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Stein Plaza Transformation Enhances the Patient Experience



The Stein Eye Institute at UCLA

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A festive groundbreaking in the fall of 2010 marked the beginning of construction of the Edie & Lew Wasserman Building, the final phase of the Stein Eye Institute’s vision science campus. Now a trio of facilities, dedicated to restoring and preserving vision, stands proudly in Stein Plaza.

While primary development of the award-winning Edie & Lew Wasserman Building was occurring, the gateway to the Stein Eye Institute, Stein Plaza, was also undergoing a major renovation by Richard Meier & Partners Architects—the same firm that created the Getty Center. Now fully reopened, the physical transformation of Stein Plaza includes improved logistics, color-coded signage, parking enhancements, and beautiful grounds, all with an eye to further enhance the patient experience at the Institute.

The graceful curves of Stein Plaza include a sloped and terraced garden, which unifies the Jules Stein Building, the Doris Stein Building, and the Edie & Lew Wasserman Building, creating a welcoming courtyard to be used by patients, staff, and visitors. This “outdoor lobby,” filled with grass and trees, is the perfect spot to relax on a bench and enjoy fresh air while a loved one has a procedure. The interior waiting area of the Edie & Lew Wasserman Building has been specifically oriented to face Stein Plaza, bringing the outside in, and filling the space with natural, diffused sunlight.

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Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends,

For nearly 50 years, the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA has proudly served the vision care needs of patients locally and abroad. We have remained true to our founders' dedication to the preservation of vision and the prevention of blindness, and the Institute's programs for vision science research, ophthalmic education, and patient care have continually developed.

The Institute has physically transformed into a vision science campus with the addition of the architectural award-winning Edie & Lew Wasserman Building and the redesign of Stein Plaza, which includes new signage, a terraced garden, and improved logistics. With the approval of the Board of Trustees, our transformation continues with a rebranding campaign and new logo.

As one of the top eye care centers in the United States and the best in the Western United States, our one facility has grown to three, and now the Jules Stein Building, Doris Stein Building, and Edie & Lew Wasserman Building are unified under the banner, Stein Eye Institute.

Providing the aesthetic complement to our name, the Institute's logo is a bold and unique interpretation of vision and the structure of the eye. Based upon the Stein legacy of excellence, the global spectrum of color is a visual representation of the Stein Eye Institute's evolution to a vision science campus.

Welcome to our vision for the 21st century.

Best personal regards,

Bartly J. Mondino, MD
 Director, Stein Eye Institute
 Chairman
 UCLA Department of Ophthalmology



"Mirroring the personalized care we strive to give every patient, we wanted to ensure that hand-in-hand with the Institute growing, the visitor experience would remain intimate and comfortable," explains **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**, Bradley R. Straatsma Professor of Ophthalmology, chairman of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology, and director of the Stein Eye Institute.

In considering changes to be made to Stein Plaza, **Jonathan Smith**, the Institute's chief administrative officer, notes that there were several objectives with the renovation. "As Stein Plaza is the entrance to the Stein Eye Institute, our chief aim was to simplify the process of coming to the Institute as much as possible, and to achieve that, we have made a number of changes."

Color-Coded Signage

A first step in the Plaza's renovation was to regrade the grounds so that all three buildings are on the same level, easily accessed without having to walk up or down stairs. Further contributing to the ease in navigation, large color-coded signage has been added at key locations. The new signage identifies each building by a specific color: Jules Stein Building (orange), Doris Stein Building (yellow), and Edie & Lew Wasserman Building (blue), so that appointment locations can be identified by name and/or color, providing an additional level of recognition. The new signage also includes a directory, which lists the divisions located within each facility.



New signage located throughout Stein Plaza helps visitors easily find their way.

Patient Drop-off and Pick-up

A critical requirement of the renovation was to establish safe and seamless turnarounds for easy drop-off and pick-up of patients. Prior to the Plaza's reconfiguration, there was no clearly established spot for picking up patients, so drivers would park in front of the Doris Stein Building and wait in their cars while patients finished their appointments. This served to increase traffic congestion and was a hazard for pedestrians.

