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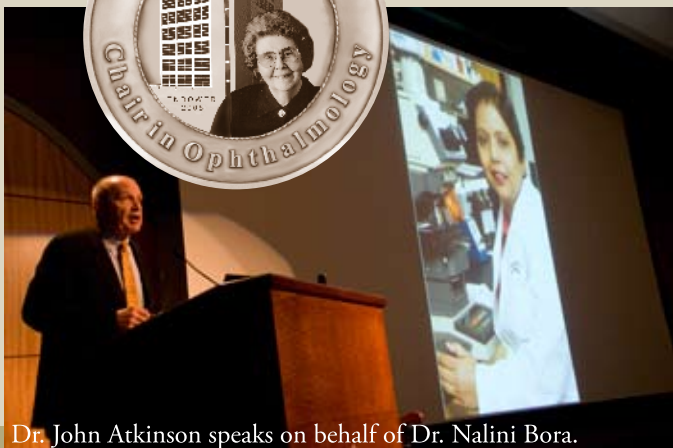
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Two Inaugural Recipients Receive Chairs in the Department of Ophthalmology at Jones Eye Institute

On Oct. 8, an investiture ceremony was held for two Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Institute faculty members where each received endowed chairs from gifts established by Mrs. Pat Walker and Mrs. Bernice Young Jones. Christopher T. Westfall, M.D., vice chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and director of the Orbital/Oculoplastic service at UAMS, the John L. McClellan Veteran's Hospital and at Arkansas Children's Hospital, was the inaugural recipient of the Pat Walker Chair in Ophthalmology. John W. Shore, M.D., former chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Wilford Hall United States Air Force Medical Center and Dr. Westfall's former mentor, spoke on behalf of Dr. Westfall.



Dr. John Shore speaks on behalf of Dr. Westfall.



Dr. John Atkinson speaks on behalf of Dr. Nalini Bora.

Nalini Bora, Ph.D., professor and director of Research in the Pat and Willard Walker Eye Research Center, received the Bernice Young Jones Chair in Ophthalmology. Dr. Bora's former mentor, John P. Atkinson, M.D., professor of medicine in the Division of Rheumatology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, spoke on Dr. Bora's behalf.

A crowd of more than 150 gathered in the 12th floor auditorium of the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute. A reception outside the auditorium followed the ceremony along with a small dinner held at Brave New Restaurant for the Walker family, the recipients' families, guests, and UAMS and JEI leadership.



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Dr. Christopher Westfall is seated in his chair, standing behind is Dr. John Shock and Dr. John Shore.



Left to Right: Dr. John Shore and his wife Suzanne, Dr. Jane Ward, Ginger Wilson, Debbie Walker, Dr. Christopher Westfall, Chancellor Wilson, Carrie Eggart, Nancy and Dr. John Shock and seated in the chair, Mrs. Pat Walker.



Dr. Christopher Westfall receives the medallion by Dean Fiser and Dr. John Shock.



Dr. Nalini Bora is seated in her chair, standing behind is Chancellor Wilson, Dr. John Shock and Dean Fiser.



Kelly Bora, Drs. Puran and Nalini Bora and Neil Bora.



Dr. Nalini Bora receives her medallion from Dr. John Shock and Dean Fiser.

David A. Quillen, M.D., Visiting Professor Presents

On Oct. 23, Dr. David A. Quillen presented “Most Missed Maculopathies” for Grand Rounds at Jones Eye Institute. Dr. Quillen is an Associate Professor and Interim Chair of Ophthalmology from the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. His research interests include clinical and educational research, electrophysiology and fluorescein angiography.

In 2006, Dr. Quillen was the first recipient to receive the George and Barbara Blankenship Professorship in Ophthalmology. Dr. Quillen has contributed to the Penn State College of Medicine since his first year of medical school in 1986. Following his residency training at Penn State, he completed a retina fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami. He returned to Penn State in 1995, where he has since served as a full-time faculty member. Dr. Quillen has held several leadership positions within the department, including Residency Program Director and Chief of Ophthalmology at the Lebanon VA Medical Center, Lebanon.



