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LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

- New York State Doctor of Optometry: ORT007694- June 2011- Includes therapeutic, diagnostic, and glaucoma & oral certification.
- New Jersey State Doctor of Optometry: 270A00639500- July 2012. Includes therapeutic, diagnostic, glaucoma and oral certification.
- Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, Bradley University: May 2005
- Re-certified, Southern California College of Optometry: October 2007, April 2010.
- Re-certified, State University of New York College of Optometry: July 2011.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Associate Optometrist, Southshore Eyecare Associates: April 2019-PRESENT
- Associate Optometrist, Drs. Savoy, Siegel & Desai: November 2012-March 2019
- Director of Low Vision Services, Institute of Ophthalmology and Visual Science University Hospital associated with Rutgers UniversityJ: July 2012-May 2015
- Co-director & off site medical director Ocular Telemedicine Screening Program. July 2012-May 2015
- Assistant Ophthalmological Clinical Instructor New Jersey Medical School. July 2012-May 2015
- SUNY Assistant Clinical Instructor: July 2011-June 2012
- Vision Therapy/Binocular Vision Laboratory Teaching Assistant: February 2010-May 2010.
- Contact Lens Laboratory Teaching Assistant: November 2009-February 2010.
- Low Vision Assistant: Southern California College of Optometry Eye Care Center. Fullerton, CA. July 2008-May 2009.

EDUCATION

- Low Vision Rehabilitation/Ocular Disease residency. State University of New York College of Optometry/ Lighthouse International. July 2011-June 2012
- Doctor of Optometry. Southern California College of Optometry. August 2007–May 2011.
- Bachelor of Science. Bradley University. 2003–2007. Major: Cell and Molecular Biology, Minor; Psychology

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- PECAA Regional Leader OD- Greater NYC area: Dec 2020–PRESENT

- AOA on Capital Hill: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023
- Facilitator AOA Leadership Institute 1.0: 2021, 2022, 2023
- Facilitator AOA Leadership Institute 2.0: 2023
- NYSOA Leadership Retreat 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Innovation Vision Conference coordinator: 2021, 2022, 2023
- Testimony at the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly education committee hearings for Pediatric Comprehensive Eye Exam legislation: Jan-March 2019
- NorthJersey.com Article- 5 Ways to Save Your Kid's Eye Vision This Summer: July 2018
- Burlington County Times-New Jersey Must Prioritize children's vision: April 2018
- CBS Interview-Eye Problems may be to blame for children's learning, vision problems—October 2017
- News12 New Jersey TV segment: 12 to your Health-Academic Impact of Comprehensive Eye Exams—April 2017
- News12 New Jersey TV segment: 12 to your Health-Social Impact of Comprehensive Eye Exams—April 2017
- Kids See Success Non-profit Initiative—public awareness campaign importance children's vision. 2016—PRESENT
- ARVO Poster author: Retinal Imaging with novel handheld digital retinal camera. 2014
- ARVO Poster co-author: Fundus Autofluorescence Captured with a non-mydriatic retinal camera in Vegetarians vs non-Vegetarians. 2014
- ARVO Poster co-author: Ultra-Structural SDOCT changes in patients with DMI and preclinical diseases. 2014
- ARVO Poster co-author: Utility of SD-OCT as a complimentary tool during ocular screening. 2014
- ARVO Poster co-author: Subclinical macular OCT changes in type 1 diabetic patients. 2014
- On-site director Ocular telemedicine screening at Friends for Life, Children with Diabetes Conference. Orlando, FL July 2013.
- Fellowship American Academy of Optometry October 2012.
- Envision Vision Rehab Visibility Journal Publication co-author. Interdisciplinary co-management: an evolution of integrated vision rehabilitation and patient care: October 2010.
- Third Party Payers and State Legislator's Conference, Denver, CO: October 2010.
- Fall edition of Foresight Presidential Column: August 2009.
- New OD Article author: July 2010.
- Remote Area Medical Optometric Volunteer, Los Angeles: April 2010.
- Spring edition of Foresight Presidential column: Feb 2010
- Fall edition of Foresight Article author: Aug 2009

- Special Olympics Optometric Volunteer: June 2009
- Spring edition of Foresight Article author: Feb 2009
- California Optometric Association Key-person Day, Sacramento CA: March 2009
- Honduras Medical Missions Trip Optometric Assistant: June 2008.
- Children's Health Fair Vision Screening: October 2007.

