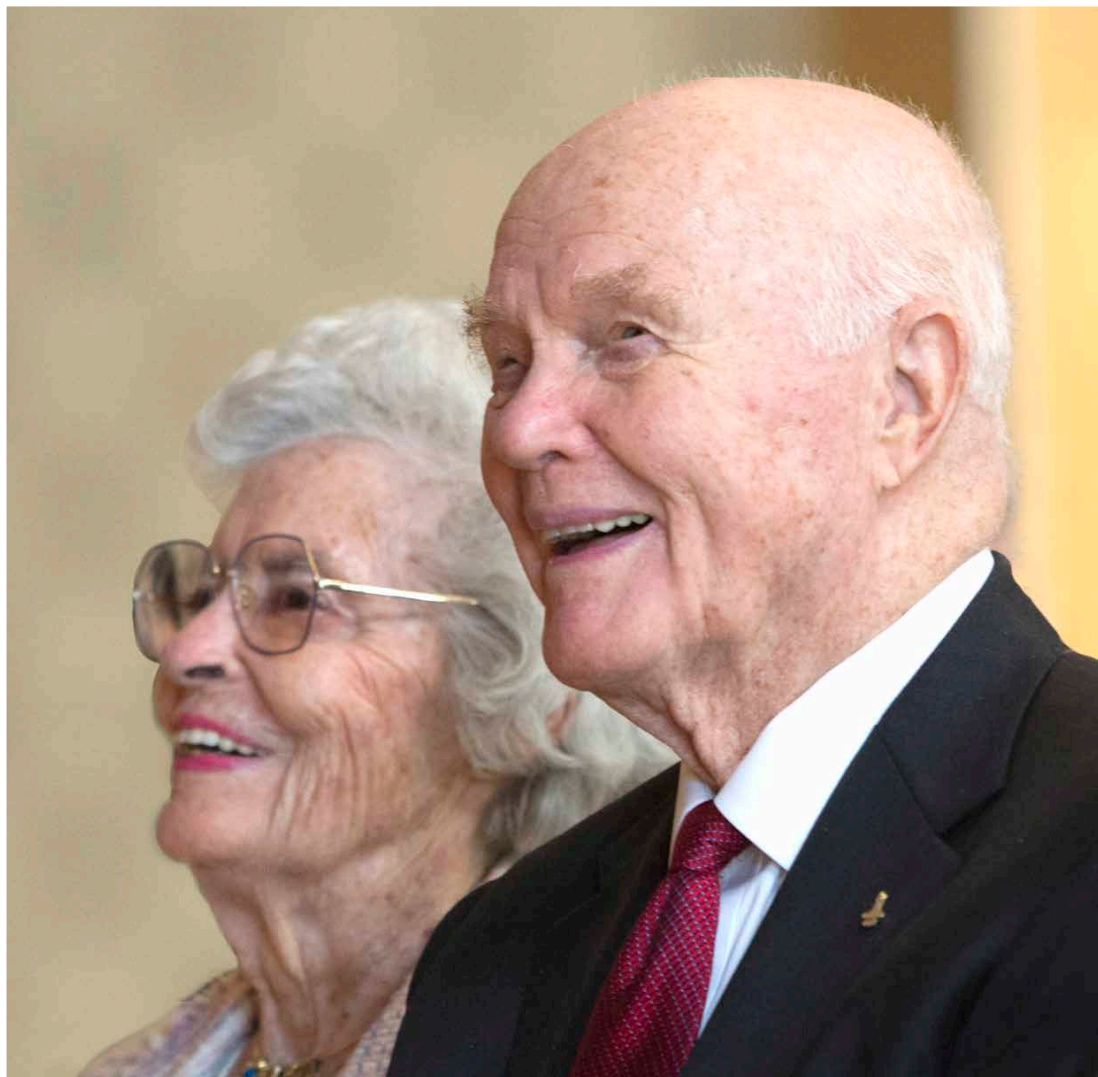


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# John Glenn

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“We are more fulfilled when we are involved in something bigger than ourselves.”



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John & Annie Glenn at 2012 Event  
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## John & Annie Glenn Research Fund in Ophthalmology

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We are thrilled to announce the creation of the John and Annie Glenn Research Fund in Ophthalmology. Created in honor of the late John Glenn and his wife Annie, the fund will support research efforts focused toward a cure for blindness and treating diseases such as glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and age-related macular degeneration (AMD), conditions on the forefront of ophthalmic research efforts.

As a former senator, pilot, and astronaut, the late John Glenn was no stranger to daunting challenges. The struggle to combat blinding eye diseases is such a challenge. One million people in the United States are irreversibly blind (a number expected to double by 2030 and quadruple by 2050) and glaucoma, AMD, and diabetic eye disease are among the most devastating causes of blindness.