Please join us in welcoming our newest Ophthalmology Resident, Dr. Ryan Friedman.

Dr. Friedman received his medical degree from UAMS in 2007, and directly following did his PGY-1 year in Internal Medicine, also at UAMS. Some of his public service and activities include: Student Sight Saver Program (2005-present), Freshman Medical Student Mentor (2004-2005), Rural Preceptorship (Summer 2004) and American Chemical Society Student Affiliate (1999-2003).

Some of his Honors, Awards and Achievements include: Arkansas Medical Society Alliance AMAF Scholarship (2003 and 2006), Barton Foundation Scholarship (2005), Mondy-Provine Scholarship (2002) and CRC Press LLC Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award (2000).

Dr. Friedman enjoys working out and riding motorcycles.

UAMS Food Drive to Support the Needy

Now through Nov. 17, UAMS volunteers are collecting non-perishable food items to benefit UAMS employees and the Arkansas Foodbank. Suggested items include canned meats, stuffing mix, muffin mix, canned sweet potatoes, mashed potato mix, cake mix and cake icing, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail and canned vegetables. The Jones Eye Institute



collection point for these items will be on the 1st floor. Brenda Duhamel has graciously volunteered to manage these donations. This is sponsored by the UAMS House of Delegates. Any recipients interested in receiving these items may call Teresa Taylor at 686-8061 or Joe Cook at 526-7207.



Circle of Excellence Corner



Rhonda Robertson, a Point of Service Coordinator at JEI, recently learned from a JEI patient about “Knitting for Noggins,” a group of volunteers that knits or crochets something for a child staying at the Arkansas Children’s Hospital. She said some of the children come in with nothing and leave with something to keep them warm.



Rhonda decided to rally the JEI troops to form a volunteer staff at JEI that would do the very same thing. It has become so important that every month the JEI clinical staff add this topic to their staff meeting agenda. Several employees are currently knitting individual squares, and Rhonda is piecing together the afghan to donate to ACH for a child to take home with them. A patient of Dr. Richard Harper, who recently regained her sight, after being legally blind, is also making scarves at cost and the employees buy them and send with the afghan. We plan to send 30 scarves and the afghan. So employees have donated money, bought a scarf or pieced a square as part of this thoughtful endeavor. Rhonda and some JEI staff members plan to deliver them to ACH before Christmas!

Other Circle of Excellence announcements for October are:



Joseph Chacko, M.D., an Assistant Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology, received a Community Service Award from the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System for his volunteer work in the community and abroad.

Dr. Chacko has traveled to Ghana in West Africa on several medical missions to perform cataract surgery and teach local ophthalmologists. He has also volunteered locally, performing vision screenings at the Agape Church, the Evangelistic Ministries Church, the Good Shepherd Nursing Home and the River City Ministry Eye Clinic.



R. Scott Lowery, M.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology, received the Arkansas Childrens Hospital Patient Satisfaction Dean’s List. This list is a quarterly honor roll of the College of Medicine faculty on staff at ACH. Honorees scored

at or above the 90th percentile on inpatient satisfaction among all returned Press-Ganey surveys and among ten similar, peer pediatric hospitals (with at least seven surveys returned).

Congratulations to Dr. Chacko and Dr. Lowery!

Arkansas Research Communities Feature Article on Jones Eye Research



The online Web site of the Arkansas Research Communities recently featured a story entitled “UAMS Researchers Making Progress on Macular Degeneration,” which covers the research that Drs. Puran and Nalini Bora’s study complement the immune systems’ role in eye disease. To read the article, please click on the link below.

<https://secureresearchlink.uams.edu/RCResearch.aspx>

OMT Students Assist with Eye Screenings for Kids at Head Start Schools

The OMT students at Jones Eye Institute participate each year in eye screenings for pre-school and grade school aged children that attend Head Start schools in Central Arkansas. On Sept. 8, 2008, OMT students assisted with eye screenings of more than 80 children. There are more than 1000 children that attend Head Start schools in Central Arkansas.



