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The Chair Note...

Thankfully despite the bitterly cold temperatures, January has once again brought exciting news to warm up the Department of Ophthalmology. Ophthalmology match day was Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> and we matched another top notch group of applicants! This year we added to the ophthalmology family 2 applicants from Mississippi and 2 from Louisiana. Taylor Coleman and Johnny Lippincott are well known to us as students at UMMC School of Medicine. Blake Matherne is currently a M-4 at LSU New Orleans. Finally, Kristina Moore will move to Mississippi after graduating from LSU Shreveport (and, yes, after so many years of female deprived residency classes we have matched a female for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row!) It should be no secret to you that even though providing top quality patient care is my first priority for our department, educating residents is a very close second! A big thank you to each and every one of you for helping us with the process of interviewing applicants for these 4 residency spots. Thank you to the faculty and residents for devoting 2 of your weekends in December to this process. Thank you to all the clinic staff for making our clinic look spic and span for the big days. And my biggest thank you of course is to Kyle Lewis and Will Watkins for planning and organizing all of the details that go into making interview days successful. All of our hard work has definitely paid off again for our residency program. Please join me in welcoming these new residents to our department!

#### **Blake Matherne**





The 7th Annual James J. Corbett, MD Lectureship in Neuro-Ophthalmology Friday, December 1, 2017 "Diagnosis and Management of Giant Cell Arteritis"





Dr. & Mrs. James J. Corbett and Dr. Joseph Rizzo

Dr. Joseph Rizzo, David G. Cogan Professor Of Ophthalmology, in the field of Neuro-Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School Director, Neuro-Ophthalmology Services, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

Dr. Kyle Lewis presented his ASO-PRS research thesis titled, Changes in Peripapillary Blood Vessel Density in Graves' Orbitopathy After Orbital Decompression as Measured by Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography, at the Fall ASOPRS meeting. The thesis was awarded the Marvin Quickert Thesis Award, an award given to the thesis judged to be the most outstanding of the year.

During the fall meeting Dr. Lewis also took and successfully passed the ASOPRS entrance examination and will be inducted into the society at the spring 2018 meeting.



New Ophthalmology Employees

# Welcome To The Team!



Damescia "Dee" Rhymes Ophthalmic Surgical Tech



Kari Evans Ophthalmic Tec<sup>#</sup>



Latoya Poston



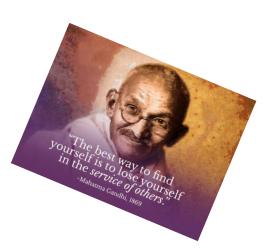
## FACULTY MISSION TRIP

Drs. Kyle and Andrea Lewis, along with ophthalmology resident Jonathan Carrere and ENT resident Lauren Buck. journeyed to Montellano Guatemala in November as part of a Surgical mission. The week long trip was coordinated through Health Talents International, a ministry with a long standing presence in Guatemala. Together with two other comprehensive ophthalmologists, the team performed over 100 oculoplastic, cataract, pterygium, and ENT cases. Memorable cases included watching vision be restored to a 2 year old who was blind from congenital cataracts, hearing being restored to a woman who couldn't hear for many years, and an 8 month old with orbital extension of a large dacryocystocele that was treated and binocular vision restored. This last case will be submitted to a medical journal due to its rarity. "It is greatly rewarding seeing the impact that Health Talents is able to make for these people and we were blessed to be able to be a part of this trip. The team was able to touch a lot of lives on this trip but ours were touched the most."



## SURGICAL MISSION TO GUATEMALA







#### FACULTY:

Kimberly Crowder, M.D., Chair — Comprehensive Ching-Jygh Chen, M.D. — Retina Federico Gonzalez-Fernandez, M.D. — Ocular Pathology / VA Bo Huang, M.D., Ph.D. — Cornea Nils Mungan, M.D. — Pediatric Rosanna Bahadur, M.D. — Cornea / VA Lola Idowu, M.D. — Glaucoma Kyle Lewis, M.D. — Ocular-plastics Rajesh Sharma, M.D. — Neuro Ophthalmology Jay Craddock, M.D. — Glaucoma Albert Lin, M.D. - Retina Michael Palmer, M.D. - Comprehensive / VA Brian Tieu, M.D., Ph.D. - Retina / VA William Watkins, M.D. — Comprehensive John Green, M.D. - Comprehensive / VA Larry Parker, M.D. - Neuro Ophthalmology / VA Charles Sherwood, M.D. - Comprehensive / VA

### **RESIDENTS**:

David Kilpatrick — PGY4 Ben Pace — PGY4 Corey Parish — PGY4 Devin Tran — PGY4 Jack Bullock — PGY3 Jonathan Carrere — PGY3 Jorge Jimenez — PGY3 Sneh Dhannawat — PGY2 Jonathan Feng — PGY2 Lee Jones — PGY2 Lee Jones — PGY2 Sean Carter — PGY1 Kevin Mays — PGY1 Clayton Patrick — PGY1

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