The Glenn Research Fund will enhance research efforts to go beyond controlling these diseases. By providing resources for advanced technology and ground breaking research, it will create collaboration between talented scientists and physicians to foster unprecedented treatments and advancements.

Research over the last decade has had a major impact on AMD and diabetic retinopathy. Clinical trials have identified a group of drugs that inhibit vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), slowing the progression of AMD and diabetic retinopathy. Anti-VEGF medications are administered through a series of injections into the eye which stabilize existing vision, but are not always able to improve vision. Early detection is critical, but new treatment modalities need further investigation.

Glaucoma is a leading cause of irreparable vision loss worldwide. It is estimated that 2% of the US population over the age of 40 are diagnosed with primary open-angle glaucoma, or approximately 2.7 million people. Currently, there is no cure for glaucoma, but the disease can be controlled. Research is vital and the quest for a cure will help us understand, reverse, and prevent this devastating condition.

Together with the generous support of the Glenn Fund and the determined research by scientists and clinicians, the challenge to end blindness is being accepted and a new frontier in sight restoration is being forged in ophthalmology.

## Glenn Research Gala

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
6:30 pm

### Hilton Columbus Downtown

401 N. High St.,  
Columbus, OH 43215

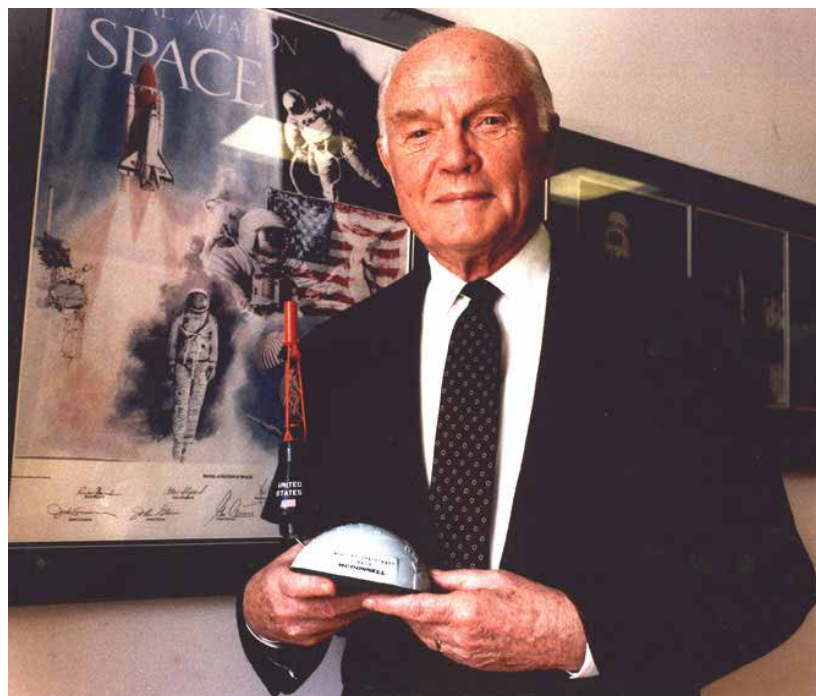
Join us on March 9th, 2018 for a gala hosted by the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science. The evening event will feature a guest speaker.

For more information on attending this event or supporting the John & Annie Glenn Research Fund in Ophthalmology