To improve safety and streamline logistics, two convenient patient drop-off locations have now been added to Stein Plaza:

Main (Lower) Drop-Off Area with Adjacent Parking

The main drop-off area (location C on map)—also referred to as the lower turnaround—is located within the Stein Eye Institute parking lot. This is the primary drop-off location for the Institute, as drivers are able to easily park their cars in the same area after dropping off passengers.

Color-coded signage is located at the lower drop-off area to guide visitors to their specific location. Patients access the Plaza level by either taking the nearby elevator or by walking up the staircase, newly redesigned to feature shallower steps and a handrail.

Secondary (Upper) Drop-Off Area—Drive-Through Only

The secondary drop-off area (location D on map)—also referred to as the upper turnaround—is intended for patients who will be undergoing procedures, as its location is on the main Plaza level with direct access to each of the three buildings. Color-coded signage is located at the upper drop-off area to guide visitors to their specific location.

Unlike the lower drop off, the upper drop off is drive-through only; drivers drop off their passengers and then continue on the loop to either exit the Institute or to turn left into the Stein Eye Institute parking lot.

Benches are located at the upper turnaround, so patients can be seated while they wait for their car, taxi, shuttle van, or patient escort.

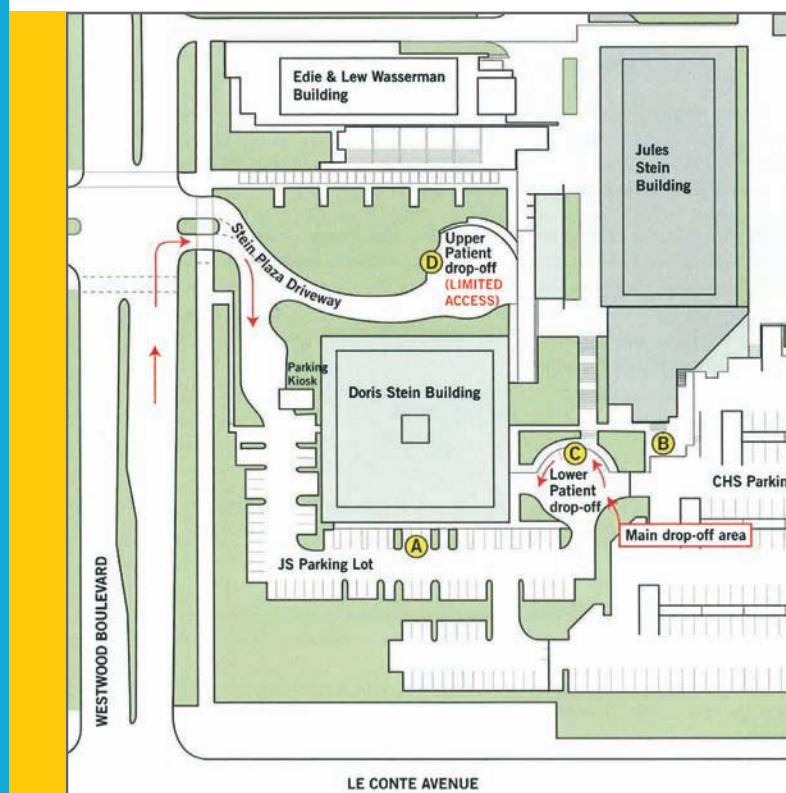
Stein Eye Institute Parking and New Pay Stations

Closed during primary construction of the Edie & Lew Wasserman Building, the parking lot for the Stein Eye Institute has reopened. To reduce congestion on Westwood Boulevard, patients now pay for parking upon exiting the lot, rather than upon entering, as they had previously.

Following their visit to the Institute, visitors now have the option of paying for their parking at one of two pay stations: the pay station located near the Doris Stein Building (location A on map) or the pay station located at the entrance to the CHS parking structure (location B on map). Patrons have a grace period of 15 minutes to exit the lot after payment is made, and a designated pay-station exit lane allows easy and fast departure out of the Institute and onto Westwood Boulevard.

Guests will also have the option of paying for parking at the staffed kiosk located at the lot's exit. The parking kiosk is manned from 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Friday.

"It is our hope that these modifications will further contribute to a positive and patient-friendly experience at the Institute," concludes Dr. Mondino.



Stein Plaza offers two convenient patient drop-off areas (location C and D on map). Drivers can pay for parking at a pay station (location A and B on map) or at the Parking Kiosk.