PROFESSIONAL LECTURES

- Bronx Lebanon Hospital System Lecture: Optical Principles and Low Vision Concepts. February 17, 2021.
- Grand round lectures to Ophthalmology residents: Introduction to contact lenses. Low Vision Rehabilitation. Retinoscopy & Refraction. Pediatric Low Vision. Vision Rehabilitation Therapy & Orthoptics. Aug 2012-May 2015
- Keynote speaker Western Regional Conference Oct 2011.
- SUNY COPE lecture. Dialogue through the Dark: Helping your patients navigate through Retinitis Pigmentosa.
- SUNY Educational lecture. Stargardt's Macular Degenerations: A case report & Retinal Regeneration: the future possibilities.
- Bi-weekly grand rounds presentation to the staff/employees @ Lighthouse International. 2011-2012
- COA Perimetry/Infectious Diseases/ Adjunctive testing Overview Course Instructor: October 2010.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Optometric Extern: Indian Health Services Hospital, Navajo reservation-Crownpoint, NM. February-May 2011.
- Optometric Extern: Navy Submarine Base. Groton, Connecticut. November 2010-February 2011.
- Optometric Extern: Virginia Eye Consultants Co-management. Norfolk, VA. August 2010-November 2010.
- Optometric Intern: Southern California College of Optometry Eye Care Center. Fullerton, CA. March 2009-August 2010.

LEADERSHIP

- Vice President NYSOA 2023-PRESENT
- Secretary NYSOA 2022-2023
- Treasurer NYSOA 2021-2022
- Metropolitan Regional Trustee New York State Optometric Association Board of Trustee: May 2019–2021

- NYSOA Meetings and Education Chair 2019-PRESENT
- American Optometric Association Leadership Development Committee: April 2018-PRESENT
- New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians Board of Trustee: December 2016–March 2019
- Membership and benefits committee chair New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians: December 2017–March 2019
- American Optometric Association Health Promotions Committee: April 2015–April 2018
- American Optometric Student Association Past President: March 2011–February 2012
- American Optometric Student Association National President: January 2010–February 2011.
- National Board of Examiners in Optometry National Liaison: January 2010–February 2011.
- Class of 2011 Historian, Southern California College of Optometry: April 2008–Present
- Western Regional Conference Event co-coordinator: Sept 2008.
- Curriculum Planning Committee Student Representative, Southern California College of Optometry: Sept 2008-June 2009.
- American Optometric Student Association Trustee (AOSA Board of Trustees & SCCO SA Board): November 2008-January 2010.
- American Optometric Student Association Trustee-elect (AOSA Board of Trustees & SCCO SA Board): March 2008-Nov 2008.
- Admissions Policy Committee Student Representative, Southern California College of Optometry: August 2007-Sept 2008.

SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

- AOA Young Optometrist of the Year–June 2022
- NYSOA Young Optometrist of the Year–September 2021
- NJSOP Presidential Special Recognition Award–December 2018
- NJSOP Young Optometrist of the Year–October 2015
- Al Dennis Endowed Leadership Scholarship- May 2011.
- Michal G. Harris Academy Scholarship- November 2010.
- Dr. Joe W. Dobbs Excellence in Low Vision Endowed Scholarship- August 2010.
- Dr. Geraldine J. Sherman Leadership Memorial Endowed Scholarship- August 2010.
- Misseo dei Service Endowed Scholarship-August 2010.
- Dr. Donald E. Jarnagin endowed leadership scholarship- August 2009.
- WICHE Scholarship recipient, Southern California College of Optometry: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.

- Deans List, Bradley University: May 2005-May 2007.
- Biological Research Grant, Bradley University: Spring 2006, Fall 2007.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Autism Speaks Annual Walk 2015—PRESENT
- Foundation Fighting Blindness Walk Team Co-captain NYC: April 2012
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Ontario OR: June 2011
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Los Alamitos CA: July 2010.
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Los Alamitos CA: July 2009.
- Foundation Fighting Blindness Walk Team Co-captain, Fullerton CA: June 2009.
- Honduran Medical Mission: June 2008
- Children's Hospital of Orange County Disneyland Resort Walk in the Park: October 2007.
- Children's Home monthly volunteer, Peoria IL: Aug 2006-July 2007.
- New Orleans Hurricane Relief Trip: March 2007.
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Bradley University IL: March 2006.
- Prevent Child Abuse America, week long fundraising events each spring: 2003-2007.