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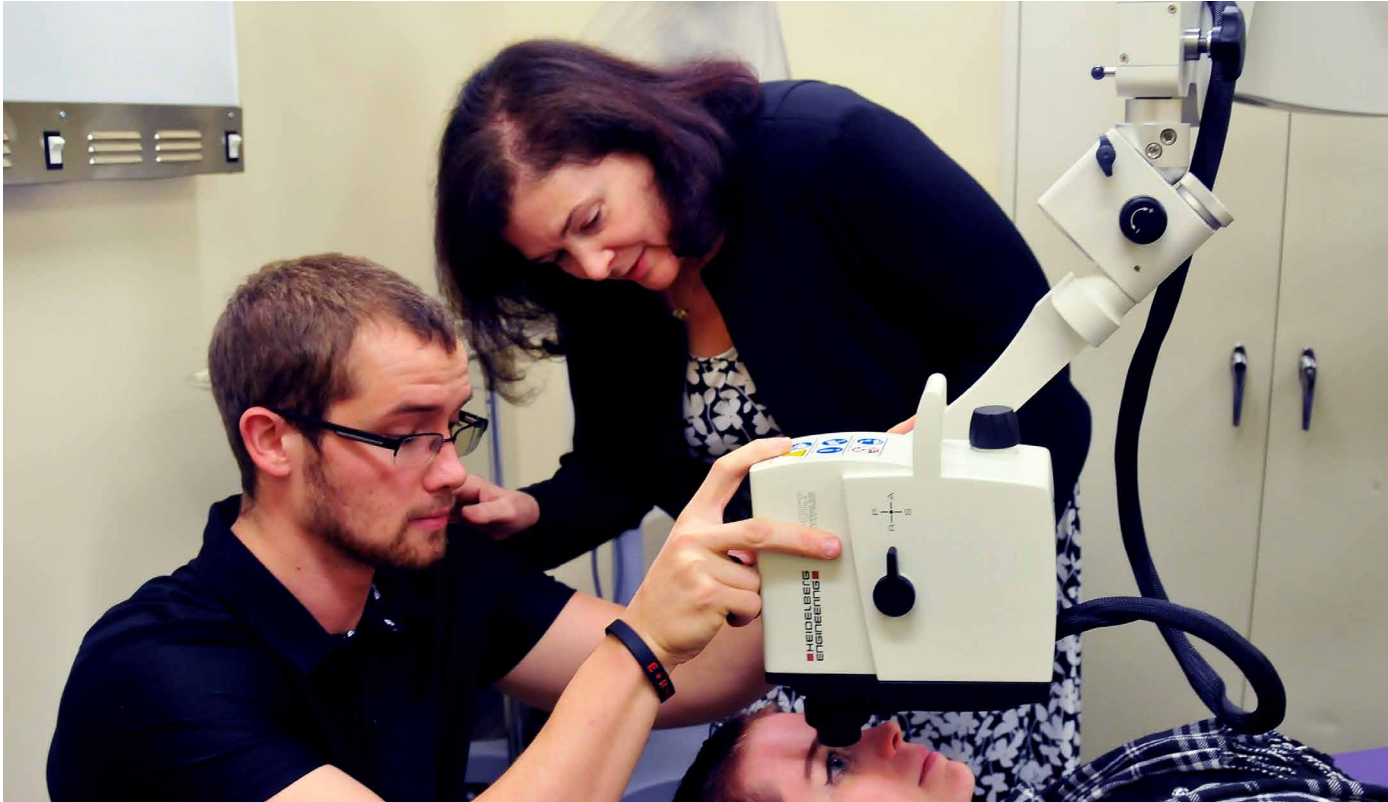


LEFT: John Glenn holding a model of the Friendship 7 spacecraft TOP & BOTTOM RIGHT: John & Annie Glenn  
Photo Credit: Kevin Fitzsimons & The Ohio State University

## Cynthia Roberts, PhD Awarded NIH Grant

### Supporting Research on Corneal Biomechanics in Ocular Disease

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**As part of her clinical research, Dr. Cynthia Roberts and research coordinator Jay Mathias perform an innovative supine OCT-A, in which the subject is lying flat rather than sitting**

New research led by Dr. Cynthia Roberts (Professor of Ophthalmology & Visual Science and Biomedical Engineering) along with a team of ophthalmologists and engineers could lead to more accurate screening and monitoring of glaucoma and other eye diseases.

The study has received a \$1.925 million R01 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to examine the separate effects of corneal stiffness and intraocular pressure (IOP) on the biomechanical assessment of the eye.

IOP, or the pressure inside the eye, is an important factor when assessing risk for eye disease, particularly glaucoma, explained Dr. Roberts. Current measurement techniques – such as the common puff-of-air test which causes the cornea to deform – can render inaccurate pressure readings if a cornea is abnormally stiff or soft.

“The higher the IOP, the stiffer the behavior,” said Roberts. “That’s a problem, because how do you know when this deformation is measured, if it’s due to stiffness or IOP?”