Community Outreach

UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic Receives \$4.1 Million Grant to Provide Vision Services for the County's Most Vulnerable Preschoolers

Young children in Los Angeles County will soon be seeing things a lot clearer, thanks to a new collaboration between the Stein Eye Institute and First 5 LA, the child advocacy and grant-making organization committed to the well-being of children in our county's diverse communities.

The UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic (UMEC), an outreach program of the Stein Eye Institute, has received an allocation of \$4.1 million from the First 5 LA commission that will be used over the next five years to screen more than 90,000 children between the ages of three to five from underserved populations in Los Angeles County.

Under the collaboration, the UMEC will provide services to preschoolers, including initial vision screenings at preschool locations; full eye examinations conducted by ophthalmologists and optometrists for children who fail the initial exam; referrals to partner specialists for visually impaired children who need special medical or surgical treatment; and free eyeglasses for those with refractive errors.

Additionally, the UMEC has an automated scheduling, coordination, and data-registration program that makes it easy for parents to schedule appointments. The clinic's staff will work hand-in-hand with preschool teachers and parents to ensure follow-up care and compliance.

"Much of children's health and learning abilities is greatly dependent on their sight," explains **Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD**, Fran and Ray Stark Foundation Professor of Ophthalmology, director of the UMEC and the Stein Eye Institute's Center for Community Outreach. "It is estimated that one in five preschool children has a vision problem that affects their learning ability. Improving a child's vision helps improve academic performance, protects them from environmental hazards, and enhances the quality of their social and personal lives."

The Institute's community outreach efforts range from its UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic, which travels to schools, shelters, health fairs, and other organizations that assist homeless and low-income families, to programs like Vision IN-School, for vision education; Shared Vision, for the collection and donation of used eyeglasses; the Preschool Vision Screening program; and the Indigent Children and Families program.

"The Stein Eye Institute is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of vision worldwide," affirms **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**, Bradley R. Straatsma Professor of Ophthalmology, director of the Institute, and chair of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology. "The First 5 collaboration supports the Institute's mission of

community outreach, which includes addressing the needs of some of the most vulnerable in Los Angeles County who are at risk of unnecessarily losing their sight."

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Dr. Laura Syniuta greets a young patient at the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic.



Edie & Lew Wasserman Building Wins the Gold!

The Edie & Lew Wasserman Building was recognized as the Best Medical Project at the 2013 Commercial Real Estate Awards, winning the highest distinction of "gold." Hosted by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*, the awards recognize the biggest, best, and most notable real estate projects. This is the Edie & Lew Wasserman Building's second honor, having received a Community Impact Award at the 2011 Los Angeles Architectural Awards ceremony.

Finding Lost Muscles

It was supposed to be a simple outpatient procedure, no more than half an hour. Five hours later, the surgery ended. It was 1997, and **Robert Perrin** returned home with his eye bandaged. Speaking with his doctor the next morning, Mr. Perrin was informed that removal of his ocular cyst had been complicated due to the cyst's growth behind the eye. He was then told that—either from the cyst or from the procedure—the extraocular muscles had disconnected from his eyeball. Upon removal of the bandage, Mr. Perrin discovered that his right eye no longer moved, and he now had double vision.

Six small muscles are responsible for the delicate movements that enable the eyes to align and track items of visual interest. Like tiny springs, if they are released from the eye by trauma or accidentally during ocular surgery, they snap back into the eye socket's orbital fat. When the muscle is "lost" in this way, it is a serious problem for the surgeon and the patient. For the surgeon, it is tantamount to an untreatable problem since the muscle is so difficult to retrieve. For the patient, their eyes are now misaligned and a single object appears double, a condition known as diplopia.

"The doctor was unable to resolve my double vision surgically, and his solution was that I glue a prescription prism to my eyeglasses to correct the imbalance," explains Mr. Perrin. "This was problematic because my eyes teared excessively, so it was extremely messy, and it was always a challenge to keep the prism clean." Mr. Perrin coped with the situation as best he could, and after a couple of years, the diplopia became less of an issue. "Despite the double vision not being as bad," says Mr. Perrin, "I was always on a mission to do something. Also, my lower eyelid started to droop and wouldn't fully close, and there was concern I could get an infection." He saw numerous ophthalmologists in his home state of Florida, including an ophthalmic muscle specialist, but he was told that nothing could be done.

