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of **OPTOMETRY**

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**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY ANNOUNCES
2023 NEW FELLOWS AND DIPLOMATES**

WINTER PARK, FL (October 24, 2023) – The American Academy of Optometry recently hosted Academy 2023 New Orleans from October 11-14, 2023, in New Orleans, Louisiana. During the organization’s annual meeting, the Academy welcomed 257 new Fellows to its ranks. Along with this strong showing of new Fellows, 12 current Fellows earned the distinction of Diplomate.

Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry must complete a candidacy process that includes submitting written works for peer review that demonstrate their skills as an optometrist or vision scientist. They must also sit for an oral exam at the annual meeting. It is estimated that approximately 10 percent of practicing optometrists in the United States are Fellows. Among those eligible for Fellowship are: optometrists, scientists, educators, librarians, administrators, and editors. Those who pass the rigorous criteria and application process earn the distinction and right to use “FAAO” in their credentials.

Diplomates are Fellows of the Academy who wish to demonstrate their extensive skill in a specific area. Currently, nine Sections offer Diplomate programs. These include: Anterior Segment; Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry; Comprehensive Eye Care; Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies; Glaucoma; Low Vision; Optometric Education; Public Health & Environmental Vision; and Vision Science.

Below is a complete list of new Fellows and Diplomates. More information on becoming a Fellow or Diplomate can be found on the Academy’s website under Membership.

2023 Diplomates

Heather A. Anderson, OD, PhD, FAAO
Research Diplomate, Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry

Hashim Ali Khan, OD, FAAO
Diplomate, Comprehensive Eye Care

Caryn La Buda, OD, FAAO
Diplomate, Comprehensive Eye Care

Leslie Wilderson, OD, FAAO
Diplomate, Comprehensive Eye Care

Roxanne Achong-Coan, OD, FAAO
Clinical Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Jennifer Swingle Fogt, OD, MS, FAAO
Clinical Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Jennifer S. Harthan, OD, FSLs, FAAO
Clinical Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Pablo De Gracia, OD, PhD, FAAO
Research Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Erin M. Kenny, OD, FAAO
Diplomate, Low Vision

Marc B. Taub, OD, MS, EdD, FAAO
Diplomate, Optometric Education

Dr. N. Anuradha
Diplomate, Public Health & Environmental Vision

Dr. Prema K. Chande
Diplomate, Public Health & Environmental Vision

2023 New Fellows

Edita Abazaga
Asantewaa Aboagye-
MacCarthy
Sampson Abu
Edemeraro Ekeoma Adure
Ugochi Aham-Onyebuchi

Emily Gottschalk
Michael Habib
Kennedy Hall
Jacqueline Hallauer
Michelle Hammond
Hanne Hansen

Jonathan Niavis
Natalie Nibert
Nathaniel Nielsen
Steve Njeru
Cynthia Noorani
Grace Ogbonna

Ashley Ahlbrand
Abdulla Al-amri
Monica Albertson
Halee Alleman
Pooja Alloju
Amber Anderson
Jennifer Anderson Connell
Chidinma Anikoh
Lily Arendt
Frederick Afum Asare
Valerie Baca
David Baldwin
Sandra Banner
Dawn Barkan
Allyx Beaulier
Alexander Bennett
Nicole Bergman
Brandon Betts
Himakshi Bhatt
Tanya Bhayana
Matthew Bills
Joshua Black
Jacob Boehme
Gail Bojarski
Ashley Bonneau
Anthony Boyd
Jonathan Bradley
Natalie Breau
Jessica Broodryk
Elyse Bruns
Anh Bui
Marianna Butera
Johnny Cao-Nguyen
Ridwan Carim-Sanni
Arijit Chakraborty
Carolyn Chakuroff
Alice Chalongsongse
Raymond Chartier
Kimberly Cheng
Bibin Cherian
Joann Cherian
Jeffrey Cherry
Tapuwa Chikwinya
Harmin Chima
Mary Chivetta
Michelle Chung