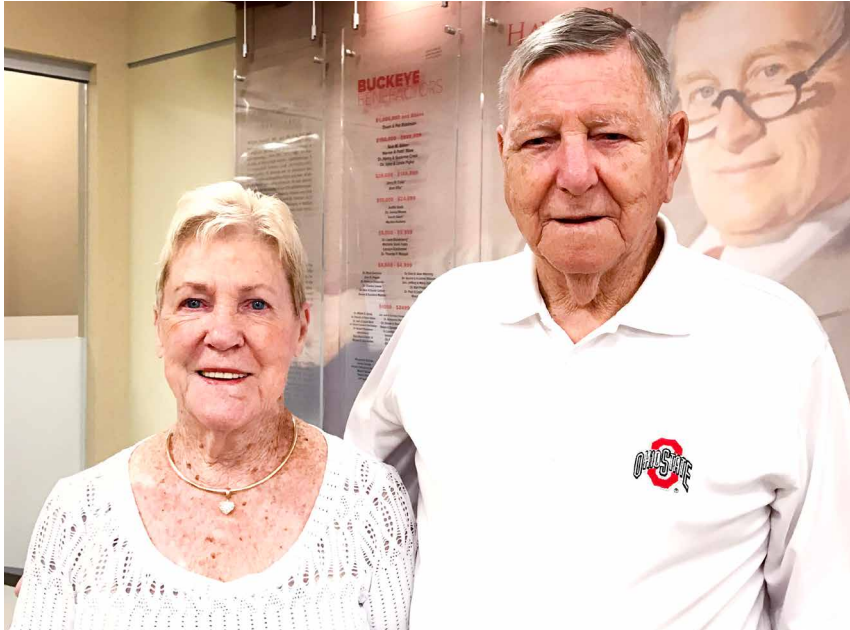
You can’t tell, so one of the most important goals of this grant is to separate stiffness from IOP in these clinical deformation parameters.”

Roberts said the team will also explore ways to measure corneal stiffness specifically.

Roberts’ co-investigators include Jun Liu, PhD (Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Ophthalmology), Paul Weber, MD (Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology) and Matthew Ohr, MD (Associate Professor of Ophthalmology).

The study will involve two phases. Using a novel stiffness parameter, Roberts and her colleagues will compare deformation responses of paired donor eyes in a controlled lab setting where stiffness can be altered and measured. A clinical research study at the Havener Eye Institute will examine the responses in patients with keratoconus, glaucoma, ocular hypertension and diabetes, and compare to those with healthy eyes.

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TOP: Pat and Thom Robinson at the Havener Eye Institute

## New Robinson Imaging Center

\$1 Million donation given to build a state-of-the-art imaging center

Thom and Pat Robinson recently made a generous donation in the amount of \$1 million dollars to The Ohio State University Havener Eye Institute. The Robinsons have always loved to give back. Evidence of their philanthropic focus and love for Ohio State can be found around campus supporting the William Oxley Thompson library and an academic building within the College of Veterinary Medicine, in addition to numerous athletic scholarships.

The Robinsons hail from Troy, Ohio and are long time patients of the Havener Eye Institute. Through visits with glaucoma specialist, Dr. Frederick Kapetansky, they realized the potential of how a gift of this kind could help patients in Central Ohio and beyond. They also understood the need for medical advances in technology and medicine to help repair and retain vision.

Their donation will allow the department to form the Robinson Imaging Center, with advanced ophthalmic imaging, including the outfitting of a new ophthalmic electrophysiology lab to acquire the most advanced and modern technology available such as pattern electroretinogram (ERG) for use in treating glaucoma diseases. This lab will provide testing useful in obtaining information about the eye that goes well beyond a standard clinical exam.

Despite decades of Glaucoma research, this condition is still not fully understood. About 10 percent of people who are actively treated for glaucoma progress to vision loss. The patient pattern ERG equipment will support the treatment and provide earlier diagnosis of glaucoma.

The majority of patients, no matter their eye condition, will greatly benefit from the creation of the new Robinson Imaging Center. The generosity of the Robinsons will have a far-reaching impact on the lives of their fellow Buckeyes now and into the future.

## Future Plans Digital Renderings



## Honoring Paul Weber, MD

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Dr. Paul Weber has always had a passion for patient care and education. The decision to stop seeing patients in clinic due to severe cervical arthritis was not an easy one for him to make.

While Dr. Weber will no longer see patients in a general clinic setting, he plans to continue to pursue the department mission to prevent and cure blinding eye disease and improve the quality of vision through clinical care, research and education.

Dr. Weber came to Columbus to complete his ophthalmology residency training, and has remained in the department ever since. Throughout his career at Ohio State, he has held many leadership roles. Most notably, he served as Chairman for the Department of Ophthalmology from 1988 - 2004 and served as Vice Dean for Education in The Ohio State University College of Medicine from 2004 – 2007.

Dr. Weber has contributed immensely to the education of students and residents as evidenced by the numerous awards he has received through the Ohio State University College of Medicine. Dr. Weber was named Professor of Year in 2000 and Pre-Clinical Professor of the Year in 1999 and 2000. He has also received the Excellence in Teaching Award, the Medical Alumni Faculty Teaching Award and most notably, The Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Earlier this year, ophthalmology resident Dr. Rebecca Chait had the idea to name a departmental award after Dr. Weber. The Paul A. Weber Award for Humanism was formed (unbeknownst to him) and awarded to its first recipient, graduating resident, Dr. Suzanna Billingham, in June 2017. The award is given in recognition of those following Dr. Weber's example in the area of exemplary care, advocacy and providing comfort to patients. To those who know Dr. Weber and his love of bowties, the award is affectionately known as the "Golden Bowtie Award".