"I'm living happily ever after. I'm amazed there was an operation that could recover the muscles. It's been incredible, and I couldn't be happier with the results."

Relocating to Los Angeles five years ago, Mr. Perrin continued his mission. "I saw wonderful ophthalmologists who weren't sure they could do anything and felt it wasn't worth the risk since I was 'handling it.' Nevertheless, they told me to not give up on my objective. Ultimately I met Dr. Goldberg who assured me, 'We can do this.'"

Traditionally patients have been told that a lost muscle is not likely to be recovered. Over the past 15 years, however, **Robert Alan Goldberg, MD**, Karen and Frank Dabby Professor of Ophthalmology, has developed surgical techniques to locate the lost muscles using a procedure that takes advantage of the small incision orbital approach first developed at the Stein Eye Institute. Notes Dr. Goldberg, "Today, we have been able to identify and rescue the lost muscle in 100% of cases."

In November 2011, Dr. Goldberg and **Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD**, Leonard Apt Professor of Pediatric Ophthalmology, performed surgery on Mr. Perrin. One by one, Dr. Goldberg located and retrieved each lost muscle, and Dr. Demer then reattached that muscle to the correct position on the eye. "We were able to identify and rescue the muscles and then straighten the eye for substantial improvement in vision," states Dr. Goldberg.

In February 2013, Dr. Goldberg fully resolved Mr. Perrin's ectropion, the droopy lower eyelid. With the addition of recent cataract surgery, Mr. Perrin's vision in his right eye has gone from 20/150 to 20/25. "I'm living happily ever after," enthuses Mr. Perrin. "I'm amazed there was an operation that could recover the muscles. It's been incredible, and I couldn't be happier with the results."



Before surgery, Mr. Perrin's right eyeball was fixed in one position and could not move. His lower eyelid drooped and would not fully close, which left the eye unprotected.



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Philanthropy



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David and Randi Fett Alumni Paying It Forward

The Stein Eye Institute is known for its world-class fellowship programs, and for nearly 50 years, the best and brightest physicians have come to train in specific areas of clinical ophthalmology. The rising cost of education, coupled with state budget cuts, however, has made it increasingly difficult to finance such training. Recognizing this problem, **David Fett, MD**, Stein Eye Institute associate clinical professor of ophthalmology and a previous Stein Eye resident, and his wife, **Randi Fett**, a UCLA graduate, recently pledged \$500,000 to establish the David and Randi Fett Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Fellowship Endowment. This gift adds to the \$300,000 they committed for this purpose in 2010.

The Fetts are proud Bruins, and this most recent pledge continues their long-standing tradition of philanthropy and perfectly unifies two causes they feel passionately about: education and helping others. The Fetts note, "We have made a conscious decision to concentrate our major gifts toward education, specifically scholarships, which we have both benefited from. People we didn't know felt the same way and funded our educational opportunities. We are honored to invest in the next generation." Two Stein Eye fellows, **David Isaacs, MD**, and **Daniel Rootman, MD, MSc**, have already benefited from this generous gift.

"I am extremely appreciative of the Fetts valuable support," says **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**, director of the Stein Eye Institute, who worked closely with the couple to establish the endowment. "We strive to produce graduates who are successful in their chosen path. When alumni give back, they are demonstrating their appreciation for the education and development the Institute provided to them. Alumni donations ensure that future generations of ophthalmic students receive the finest training possible."

The Fetts exemplify the importance of alumni giving, and encourage other graduates of UCLA—particularly doctors who studied at the Stein Eye Institute—to follow their lead. "The Institute could not obtain and retain the best faculty, recruit and train the best students, and conduct important research without donations," they observe. "And these donations help to change lives—the lives of the patients benefiting from medical care and medical breakthroughs and the lives of the students who are trained to give that care. We need alumni to 'pay it forward' and make sure that the opportunity is there for tomorrow's doctors."

Philanthropic contributions support the Stein Eye Institute's vital research and educational programs. To make a donation, contact the Stein Eye Development Office at (310) 206-6035.

Joe and Pat Yzurdiaga: To Serve Humanity Forever

The transformative 1945 report, *Science: the Endless Frontier*, stated that the responsibility for creation of new scientific knowledge rests on a small body of men and women who understand the fundamental laws of nature and are skilled in the techniques of scientific research.

