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Education

Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University 2011-2015
Big Rapids, MI
Doctorate of Optometry – High Academic Honors

Academic Honors:

MCO Senior Project Award in Pediatrics	2015
Beta Kappa Sigma Honor's Society	2014-2015
Dean's List	2011-2014
Travel Grant Winner - Vision Expo East	2013
Midland Lions Club Scholarship	2013
Bernard F. and Mellissa Anne Bailey Memorial Scholarship	2013
Walman Optical Company Scholarship	2013
Awarded Early Admittance	2011
Received Weeks-Lakin Scholarship upon admission	2011

Central Michigan University 2007-2011
Mt. Pleasant, MI
Bachelor's of Science in Biomedical Sciences - Cum Laude

Academic Honors:

Olive Hutchinson Kries Memorial Scholarship	2011
Central Michigan Honors Program	2007-2011
Dean's List	2007-2009, 2011
President's List	2010

Professional Experience

Summit Eye Care of Wisconsin January 2020 - Present
Milwaukee, WI

Senior Optometrist, Director of Practice Development

- Clinical duties
 - Lead for integration of Light Adjustable Lens technology
 - Education and certification of co-managing referral base
 - Pre/post-operative care: Cataracts with emphasis on premium IOLs, ICL, MIGS, and in-office procedures
 - Glaucoma, Ocular Disease
- Lead role in developing new Milwaukee clinic (opened in January 2020)
- Director of practice co-management program - developed and maintained relationships with referring physicians

- Education Director
 - Organized semi-annual education events for local optometrists
 - Coordinated optometric internship program

Gondola Eye / Praxis January 2020 - Present
Minneapolis, MN
Corporate Optometric Consultant

- Assisted with development strategy of model centered around light adjustable lens
- Participated in development of marketing strategies

Michigan College of Optometry

Clinical Adjunct Assistant Professor Summer 2023 - Present

- Director of student intern program at Summit Eye Care of WI

Peer to Peer Academy

President July 2024 - Present

- Online educational platform partnering with industry highlighting new technology in anterior segment and refractive surgery
- Website: Peertopeer.academy

Consultative / KOL Roles:

RxSight	Consultant, Speaker	2020 - Present
STAAR Surgical	Consultant, Speaker	2021 - Present
Glaukos	Speaker, Consultant	2022 - Present
Bausch & Lomb Pharmaceuticals	Speaker	2024 - Present
LENSAR	Consultant, Speaker	2024 - Present
iDoc Social	Content creator, consultant	2024 - Present
Abbvie	Consultant	2024 - Present

Michigan Eye Institute June 2015 – December 2019
Flint / Grand Blanc, MI
Associate Optometrist
Special Interest: Glaucoma, Pre/Post-operative care

- Provided primary care services in a medical setting while working directly alongside ophthalmologists of different subspecialties
- Worked directly under fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist managing surgical and non-surgical cases. Became familiar with various filtration procedures as well as MIGS and laser based treatments.
- Pre/post-op management of refractive procedures
- Director of contact lens services

Fourth Year Optometry School Rotations:

Great Lakes Eye Institute	Summer 2014
Saginaw, MI	
Pre/Post-op, Ocular disease, Primary Care, Contact Lense	
Kresge Eye Institute	Fall 2014
Detroit, MI	
Primary Care, Pediatrics, Low Vision, Contact Lenses	
Grand Rapids VA Hospital	Spring 2014
Grand Rapids, MI	
Primary Care, Ocular Disease	

Michigan College of Optometry	2012- 2014
Big Rapids, MI	
Student Intern- Primary Care, Contact Lens, Pediatrics/ Vision Therapy	
Baldwin Health Clinic	Fall 2013
Baldwin, MI	
Student Intern- Primary Care, Pediatrics	
Great Lakes Eye Institute	Summer 2013
Saginaw, MI	
Optometric Technician	
Mid-Michigan Medical Center	2009-2011
Midland, MI	
Student Intern- Invasive Imaging Department	

Professional Organizations

Intrepid Eye Society	2024 - Present
American Academy of Optometry	2022 - Present
Fellow (completed October 2022)	
Wisconsin Optometric Association	2020 - Present
Education Committee	
Milwaukee Optometric Society	2020 - Present
Treasurer	
American Optometric Association	2015 - Present

National Glaucoma Society	2018 - Present
Eye Tea - Podcast	2022
Core team member, season two	
Director, Optometry	
Michigan Optometric Association	2015 - 2019
Saginaw Valley Optometric Society	2015 - 2019

Articles / publications

- “Cataract vs Refractive Surgery: What’s the Difference?”. Modern Optometry. **August 2024**
- “Adjustability Reimagined”. Presbyopia Physician. **June 2024**
- “What’s New in Dry Eye Management?”. Modern Optometry. **March 2024**
- “Using the IC-8 Aphthera IOL”. Presbyopia Physician. **March 2024**
- “EVO ICL: A Game Changer in Refractive Surgery”. Presbyopia Physician. **December 2023**
- “Considerations in Co Management of Glaucoma”. Podcast. Ophthalmology 360. **July 2023**
- “Break the Barriers to Corneal Collagen Crosslinking”. Optometric Management. **May 2023**
- “The Light Adjustable Lens: Reshaping the Premium IOL Landscape”. Presbyopia Physician. **March 2023**
- Bloomenstein M, Bruns N, Ondhia A. “Advancing Refractive Surgery”. Review of Optometry. **January 2023**
- Bruns N, Vukich J. “Correcting High Myopia at the Nodal Point”. Modern Optometry. **October 2022**
- Vukich J, Bruns, N. “EVO ICL: Long-Lasting Quality of Vision”. The Ophthalmologist. **August 2022**