We are fortunate that Dr. Weber plans to stay involved in the department. He hopes to maximize his impact in the areas of research and education – two of his greatest passions. Dr. Weber is working in conjunction with Matt Finkes (below), Director of Development, and plans to focus his efforts toward contributing and raising funds for these initiatives.

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## Welcome Matt Finkes



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We would like to introduce Matt Finkes to our team. Matt is a Director of Development for the Wexner Medical Center with his focus on the Department of Ophthalmology. Matt has served on local and national philanthropic boards and is able to share his wealth of knowledge with us.

Matt was a four year letterman and three year starter for The Ohio State University football team from 1993-1996. He earned 1st team All-Big Ten honors in '94, '95, & '96 and 1st team All-American Honors in 1996. Matt was drafted in the 5th round by the Carolina Panthers and played four seasons in the NFL. He also works in media as a game day analyst for OSU Football for ABC and for high school football on Spectrum Sports.



# Graduation 2017



**Congratulations to the 2017 Havener Eye Institute Resident Graduates, (L-R), Drs. Melissa Tripoli, Suzanna Billingham, Christopher Minning, Tyler Oostra, Stanley Park, and Javed Sayed**

The graduates are headed across the country to continue their ophthalmology careers!

**Suzanna Billingham, MD**  
Orion Eye Center in Bend, OR  
Comprehensive Ophthalmologist

**Chris Minning, MD**  
Eye Surgery Associates of Zanesville  
Comprehensive Ophthalmologist

**Tyler Oostra, MD**  
The Ohio State University  
Cornea Fellowship

**Stanley Park, MD**  
Bascom Palmer University  
Uveitis Fellowship

**Javed Sayed, MD**  
University of Kentucky/Retina  
Associates of Kentucky  
Surgical Retina Fellowship

**Melissa Tripoli, MD**  
Center for Sight in Newark, OH  
Comprehensive Ophthalmologist

## Resident Research Award



**Drs. Thomas Mauger, Hilliary Inger, Mona Adeli, Jay Ramsey, Kristen Mendoza, Cynthia Roberts, and Raymond Cho**

Chairman, Dr. Thomas Mauger, Director of Resident Research, Dr. Cynthia Roberts and Research Symposium Judge, Dr. Raymond Cho are pictured with the resident research award recipients, Jay Ramsey, MD (first place), Mona Adeli, MD & Hilliary Inger, MD (second place - tie), and Kristen Mendoza, MD (third place).

## Paul A. Weber Award for Humanism



**Dr. Paul Weber with Dr. Rebecca Chait and award winner, Dr. Suzanna Billingham**

Dr. Suzanna Billingham (right) was awarded the inaugural, Dr. Paul A. Weber Award for Humanism, presented by Dr. Rebecca Chait in honor of Dr. Weber. Dr. Billingham is pictured with Dr. Paul Weber (left) and Dr. Rebecca Chait (middle).

## 2017 Graduating Fellows



**Left:** Dr. Cebulla, (left) with graduate, Dr. Beatrice Brewington (right). Dr. Brewington is practicing in North Carolina.

**Right:** Dr. Rebecca Kuennen (left), presents Dr. Ankit Shah, cornea fellow graduate, his certificate. Dr. Shah joined the faculty at University of Florida.



**Left:** Glaucoma fellow, Dr. John Swogger (left) received his certificate from Dr. Shelly Jain. Dr. Swogger joined the faculty at University of Pittsburgh.

**Right:** Dr. Chantelle Mundy (left), is pictured with 2017 graduate, Dr. Bitu Asghari. Dr. Asghari is practicing at Boston Sight.



2017 Retina Fellowship graduate, Dr. Bradley Allen (middle), is pictured with retina faculty (L-R), Drs. Fred Davidorf, Alan Letson, Colleen Cebulla, Mike Wells, and Carol Laxson. Dr. Allen joined Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Associates in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## Welcome New Physicians

### Fatoumata Yanoga, MD

Vitreoretinal Surgeon

- Undergraduate: University of Illinois at Chicago
- Medical School: University of Illinois College of Medicine
- Internship: St. Francis Hospital, Chicago
- Ophthalmology Residency: University of Chicago
- Vitreoretinal Surgery and Diseases Fellowship: New York Eye and Ear Infirmary

Dr. Yanoga is an ophthalmologist and vitreoretinal surgeon. She is board certified with the American Board of Ophthalmology and a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). She is also a member of the American Society of Retina Specialists and the American Medical Association.



