers wherever! Also, hang out at the Pedmall.





Steven M. Christiansen, M.D.
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Salt Lake City, Utah

Why did you choose Iowa?

I chose Iowa for its strong clinical training, innovative leaders and researchers, emphasis on resident education, happy residents, and wonderful, safe, affordable location in which to raise a young family.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

I enjoy spending time with my wife and our two kids, working on do-it-yourself projects around the house, and writing for the ophthalmology blog I started a few years ago, www.eyesteve.com.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

We love to enjoy live music downtown on the pedestrian mall, The Children’s Museum and Public Library, Lake McBride, and the many parks around town.



Matthew A. Miller, MD
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South Weber, Utah

Why did you choose Iowa?

The University of Iowa is an incredible ophthalmology training program. I chose Iowa because the enthusiasm I felt for becoming an ophthalmologist as I left my interview was unlike anything I experienced at other programs. That enthusiasm stems from being surrounded by a world-class faculty committed to resident education and success, along with fellow trainees who collectively approach ophthalmology education like a team sport. I’m very grateful to be at Iowa and for the ability I’ll have to care for patients in the future thanks to the exceptional training I’m receiving here.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

Spending time with my family, trail running, skiing

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

Taking my kids to Kent Park, eating tacos at La Regia Taqueria



Thomas J. "TJ" Clark, MD
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Central Iowa

Why did you choose Iowa?

The people. I couldn’t imagine that another program would have faculty as knowledgeable yet approachable and friendly as we have at Iowa. The residents were the type of people I could look up to and aspire to be like both professionally and personally

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

Spend time with my family (wife-Leah, daughter-Ellie, dog-Winslo, and daughter to be (God willing) due in September). We go on a lot of walks and hikes as well as cross country ski in the winter

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

Taking my kids to Kent Park, eating tacos at La Regia Taqueria



Lorraine A. Myers, MD
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Bloomfield, Indiana

Why did you choose Iowa?

Iowa felt “right” to me. It felt like home. I thought about what would really make my day-to-day enjoyable, and for me, it’s kind people, a nice work environment, and a program that embraces teaching. Residency is going to be a challenge, but having the right people around you makes it less challenging.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

I enjoy working out, going out with friends, exploring nearby Iowa towns, and when I find extra time -- baking, cooking, and art.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

It’s very simple: taking walks. I love evenings in Iowa! The sunsets are incredible, and the wildflowers are beautiful. Plus, it’s safe!



Lindsay K. McConnell, MD
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Iowa City, Iowa

Why did you choose Iowa?