For **Pat and Joe Yzurdiaga**, supporting scientific discovery is of pivotal importance, and in September 2012, the couple donated \$1,000,000 to the Pat and Joe Yzurdiaga Endowed Cataract Fund. Explaining their motivation for such a generous gift, Joe elucidates, “We have human nature and Mother Nature. Human nature seems to remain the same over the centuries, but science continues to uncover Mother Nature’s laws. We want scientists to discover what helps, what truly helps.”

Established in 2009, the Yzurdiagas’ endowment is to support Stein Eye Institute cataract programs under the direction of **Kevin M. Miller, MD**, Kolokotronis Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology and chief of the Comprehensive Ophthalmology Division.

Dr. Miller plans to use the gift initially to help patients with a partial or complete loss of an iris, known as aniridia, which can severely compromise vision. “I am currently conducting several ongoing and unfunded studies evaluating the implantation of artificial iris devices—many at the time of cataract surgery. The function of the device is to limit the amount of light entering the eye, like a natural iris, reducing symptoms of light and glare sensitivity,” explains Dr. Miller.

The couple first met Dr. Miller when they went to him as patients. “Joe and I needed cataract surgery. Dr. Miller is an outstanding person in the field, and we found him to be confident and a good communicator about what needed to be done,” says Pat.

Continual Support of Research

The Yzurdiagas’ endowment was given to the Institute in perpetuity for continual support of research. “Science helps everyone,” emphasizes Joe, “and our desire is that the funds are used in a truly meaningful way.” The couple’s giving philosophy is further embedded in a strong belief that private giving is more stable than public funding: through private giving, donors enhance the goals of the Institute, reducing reliance on public funding, which can be capricious. Acting on this tenet, Pat and Joe have contributed to many areas on campus, including the UCLA Academic Health Center, the Chancellor’s Greatest Needs Legacy Fund, and the Anderson School of Management.

Reflecting on the scope of the couple’s donation and the possibilities it holds for the Stein Eye Institute,

Dr. Miller expresses his appreciation, saying, “I thank the Yzurdiagas for their generous gift and their contribution to vision science research.”

Giving Back

Having worked successfully in securities for half a century, Joe, an investment advisor with Crowell, Weedon & Co., counts UCLA as being a big contributor in his life.

Joe began attending UCLA in the fall of 1951, and it was while there, that he and Pat met and married. In 1955, Joe graduated from the university with a degree in Business Administration. Commitment to country then followed, and Joe served in the navy for two years, and the couple, both first-generation Southern California natives, moved often. Ultimately they settled in Glendale where they raised their three children. Now grandparents to six, Pat and Joe moved to Santa Barbara in 2000, but continue to visit Los Angeles on an almost weekly basis for regular dinners with the family.

Being strong believers in supporting brilliant minds and those who work hard, the Yzurdiagas have become passionately involved with the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara; through their role in the Academy’s Compeer Program, they have developed lasting relationships with the young musicians, which has included travel to Moscow to attend a former fellow’s wedding. In addition to music, Pat and Joe are dedicated volunteers in the Santa Barbara arts community and support the physical sciences by funding graduate students at the University of California, Santa Barbara. “In our philanthropy and our volunteer work, we deal with people who have a passion for what they’re doing. They’re the committed people,” stresses Pat.

In considering all they have done and are doing to serve the arts and sciences, Joe concludes, “Pat and I believe in what we are doing. It’s our way to serve humanity forever.”

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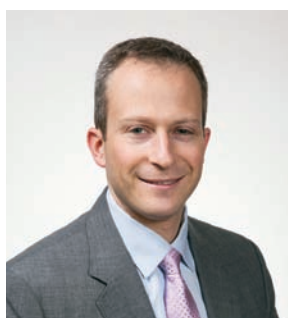


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Aaron Nagiel MD, PhD



Daniel Rootman, MD, MSc

2013 Robert E. Christensen, MD, Research Award Winners

The 2013 Robert E. Christensen, MD, Research Awards were presented to first-year resident **Aaron Nagiel, MD, PhD**, and first-year fellow in ophthalmic plastic surgery **Daniel Rootman, MD, MSc**.