Dr. Yanoga has received multiple honors and awards including the Award for Outstanding Teaching and Dedicated Service from the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary in 2017.

Dr. Yanoga's research interests include retina imaging and she specializes in vitreoretinal surgery and diseases, retinal detachment, diabetic retinopathy, diabetic macular edema, age-related macular degeneration, and retinal vascular diseases.

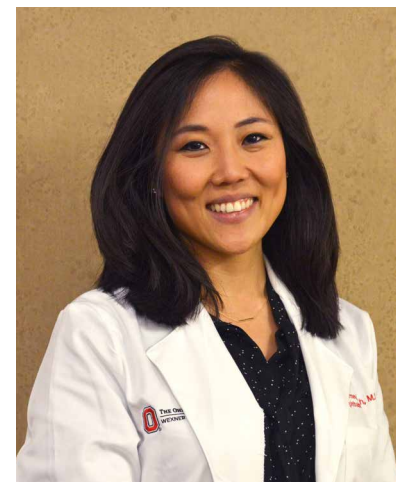
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### Courtney Kauh, MD

Oculoplastics Surgeon

- Undergraduate: University of Akron
- Graduate: The Ohio State University
- Medical School: University of Toledo College of Medicine
- Internship: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor
- Ophthalmology Residency: University of Michigan
- Ophthalmic Facial Plastic Surgery Fellowship: University of Wisconsin

Dr. Kauh is a board eligible ophthalmologist and a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). She was elected into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society at the University of Toledo College of Medicine and graduated within the top 2 in her class at the University of Toledo College of Medicine. She completed a two year ophthalmic facial plastic surgery fellowship, accredited by the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS), at the University of Wisconsin-Madison under the direction of Mark Lucarelli, MD.



Dr. Kauh's research interests include improving surgical and quality of life outcomes for Mohs reconstruction patients and facial anatomy as it pertains to surgical and nonsurgical oculoplastics procedures. She has authored or co-authored numerous scientific articles, presentations and book chapters.

Dr. Kauh is a fellowship trained oculoplastic surgeon specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery and aesthetic surgery around the eyes. She has received training in the treatment of functional eyelid disorders, orbital and periorbital tumors and trauma, tear duct abnormalities, thyroid eye disease, socket disorders, and eyelash abnormalities. She has an interest in the reconstruction of eyelid defects from cancer as well as in cosmetic surgery of the eyelid and brows. She also has expertise in minimally invasive cosmetic procedures such as Botox injections and fillers.

## Welcome Incoming Trainees

### Residency Class of 2020



**Anastasia Alex, MD**  
**Medical School:**  
 University of Toledo



**Katia Chavez, MD**  
**Medical School:**  
 University of Vermont



**Caroline Craven, MD**  
**Medical School:**  
 University of Cincinnati



**Kristen Mendoza, MD**  
**Medical School:**  
 The Ohio State University



**Chris Pappa, MD**  
**Medical School:**  
 The Ohio State University



**Jessica Scott, MD**  
**Medical School:**  
 Morehouse School of Medicine

### 2017 - 2018 Fellows



**Erica Alvarez, MD**  
*Medical Retina*  
**Medical School:**  
 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center



**Derek Horkey, MD**  
*Glaucoma*  
**Medical School:**  
 Loyola University



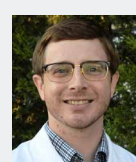
**Irina Livshitz, MD**  
*Comprehensive Oph*  
**Medical School:**  
 University of Cincinnati



**Adnan Mallick, MD**  
*Surgical Retina*  
**Medical School:**  
 SUNY Downstate College of Medicine



**Tyler Oostra, MD**  
*Cornea*  
**Medical School:**  
 The Ohio State University



**William Stevenson, MD**  
*Surgical Retina*  
**Medical School:**  
 University of Kansas

## New Integrated Internship

The Ohio State University Department of Ophthalmology has partnered with the Department of Internal Medicine to offer an integrated internship. Medical students who match at Ohio State to complete their ophthalmology residency training will be required to complete their medical internship at Ohio State as well beginning with the 2018 candidates.

The integrated internship program will allow interns to complete three, four-week long block rotations in the Department of Ophthalmology in addition to their other required blocks in such areas as emergency medicine and inpatient care.

During the ophthalmology rotations, interns will learn basic exam skills and techniques, participate in resident didactics, get individual pathology and neuro-radiology sessions weekly, observe in the operating room and have access to the EyeSi surgical simulator.