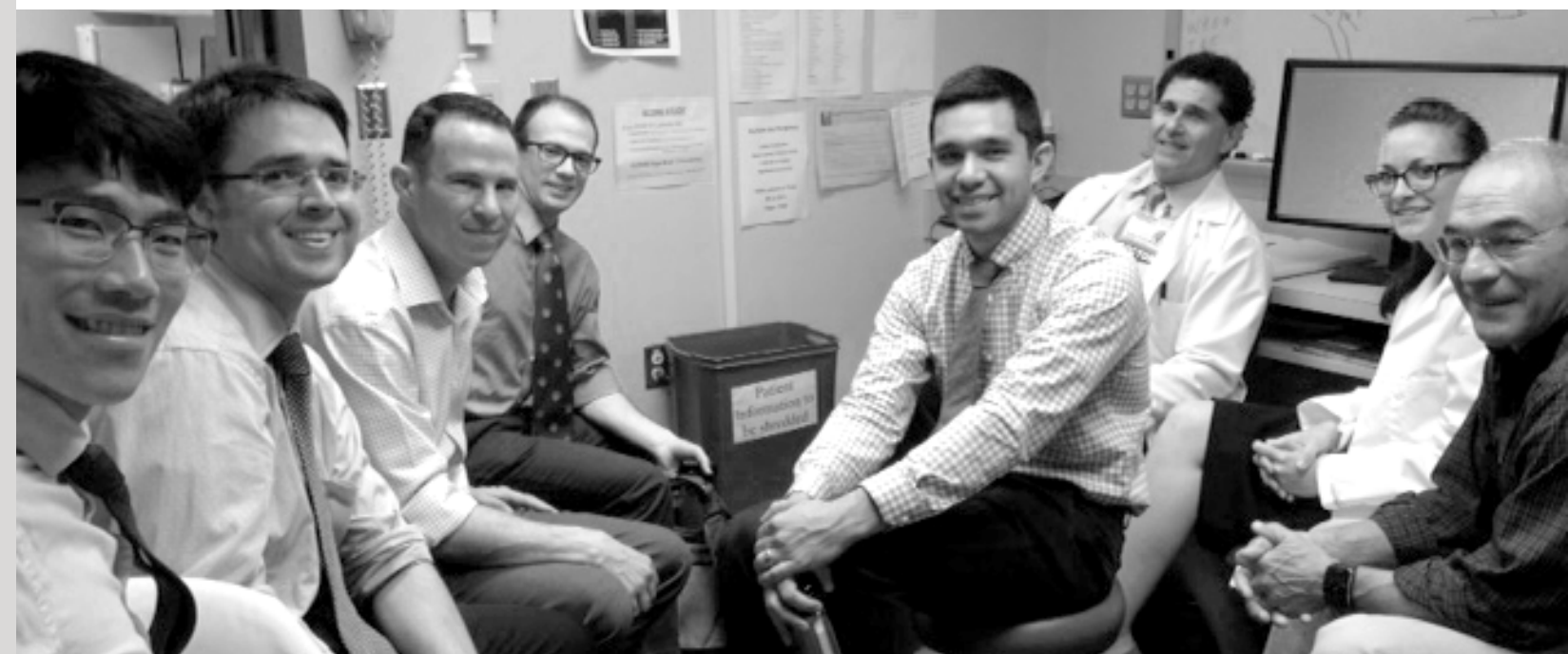
After interviewing all over I knew there was no better place for me than Iowa. The residents and staff facilitate a welcoming and educational environment where I felt at home. I knew there was nowhere else where I would obtain top-notch training with such a quality group of people.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

I enjoy working out, being active outside, traveling, spending time with friends and family, and volunteering in the community.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

I love the Iowa City Farmers market as well as all of the festivals and events downtown in the summer.





Tyler B.S. Risma, MD
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Rochester, Minnesota

Why did you choose Iowa?

Multiple top level faculty in each subspecialty. Great surgical training. Being a resident at Iowa means you are a part of a team of residents who look out for each other and work to make each other succeed. My co-residents have gone out of their way to help each other above and beyond what I ever would have imagined.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

Spending time with my wife and two kids. Waterskiing, soccer, guitar, and banjo.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

The Coralville reservoir is 15 minutes away, there is always something great to do in the ped mall, and there are a surprising number of great restaurants given the size of Iowa City.



Aaron Ricca, MD
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Jonesboro, Arkansas

Why did you choose Iowa?

I chose Iowa for numerous reasons, but primarily for the people in the department and the quality of resident education and experience. The atmosphere here is beyond the best out of anywhere that I saw across the nation. The faculty and staff love what they do and it shows in the day-to-day workflow. The attendings love to teach and interact with the residents. Dr. Oetting always has the best interests of the residents in mind and is very receptive to new ideas and progress. Everyone here wants to support you and provide you with all the opportunities possible for you to develop and succeed in any way you desire. It is completely possible for you to have a strenuous and high achieving work life as well as a healthy personal life in this program. The research potential is fantastic, if you choose to pursue it, and the surgical training is cutting edge. Also, the integrated internship is a huge bonus. It allows you to become a member of the department immediately, you don't have to wait an entire year to begin what you want to do right now.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

I enjoy fly fishing and hunting. In particular, salt water fly fishing and wing-shooting are my favorite. I hunt all manner of fowl and game and bowhunt for big game

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

I really enjoy going to the farmer's markets throughout the week and especially the weekend. The atmosphere of the city and surrounding suburbs is outstanding and the downtown and the ped mall are a lot of fun on the weekend evenings. My favorite place though would probably be my house and the houses of the other residents in my class. They are the best bbq joint/pizzeria/bar in town! Also, the breweries in the area are all excellent.