Fareedah Haroun
Samuel Harrosh
Adrianna Hempelmann
Claire Henry
Norma Hernandez
Robert Hillstead
William Hogue
Andrea Huerta
Rohan Hughes
Melissa Huynh
Hafiz Ibraheem
Alex Ilechie
Allegra Inciardi
Ashley Ireland
Sara Isely
Jessica Islam
Stephen Jaggi
Jacob Jenness
Kiera Jeschke
Soo Jung Lee
Parthasarathi Kalaiselvan
Delaney Kent
Rehana Khan
Ethan Kiekhafer
Si-On Kim
Josef Koberlein
Melody Kordnajib
Stephanie Koss
Chelsey Kritzer
Sheela Kumaran
Jane Lakayil-Armstrong
Cindy Lam
Jeannette Lam
Sophia Lam
Jia Lao
Lauren Lattery
Kin Hei Lau
Nicole Leo
Ethan Leyda
Hing Li
Jessica Liaw
Steven Liem
Pete Liette
Michael Lim
Sydney Lin
Eric Lortie-Milner

Stephanie Oh
Libna Palma
Gaurav Paramasivan
Jush Patel
Holly Pendel
Natalya Pennington
Janette Pérez
David Petrik
Johnny Pham
Elizabeth Phillips
Shelley Phoun
Rebecca Phung
Leah Plescia
Whitney Powell
Christian Pratt
Dalya Qaisi
Sharon Qiu
Salena Quach
Nishanee Rampersad
Swetha Ravichandran
Elyse Rayborn
Damaris Raymondi
Kennedy Reed
Allison Richardson
Sarah Rogers
Kaitlyn Rooney
Melanne Rosetta
Andrew Rouse
Ryan Rutschilling
Raman Sah
Megan Sam
Mark Schaeffer
Mikayla Schmitz
Kelly Schoorens
Emilie Seitz
Diana Serdah
Eliza Seros
Pratik Shah
Cody Sherrin
Jennifer Simmonds
Angel Simmons
Jennifer Simonson
Abigail Smith-Kendall
Yee Kiu So
Stephanie Solomon
Julie Song

Claire Cordoba	Alethia Love Harris	Tyler Spilman
Kristina Creadore	Kimberly Lust Rueb	Akirta Sran
Louise Curcio	Dorothy Ma	Hady Srour
Benjamin Cyphers	Rhea Magee	Caitlyn Stakeley
Samantha Czerniak	Cedrick Mah	Sabrina Steed
Jehann Dagher	Sarah Mahmoud	Becky Su
Kimberly Darke	Sathi Maiti	Mia Taylor
Isabelle Daskas	Shivani Majithia	Natasha Tetlow
Kelly Deering	Rose Mandel	Janelle Tong
Peter DeGraziano	Jordan Marentette	Amanda Tran
Stephen Dellostritto	Stephanie Martich	Jennifer Tran
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Lauren Downey	Alexandra Matejczyk	Navneet Walia
Erin Downing	Alfredo Mazzuca	Richard Wan
Amanda Edgar	Jenny McKenzie	Lauren Watson
Heather Edmonds	Sonia Menchavez	Kevin Weber
Kayle Edwards	Nyamaah Mensah Sekyere	Natalie West
Suzane Elwishahi	Jesse Merwin	Lauren White
Lindsay Estel	Dawn Meyer	Megan Williams
Spencer Fairgrieve	Jackelyn Meyer	Nolan Wilson
Rachel Fenton	Jena Meyer	Mary Wittendorf
Samantha Fernandez	Andrea Moseman	Thomas Wong
Jacqueline Fiddler	Marcelo Moya	Brittany Wright
Patrick Fiddler	Zainab Muhanna	Wing Yan Yu
Rochelle Fleisher	Bernard Murray	Ashleigh Yates
Shane Foster	Nitya Murthy	Ignatius Yeboah
Chase Francoeur	Krystal Nelson	Peter Yoon
Melynda Gagliardi	Pamela Ng	Eric Yoshinaga
Sushma Gangisetty	Anthony Nguyen	Allison Zagst
Pratima Gautam	Chi Nguyen	Amber Zeiss
Biana Gekht	Jacqueline Nguyen	Wenjie Zhan
Jena Gilbertson	Kathy Nguyen-Duong	Fengqi Zhou
Vigneshwar		
Goppalakrishnan		

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the profession's knowledge base through ongoing fellowship and exchange. For more information, visit www.aaopt.org.

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