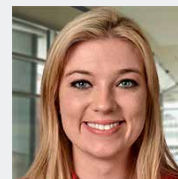
Half of the incoming 2018 class are already participating in this program. Drs. Mercy Kibe, Julianne Matthews and Shane Seipel are already rotating through the department. In July 2018, their other three classmates will join them to begin ophthalmology residency training.

The integrated internship will promote continuity between intern year and residency. It will give the interns who have matched at Ohio State a chance to become familiar with the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, the electronic medical record system, to meet program faculty and residents and give them a head start on learning their ophthalmology skills.

### Meet the Interns



**Mercy Kibe, MD**



**Julianne Matthews, MD**



**Shane Seipel, MD**

## New Alumni Connections

### Chris Minning & Carl Minning

Zanesville, OH



**Christopher Minning, MD (left and top) Class of 2017 and father, Carl Minning, MD (right and bottom) Class of 1983**

The alumni connection is strong in eastern Ohio. Nearly 34 years after completing his own residency, Dr. Carl Minning is proud to see his son, Dr. Chris Minning, complete his training in the program that launched Carl's own successful career.

Upon graduation from the ophthalmology residency program at The Ohio State University, Carl and his wife, Joan, moved to Zanesville, Ohio. Carl's entrepreneurial spirit led him to set up his own ophthalmology practice. Two years later, in 1985, Carl and Joan welcomed twins, Chris and Abby.

The Ohio State connection remained strong with Carl's residency class members practicing in the Ohio area including Drs. Orlando, Hickey, McGowan, and Denlinger. Carl's mentor, the late Dr. William Havener, former chair and department namesake, also kept in contact. Joan remembers the social functions that included residents at Dr. Havener's farm in Delaware County, now donated by the Havener family as a public park with athletic fields and walking trails called Havener Park.

Over the years, Carl's family thrived and his practice grew, but he graciously continues to share his time and knowledge on practice management with OSU residents. His practice expanded, leading to the addition of Dr. Ross Bloomberg and Dr. Ann Melick. Most recently, Carl's son, Chris, a 2017 graduate of The OSU residency program, joined the practice.

The entire family has carried on in the Buckeye undergraduate tradition. Abby followed Joan's footsteps in the nursing program, while Chris followed his father's pre-med track, majoring in microbiology and completing his residency in the OSU Department of Ophthalmology as Carl did 34 years ago.

This spring, Chris will marry his fiancé, Lindsay, and continue to help his father build his practice in Zanesville, carrying on tradition. A Buckeye connection decades in the making.

### John Antalis & Craig Miller

Cambridge, OH



**Craig Miller, MD (top and right) Class of 2016 and John Antalis, MD (bottom and left) Class of 1993**

About 40 miles east of Zanesville and the Minnings, you'll find Eye Surgery of Eastern Ohio, comprised of Dr. John Antalis and Dr. Craig Miller.

Upon his 1993 graduation from Ohio State's ophthalmology residency program, Dr. John Antalis opened his own practice. Although the practice is small, he has felt that he has needed another ophthalmologist for years, but had been waiting for another OSU graduate to come to the area. Dr. Craig Miller, 2016 residency graduate and native to Barnesville, OH was looking to return to the area, and was a perfect fit.

Both have fond memories of their residencies and both cited Dr. Paul Weber as a faculty member that stood out from their training. Craig and John identify him as being an outstanding mentor and having a positive influence on their education. John noted Dr. Weber's genuine sincerity in the way he interacts with everyone around him – from patients to students to staff and trainees.

Craig and John feel that their training prepared them well. John noted, "Columbus is a large city and a major referral center, and OSU has such a fantastic relationship with the community ophthalmologists that I felt like I was exposed to anything I needed to see when I opened practice in Cambridge." Craig felt the biggest hurdle he has had to face working in a rural setting is that subspecialty ophthalmologists are not as easy to find locally or patients cannot travel. He agrees that OSU trained him to be a strong comprehensive ophthalmologist, with the ability to treat certain conditions that would normally require a referral to a subspecialist, such as intravitreal injections for retinal conditions.

Although John has lost touch with his classmates over the years, it's not uncommon for a patient, colleague or family member to tell him about them. His is always glad to hear they are doing well. Craig has kept in close contact with his fellow residents, many of whom also went into comprehensive ophthalmology.

# Honoring Steve Meadows, MD

April 28, 1972 - January 13, 2017



Steve Meadows, MD, 2005 alumni of the Ohio State University Ophthalmology residency program passed away unexpectedly from acute leukemia January 13, 2017. He leaves behind his wife of nearly 20 years, Julie, and sons Owen and Finn. Steve was a Buckeye through and through and completed both his undergraduate and medical degrees at Ohio State. Upon graduation from our program, he returned to his hometown of Cleveland where he was a partner at Fairview Eye Center in Cleveland.