Spenser Morton, MD
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West Chester, PA

Why did you choose Iowa?

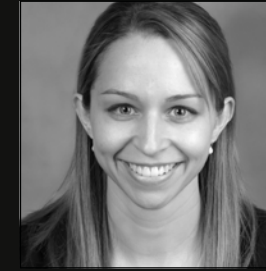
I chose Iowa because I wanted to train in a world-class facility, with top-notch faculty, in an environment that is comfortable, friendly, and supportive. Not only does Iowa provide the best blend of academic and surgical training available, but it does so while surrounding you with truly high caliber people who want you to succeed just as badly as you do. Lastly, I was blown away by how great of an opportunity the integrated internship is. Every day that passes I am happier that I chose Iowa.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

My favorite thing to do is spend time with my wife and son. I also love to homebrew beer, hunt, fish, hike, snowboard, and just about anything else outdoors.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

Exploring the many paths and Fishing in the Lake at Kent State Park and Lake Macbride.



Stephanie Lynch, MD
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East Greenwich, RI

Why did you choose Iowa?

People here have a great sense of humor. The residents not only receive excellent training but are also well supported as individuals.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

I love playing soccer, running, traveling to new places, and hanging with my dogs.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

Eating dinner out at the ped mall in the summer





Daniel Terveen, MD
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Spearfish, South Dakota

Why did you choose Iowa?

I chose Iowa because I believe in the program's mission. The department is committed to curing blinding eye conditions but they also place the highest emphasis on resident education. Nowhere else in the country do you have world-renowned specialists taking such a personal interest in resident education. Department wide teaching rounds every morning, a busy, second-to-none surgical curriculum, and personalized resident research mentorship give you the tools to become successful in the career path you choose. The integrated intern year is also great. It is five months of ophthalmology experience and takes away the stress of matching into a second intern year program. Finally, the people here are incredibly kind and give you endless opportunities to succeed.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

One of my favorite things to do is pheasant hunt in beautiful Dakota. I also enjoy playing most sports especially soccer and tennis. I love spending time outdoors hiking, camping, and skiing. My new hobby is gardening and battling weeds.

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

One of my favorite things is hanging downtown with my wife who is also a resident in Iowa's OB department. There are a ton of great restaurants and shops all within walking distance of our house. We also love sitting on our deck enjoying the weather and hanging out with our co-residents!



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New Orleans, Louisiana

Why did you choose Iowa?

As someone who aspires to be a physician-scientist, I can think of no better program than Iowa to start my career. The research is fascinating, novel, and abundant--all residents have really interesting projects! Iowa stood out as a residency program that caters to what is best for the individual resident. For example, the integrated year (which is a HUGE plus), allows residents to get connected with mentors early and have 5 months of dedicated ophthalmology rotations while still an intern. So, a resident's knowledge is being built up in a low-stress environment before primary call even begins! The integrated intern year also allows residents to later choose to travel internationally or do sub-specialty electives that prepare the resident for a specific career or fellowship. I am a Southern girl, yet I feel at home here. Everyone is genuinely kind and cares very much about education, as evidenced by daily grand rounds and weekly conferences.

What do you enjoy outside of medicine?