Presentations / Lectures / Seminars

- Wisconsin Optometric Association, Northwoods Retreat **October 2024**
2 hour - COPE approved
Modern Cataract Surgery With a Side of Glaucoma
- MODLive - Nashville, TN **September 2024**
So you want to work with industry? - Panel member
The Pressure is on: All things glaucoma - Panel member
Light Adjustable Lens - Breakout session leader
- Minnesota Optometric Association Fall Meeting **September 2024**
3 hours - COPE approved:
 - Perioperative Management 101
 - Adjustable Lenses
 - Phakic IOLs: The Old and the New

- LENSAR Referring OD webinar
Webinar - Panelist **July 2024**
- The Changing Premium IOL Landscape
Lecture - AOA Optometry's Meeting **June 2024**
- Light Adjustable Lens - Livestream. Ophthalmology Management
Webinar **May 2024**
- Light Adjustable Lens - Dinner Program
Lecture sponsored by Salient Medical - Windsor, ON **May 2024**
- "Refractive Surgery Showdown: Lasers vs Lenses"
Lecture - Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day **April 2024**
- "Femtosecond Laser Assisted Cataract Surgery"
Lecture - Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day **April 2024**
- RxInsight - "Challenging Cases"
OD Webinar Series - host **March 2024**
- "EVO ICL Pre and Post Op Considerations" - Lecture
EVO ICL Practice Champions Meeting - Dallas, TX **January 2024**
- "Moderated Takeaways and Opportunities" - Panel Discussion
EVO ICL Practice Champions Meeting - Dallas, TX **January 2024**
- RxInsights - "Light Adjustable Lens - Clinically your patient is great, but they're still unhappy... now what?"
OD Webinar Series - host **November 2023**
- "Managing the Premium IOL Patient"
1-Hour Lecture, Co-presenter - COPE approved
Academy of Optometry - Annual Meeting **October 2023**
- "Beyond Traditional IOLs: The Light Adjustable Lens"
Lecture / workshop - MODLive 2023, Nashville, TN **September 2023**
- "The Light Adjustable Lens"
1-hour lecture - Milwaukee Optometric Society **August 2023**
- "EVO ICL"
1-hour Lecture - Silk Vision and Surgical Center - Annandale, VA **August 2023**
- "OD Referral Guide"
1-hour lecture - Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day **June 2023**
- Anterior Segment Grand Rounds
Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day: Panel Discussion **June 2023**
- Posterior Segment Grand Rounds
Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day: Panel Discussion **June 2023**
- RxInsights - "Light Adjustable Lens, Maximizing outcomes"
OD Webinar series - Host **June 2023**
- RxInsights - "Light Adjustable Lens, OD strategies"
OD Webinar series - Host **March 2023**
- Phakic IOL's: The Old and the New"
1-Hour Lecture -Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day **November 2022**
- Light Adjustable Lens Roundtable Series: The OD perspective
Panel member **September 2022**

- Wisconsin Optometric Association - Primary Care Symposium
Co-chair **2021, 2022**
- "Perioperative Management 101"
1-hour Lecture - Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day **January 2022**
- "Clinical Challenges and Alternative Approaches"
Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day: Panel Discussion **January 2022**
- "Shining Light on a New Era in Collaborative Cataract Management"
Sponsored presentation at Academy of Optometry (Boston, MA):
Co-Presenter **November 2021**
- "Diagnosis, Treatment & Management of the Keratoconus Patient"
Wisconsin Valley Optometric Society: 1 Hour Lecture **October 2021**
- "Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery"
1-Hour Lecture, Co-presenter - Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day **June 2021**
- Light Adjustable Lens
Minneapolis, MN - Panel discussion **April 2021**
- Glaucoma and Keratoconus
Webinar - 2 hours **June 2020**
Discussion leader, contributing presenter
- "Light Adjustable Lens - Reshaping the IOL Market"
1 hour lecture - Co-Presenter **January 2020**
- "Retinal Venous Occlusive Disease and Associated Cardiovascular Risk"
Case Presentation **May 2018**
Michigan State University Flint Area Medical Education Conference
- "Contact Lens Acute Red Eye"
Case Presentation **November 2013**
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University

Advisory Boards

- Glaukos Cornea - Vision Expo West **September 2024**

Clinical Trials, Research

- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Bilaterally Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens+ (LAL+) - PMCS-009
Co-investigator **Fall 2023 - Winter 2024**
- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Bilaterally Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens+ (LAL+) - PMCS-007
Co-investigator **Summer-Fall 2023**
- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Bilaterally Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens (LAL) - PMCS-006
Co-investigator **Summer-Fall 2023**

- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens (LAL) - PMCS-001
Co-investigator **Fall 2022**
- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Bilaterally Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens (LAL) - PMCS-002
Sub-Investigator **Spring 2022**
- “Effects of Blur on Grooved Pegboard”
Main Author **August 2014**
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
- “Gender effects of cytochrome oxidase in a 5xFAD mouse model”
Main Author **2010-2011**
Central Michigan University
- “Early behavioral assessment in the 5xFAD model of Alzheimer’s Disease”
Assistant Author **2010-2011**
Central Michigan University

Extra-Curricular Activities

Hartland High School Football – Assistant Coach	2018-2019
MCO chapter of Beta Sigma Kappa Honor’s Society	2013-2014
MCO Student Government	2011-2014
Michigan Optometric Student Private Practice Association	2011-2014
American Optometric Student Association	2011-2014
MCO Student Ambassador for Admissions	2011-2013
Central Michigan University Pre-Optometry Club	2007-2011
President:	2011
Vice President:	2010
Social Chair:	2009
Central Michigan University Club Baseball Team	2008-2011
Fundraising Chair:	2011
Lunch Buddies Mentor Program	2011
Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Mentor Program	2008-2009