Golf, Golf and More Golf

Dr. Puran Bora taking a hit for his team at the Red Apple Inn Golf Course in Heber Springs during the early October faculty retreat. Other members of his team included Dr. Christopher Westfall, Dr. Inci Dersu and Dr. Sayeda Nazir.



Dr. Gissur Petursson scored his first hole-in-one while playing with Dr. John Shock one October afternoon at War Memorial Golf Course.

Calendar of Events, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

October 3 – Dr. A. Henry Thomas

October 6 – Susan Zimmerman

October 7 – Donna Mattingly

October 13 – Jennifer Doyle

October 13 – Charles Ekworomadu

October 15 – Meredith James

October 19 – Amanda Dozier

November 6 – Jennifer Lee

November 10 – Bharati Matta

November 21 – Shane Carter

November 22 – Dorothy Gray-Stallcup

November 23 – Dr. Sean-Paul Atreides

November 29 – Jamie Jensen

Anniversaries

October 1 – Ruslana Tytarenko, 2 years

October 1 – Dr. Bhairavi Kharod, 1 year

October 9 – Louise Greer, 2 years

October 24 – Mary Rinke, 25 years

October 24 – Deanna Ely, 3 years

October 31 – Allison Johnson, 9 years

October 31 – Amanda Dozier, 8 years

November 1 – Angi Covert, 9 years

November 1 – Shannon Hughen-Giger, 2 years

November 1 – Diane McVinney, 2 years

November 1 – Dr. Nicola Kim, 6 years

November 4 – Yahkeyi Childs, 1 year

November 7 – Barbara Wright, 14 years



ALL EYES ON YOU – PAM WHITLOCK

What inspires you?

If you know me, then you know I can explain this best by giving an example; my 16 year old comes up to me after his senior high basketball game and hugs me in front of his friends. Knowing you have a strong connection and unconditional love of your family can make you feel like you can conquer anything.

Tell us about your family.

Married to my husband for 18 years; we have a 16 year old son that we tag team. I have two brothers and a sister; I credit my brothers for my quick wit and ability to argue constructively.

What do you generally enjoy most when you are away from work?

I am a seasonal girl; spring, I am gardening; summer, I am fishing and horseback riding; fall, I am a sports fan; and winter, you will find me reading with my chair pulled right up to my fireplace.

Choose three dinner guests from any period of time. Who would they be?

Jesus Christ.

My grandfather whom I never met; my dad had a bad childhood and I would like to talk to my granddad about that.

Helen Keller; I can't even imagine the things I could learn.

Where would you go on a dream vacation?

Maine; I hate to fly so it would have to be in the states. I want a month on a private lake in the fall and lobster on the menu every night. The dream is doing nothing but relaxing!

What do most people not know about you?

My great, great, great grandmother was a real professed witch.....hum; I don't even want to hear it.

What music or books are you currently enjoying?

My favorite author is Roseanne Bittner who writes historical romance. I like Nickleback's new song; this comes from having a teenager.

Who has most influenced your life?

My parents; who taught me by example, there is good in all people; you just have to look for it.



Harley

Harley is an (almost) two-year-old Maltese who belongs to Jones Eye employee Christina Grist and her husband. Christina describes seeing Harley in a pet store window one day, and the next thing she knew, she was leaving the store with him. It was February 2007,

so Harley became her Valentines Day present that year from her husband. Standing at the grand size of 5.5 lbs., she says he sometimes carries a “macho dog” persona, but with his outgoing personality, he never meets a stranger (person or dog). “He thinks everyone is his friend. He loves to play and is one of those dogs that will never stop bringing the ball back to you. His favorite thing to do is to go for walks outside and ‘mark’ every single bush in sight,” Christina says.



Savannah

Savannah, a male black and white cat, despite his name, was born on Dec. 31, 1999. Dr. Inci Dersu received Savannah from a co-worker while she was working in New Jersey. Dr. Dersu says she named him after one of her favorite cities, Savannah, Ga. He has traveled with her across country and oceans, once living in Istanbul for two years. She says he is a curious cat. When she travels abroad in the summer months, Karin Aletter is kind enough to help take care of him.



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