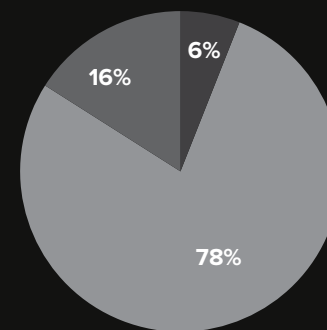
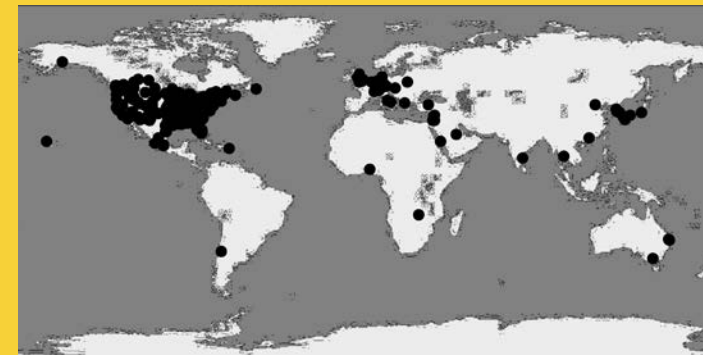
I enjoy spending time with my husband, Nick; we especially like to run or work out together. I adore my daughter, Lucia, and we love to spend time swimming or going to the park. Of course, I also love my co-residents and enjoy spending time with friends. I am a cellist (but I do not play as much as I should). And lastly, I enjoy cooking (and eating) spicy foods!

What is your favorite place or thing to do in Iowa City?

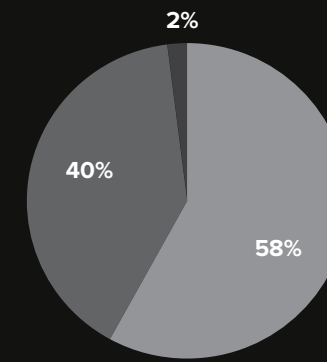
As a New Orleanian, I am pleasantly surprised by what IC has to offer, especially in regards to music! I have enjoyed going to the various festivals (arts fest, jazz fest, etc.). There seems to be something to do every weekend, including (but not limited to) a really great farmer's market! I live within walking distance to downtown and love being able to walk to so many activities.

IOWA ALUMNI

Alumni from the University of Iowa's Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences are located in over 60 states and provinces in North America and 29 countries worldwide.



2006-2015 Iowa Residency Graduates Current Position



2006-2015 Iowa Residency Graduates First Position Following Residency

IOWA ALUMNI

2015

Jonathan Hager, MD
C. Blake Perry, MD

Private practice – Texas
Fellowship (Oculoplastic & Orbital Surgery) – Casey Eye Institute, Portland, OR

Bradley Sacher, MD
Jesse Vislisel, MD
Jeffrey Welder, MD

Private practice – Wheaton Eye Clinic, Wheaton, IL
Fellowship (Cornea) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice - Siskiyou Eye Center, Ashland, OR

2014

Elizabeth Gauger, MD
Pavlina Kemp, MD

Fellowship (Int'l. Oph.) – Dean McGee Eye Institute, Oklahoma City, OK
Private Practice – Minnesota

Angela McAllister, MD
Justin Risma, MD
Matthew Weed, MD

Fellowship (Pediatric Ophthalmology) – Mass. Eye and Ear, Boston, MA
Academic medicine - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice – Essentia Health, Duluth, MN
Private practice – Fuerste Eye Clinic, Dubuque, IA
Fellowship (Ophthalmic Genetics) – University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Fellowship (Pediatric Ophthalmology) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2013

Meredith Baker, MD
John Brinkley, MD

Fellowship (Oculoplastics) – University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice– Minn. Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Specialists, Edina, MN

John J. Chen, MD, PhD

Fellowship (Neuro-ophthalmology) – University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice – Eye Associates of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Amanda Maltry, MD

Fellowship (Neuro-ophthalmology) – University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Academic medicine – Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Jordan Rixen, MD