Dr. Nagiel will receive financial support for his project researching retinal microcircuitry, under the direction of **Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD**, Harold and Pauline Price Professor of Ophthalmology. Dr. Rootman’s award will provide funding for his project investigating cytokines in the tear film of patients with thyroid-related orbitopathy, conducted under the direction of **Robert Alan Goldberg, MD**, Karen and Frank Dabby Professor of Ophthalmology.

Current Stein Eye Institute residents and fellows are eligible to apply for the competitive grant, which supports academic work. Named in honor of Dr. Christensen, the late founding chief of the Glaucoma Division, the annual grant—presented for the 16th year in a row—is made possible by UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Association annual dues, which are generously paid by Stein Eye Institute alumni and faculty.



Save the Date!

Join Stein Eye Institute alumni and colleagues at the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Association’s annual reception, which will be held at the W Hotel New Orleans from 5:30 p.m.–8 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, 2013, during the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting. For additional information, please contact us via email at: alumni@sei.ucla.edu or by telephone at (310) 825-4148.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Leonard Apt, MD

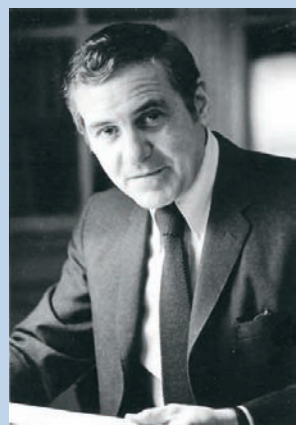
Leonard Apt, MD, an internationally respected ophthalmologist who gave the gift of sight to millions of children, died on February 1 at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, following a brief illness. He was 90.

A founding member of the Stein Eye Institute and emeritus professor of ophthalmology, Dr. Apt was the first physician to become board-certified in both pediatrics and ophthalmology, and his prolific research resulted in innovations in each field.

“Leonard was devoted to improving patient care on a large scale,” said longtime collaborator **Sherwin J. Isenberg, MD**, Laraine and David Gerber Professor of Pediatric Ophthalmology. Dr. Apt provided the standard for sterilizing the surface of the eye by identifying povidone-iodine (Betadine) as a safe topical antimicrobial agent. Whereas silver nitrate or antibiotics were too expensive for routine use in developing countries, at just pennies a dose, Drs. Apt and Isenberg demonstrated that Betadine was a more effective and safer alternative to prevent eye infections in newborns.

Born on June 28, 1922, Dr. Apt entered the University of Pennsylvania at age 14 and graduated with highest honors. After earning his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1945, he trained in pediatrics at Harvard University and pathology at the University of Cincinnati and completed a National Institutes of Health ophthalmology fellowship at Columbia University.

Dr. Apt joined the UCLA faculty in 1961 and founded the nation's first full-time pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus division. He was co-founder and co-director of the UCLA Center to Prevent Childhood Blindness and endowed both a professorship and



a fellowship. Founding Member and Founding Director of the Institute, **Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD**, reflected, “Leonard made the world a better place. He was a brilliant physician-scientist, a tireless advocate for the eye care of children, a generous philanthropist, and a true friend.”

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Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD, Leonard Apt Professor of Pediatric Ophthalmology, stated, “He pioneered the field of pediatric ophthalmology, and it stands as a living monument to him.” Dr. Apt invented diagnostic tests, was the first to use plastic tubing for blood transfusions, to develop a method for predicting allergy to specific sutures, to pinpoint a formula for positioning of eyes under anesthesia, and to identify several new diseases. **J. Bronwyn Bateman, MD**, clinical professor of ophthalmology, affirmed, “Leonard leaves an important legacy.”



Dr. Leonard Apt

Dr. Apt published more than 300 articles and received many honors and awards, including the American Academy of Pediatrics Lifetime Achievement Award and their creation of the biennial “Leonard Apt Lecture.” In 2010, he was selected National Physician of the Year.

“Leonard was a true Renaissance man: a leader in medicine, a sports enthusiast, a wine connoisseur, and a patron of the arts,” said **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**, director of the Institute and chairman of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology. Reflecting this quality, Dr. Apt was a generous supporter of initiatives across campus and the community. UCLA Professor of Medicine and Rheumatology Division Chief, **Bevra Hahn, MD**, noted, “He devoted tremendous energy to ensure that children from underserved areas not only had access to health care but also to the arts.”