To honor his legacy, Steve's family directed donations in his memory to the Havener Eye Institute Medical Missions and Outreach in Ophthalmology Fund. Julie Meadows generously made her own donation in addition to those made by friends and family for a grand total \$50,000 in Steve's memory. Shortly before Steve's untimely passing, he had been making plans to participate in mission trips. Donations made in Steve's honor will allow future residents to participate in these trips to carry out the work he hoped to do.

To give to this fund in Dr. Meadows memory visit:  
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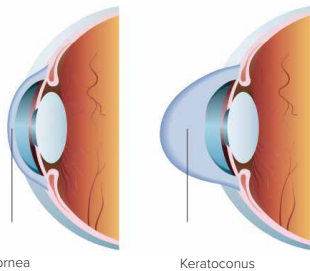
# Cross-Linking

## New FDA Approved Treatment for Keratoconus

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FDA-approved in April 2016, Corneal Cross-Linking by Avedro is the first and only therapeutic treatment available for progressive keratoconus and corneal ectasia following refractive surgery. The procedure uses Photrexa products and the Avedro KXL System combined with UV light and vitamin b2 drops (riboflavin).

Corneal cross-linking is beneficial to patients because it offers them a therapeutic option to help limit the progression of keratoconus and ectasia. Without treatment, many patients go on to require corneal transplants.



The cornea is generally rounded and dome shaped. In patients with keratoconus, the cornea is thinned and weakened, which causes the shape of the cornea to change and be cone-like.



Doctors Thomas Mauger, MD, Rebecca Kuennen, MD, and Andrew Hendershot, MD are currently accepting new patients for this treatment. The Ohio State University Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science is one of the only sites in central Ohio providing this treatment.

For more information or to refer a patient contact  
**614-293-8116**

# Save The Date

Jacob Moses Lectureship  
Thursday, April 12, 2018



## Richard L. Abbott, MD

Health Science Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology  
Thomas W. Boyden Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology  
University of California, San Francisco



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# Memorial Golf Tournament

Annual Fundraiser for Melanoma Research  
in Memory of Ray Stark



**Dr. Colleen Cebulla with her sponsor sign at the event**

The second annual Ray Stark Memorial Golf Tournament was held on September 11, 2017 at Hickory Hills Golf Club. The event raised \$12,000 to be donated to the Retina Research and Program Fund in Ophthalmology. This fund supports the work of Colleen Cebulla, MD, PhD and her research focusing on ocular melanoma and retinal detachment.

The event was hosted by Michelle Stark-Fulks, in memory of her father, who was a former patient of Dr. Cebulla. With 31 four-person teams participating, and many more non-golf attendees, sponsors, and volunteers, this was both a successful and a fun event.

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“I had the privilege of working with my dad for almost 24 years. I miss him dearly, both personally and professionally. The golf tournament is a great tribute to his legacy and the money raised goes to an incredible cause. Golf was his passion. What better way to fight?”

-Michelle Stark-Fulks

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The third annual event is slated to be held at Hickory Hills Golf Club on September 10, 2018. For more information on participating, please contact Michelle Stark Fulks at 614-871-5343.



**Development Officer, Matt Finkes, with host Michelle Stark-Fulks at the tournament**



## Colleen Cebulla, MD, PhD

Associate Professor  
Vice Chair of Research  
Ocular Oncology & Vitreoretinal Diseases

Dr. Cebulla is Board Certified in Ophthalmology and serves as an Associate Professor at OSU, specializing in Vitreoretinal Diseases and Ocular Oncology. She directs the Retina Research Laboratory for the department. Dr. Cebulla has served as President of the Columbus Eye Ear Nose Throat Society and is a member of the prestigious Retina Society. She has received other honors including Best Doctors in America, and is a regular volunteer for the Columbus Free Clinic.

In addition to seeing patients, Dr. Cebulla is actively engaged in both basic and clinical research. She is conducting a clinical project on gene polymorphisms which may be associated with the development of retinal fibrosis, which plays a role in eye diseases from macular degeneration to diabetes.

Dr. Cebulla, with Mohamed Abdel-Rahman, MD, PhD, is involved in a collaborative project that has identified that over 10% of patients with uveal melanoma have an inheritable cancer syndrome. The collaborative research team is working to identify the genes responsible for an increased chance of cancer in families. They are currently working on understanding factors which influence survival with metastatic disease and on targeted therapy for melanoma.



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