Fellowship (Ocular Pathology) – University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Academic medicine – University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Fellowship (Cornea) – University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice – Eye Surgical Associates, Lincoln, NE

2012

Priya Gupta, MD

Fellowship (Glaucoma) – Wilmer Eye Institute, Baltimore, MD
Private practice – West Coast Glaucoma Centre, Vancouver, BC

Esther S. Hong, MD
Shaival S. Shah

Private practice – Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, CA
Fellowship (Pediatric Ophthalmology) – Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
Private practice – So. California Permanente Group, Yorba Linda, CA

Matthew S. Ward

Fellowship (Cornea) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice – Provo, UT

Chris E. Watts, MD

Private practice – Eye Physicians & Surgeons, Iowa City, IA

2011

Emily S. Birkholz, MD
Jason P. Brinton, MD

Private practice – Ophthalmology Associates of Mankato, Mankato, MN
Fellowship (Cornea) - Durrie Vision, Overland Park, KS

Leslie T. L. Pham, MD

Private practice – Durrie Vision, Overland Park, KS
Private practice – Orlando, FL

Brian K. Privett, MD
Gina M. Rogers, MD

Fellowship (Cataract/Refractive) – Koch Eye Associates, Warwick, RI
Private practice – Koch Eye Associates, Warwick, RI

Janet Y. M. Tsui, MD

Private practice – Iowa Eye Center, Cedar Rapids, IA
Fellowship (Cornea) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice – Eye Physicians & Surgeons of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Private practice – Kaiser Permanente, Santa Clara, CA

2010

Alex W. Cohen, MD

Fellowship (Cornea) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Academic medicine – Dean McGee Eye Institute, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK
Private practice – Iowa City, IA

Nandini G. Gandhi, MD

Fellowship (Pediatric Ophthalmology) – Duke Eye Center, Durham, NC
Academic medicine – University of California at Davis, Sacramento, CA

Aaron B. Roller, MD

Fellowship (Retina) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice – Texas Retina Institute, Round Rock, TX
Fellowship (Retina) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice – Fox Valley Ophthalmology, St. Charles, IL

Lucas J. A. Wendel, MD

2009

Arpitha Muthialu Charlu, MD
Parley D. Fillmore, MD
Matthew P. Rauen, MD

Private practice – Atlantis Eye Care, Newport Beach, CA
Private practice – Fillmore Eye Clinic, Alamogordo, NM
Fellowship (Cornea) – University of Iowa, Iowa City
Private practice – Wolfe Eye Clinic, West Des Moines, IA
Academic medicine - University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Fellowship (Glaucoma) – Tufts-New England Medical Ctr, Boston, MA
Private practice – Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston, Boston MA

Parisa Taravati, MD
E. Bo Yang, MD

2008

Jason C. Friedrichs, MD
Edward H. Hu, MD, PhD
Yian Jin Jones, MD
Andrew Steffensmeier, MD
Paula Wynn, MD

Private practice - DeKalb Clinic, Sycamore, IL
Private practice – Eye Surgeons Associates, Bettendorf, IA
Private practice – Jones Eye Clinic, Sioux City, IA
Private practice - Des Moines Eye Surgeons, West Des Moines, IA
Fellowship (Retina) – UCSF, San Francisco, CA
Private practice – NW Permanente Physicians & Surgeons, Portland, OR

2007

Robert B. Dinn, MD
Jordan M. Graff, MD

Private practice – Eye Physicians, Kokomo, IN
Fellowship (Retina) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice – BDP Eye Center, Phoenix, AZ
Fellowship (Pediatric Ophthalmology) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Academic medicine - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Private practice – Nashville, TN

Susannah Q. Longmuir, MD

Fellowship (Retina) – Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA
Private practice - New England Eye Center, Boston, MA
Private Practice – Lakeville Eye Associates, Lakeville, CT

Christopher C. Robinson, MD

Avanish P. Tantri, MD

2006

James M. Coombs, MD
Reid A. Longmuir, MD

Private practice – Fitzhugh Vision Clinic, Twin Falls, ID
Fellowships (Neuro-ophthalmology; Glaucoma) - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Jeffrey L. Maassen, MD
Erin O'Malley Schotthoefer, MD

Academic medicine - University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Academic medicine - Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN
Private practice – Iowa Eye Center, Cedar Rapids, IA
Fellowship (Pediatric Ophthalmology) – Duke Eye Center, Durham, NC
Private practice – Charlotte Eye Ear Nose & Throat, Charlotte, NC
Fellowship (Oculoplastics) – Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami, FL
Academic medicine – University of Iowa, Iowa City IA

Erin M. Shriver, MD



INTEGRATED INTERNSHIP

Our integrated internship (PGY-1 year) will be in its third year with your group. The internship has rotations in our internal medicine and ophthalmology departments.

This required internship includes 8 four-week rotations on the medicine service and 5 four-week rotations on ophthalmology. The interview for the internship will occur along with our ophthalmology residency interview. We hope this will make the process simpler and more economical for applicants. As an intern on the internal medicine service you will do rotations that are related to being an ophthalmologist including rotations on endocrine, infectious disease with no unit rotations.

As an intern on the ophthalmology service, you will learn basic examination skills and be ready to take care of most simple problems and triage complex eye problems. While on the ophthalmology service, you will have no call, thus allowing you to focus on study.

THE INTERN YEAR WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THIRTEEN 4-WEEK ROTATIONS:

- Two to three 4-week ophthalmology rotations at the Iowa City VA Medical Center, caring for patients in clinic.
- Two to three 4-week rotations on the UIHC comprehensive ophthalmology service, caring for patients in clinic, the emergency department, and the inpatient units.
- Eight 4-week rotations on the medicine service, covering the wards at UIHC and the VA. Two of the eight rotations will be outpatient ambulatory medicine rotations, 1 block of rheumatology and 1 block of either general ambulatory medicine or endocrinology, during these outpatient blocks there is no call, allowing further time for study. The objective during these rotations will be to hone your basic medical skills, including the management of inpatients.
- Three weeks of vacation over the year, two during medicine blocks and one during ophthalmology blocks

ADVANTAGES

We believe there are many distinct advantages to our integrated internship program:

- Providing far more ophthalmology experience than would be possible at an outside preliminary or transitional year program. This added level of experience, all before taking any call, will make the transition to call responsibilities smoother and more effective.
- Becoming an integrated member of our ophthalmology team early in your training.
- Avoiding multiple interviews for other intern year positions, saving time, money and stress.
- Monthly lunch lectures directed towards interns on basic, commonly encountered diagnoses in ophthalmology.
- Moving only once during residency.
- Gaining familiarity with the hospital, electronic medical record, and members of other services with whom you will be working throughout the remainder of your residency.
- Having access to our structured wet lab and Eyesi surgical simulator.
- Acquiring exposure to a broad range of available research projects that can be carried forward through your ophthalmology residency.

We are excited to offer this integrated opportunity that promises to make our program the best in the country. In the additional five months of ophthalmology training, our residents will learn systems-based skills, have ample time for independent study, and learn basic ophthalmology exam and assessment skills which will put them far ahead by the time they begin their PGY-2 year.

QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding our new combined internship feel free to contact our Program Director, Thomas-oetting@uiowa.edu, program coordinator, Laura-pitlick@uiowa.edu, or any of our current integrated IM/Ophthalmology interns: T.J. Clark (Thomas-J-Clark@uiowa.edu), Lindsay McConnell (Lindsay-McConnell@uiowa.edu), Matthew Miller (Matthew-A-Miller@uiowa.edu), Lorraine Myers (Lorraine-Myers@uiowa.edu), or Tyler Risma (Tyler-Risma@uiowa.edu).