Summarizing the view of colleagues, students, friends, and countless patients, Dr. Isenberg said, “Leonard was kind, dedicated, and went beyond the call of duty. He will be sorely missed.”

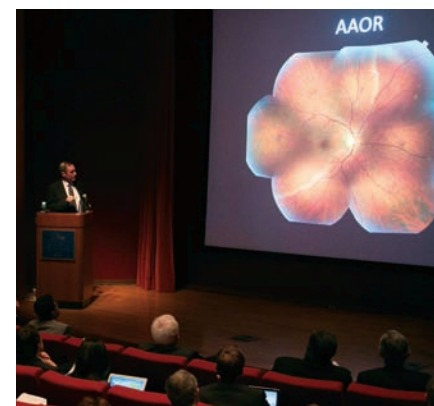
Comprehensive Ophthalmology Review Course

The Stein Eye Institute and the Doheny Eye Institute teamed up to sponsor the eighth Comprehensive Ophthalmology Review course on March 7–10, 2013. The collaborative effort to develop this intensive four-day review serving ophthalmology-training programs in Southern California proved to be an overwhelming success.

The course co-directors, **David Sarraf, MD**, assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology at the Stein Eye Institute, and **John Irvine, MD**, professor of ophthalmology at the Doheny Eye Institute, organized a program concentrating on the epidemiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, and management of ophthalmological disease.

International Retinal Imaging Symposium

The Stein Eye Institute hosted the first International Retinal Imaging Symposium (IRIS) on February 26, 2013. The meeting was an international success bringing together world-class ophthalmologists who delivered lectures on the novel basic science and clinical innovations of retinal imaging, including the critical importance in the understanding, evaluation, and management of retinal disorders. **David Sarraf, MD**, associate clinical professor of ophthalmology, planned and organized the meeting with **Stephen Tsang, MD**, Stein Eye Institute alumnus and associate professor of pathology, cell biology, and ophthalmology at the Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute in New York.



Attendees at the Stein Eye Institute's first International Retinal Imaging Symposium.

New Faculty and Other Appointments

New Faculty

Pradeep S. Prasad, MD, was appointed health sciences assistant clinical professor in the Retina Division of the Stein Eye Institute effective February 1, 2013. Dr. Prasad's primary activity will be at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, where he has been appointed as chief of the Division of Ophthalmology. Dr. Prasad's expertise is in vitreoretinal surgery and disease management. He received his medical degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, conducted his internal medicine internship with the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Internal Medicine Program, and completed his ophthalmology residency and vitreoretinal fellowship training at Stein Eye Institute.



Pradeep S. Prasad, MD

New Appointment

Vivian Phan, OD, is the Stein Eye Institute's contact lens specialist following the retirement of **Barry A. Weissman, OD, PhD**. Dr. Phan's clinical emphasis includes specialty contact lenses to treat keratoconus, postsurgical corneas, corneal scarring, aphakia, severe dry eye, and ocular surface disease. A graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Dr. Phan completed her fellowship in contact lens practice at the Stein Eye Institute.



Vivian Phan, OD

Faculty Honors, Awards, and Recognition

On December 1, 2012, at Wills Eye Hospital, **Anthony J. Aldave, MD**, chief of the Cornea-External Ocular Disease Division, delivered the 12th Wilfred E. Fry, MD Memorial Corneal Lecture, “From the Lab to the Lane: Molecular Diagnostic Testing and Genetic Therapy for Inherited Corneal Disorders.”

In a February 19, 2013, article in *Medscape Medical News*, **Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD**, Fran and Ray Stark Foundation Professor of Ophthalmology, discussed the systematic review commissioned by the U.S. Preventive Task Force on the treatment of open-angle glaucoma, specifically its impact on clinical practice and future studies.

On March 13, 2013, **Gordon L. Fain, PhD**, Distinguished Professor of the Departments of Integrative Biology/Physiology and of Ophthalmology, was presented with the Jay Pepose '75 Award in Vision Sciences at Brandeis University. Following presentation of the award, Dr. Fain delivered the lecture, “The G-protein Cascade of Photoreceptors.”

Gary N. Holland, MD, Jack H. Skirball Professor of Ocular Inflammatory Diseases, received the David Geffen School of Medicine Excellence in Education Award on May 22, 2013, in recognition of his leadership and commitment to ophthalmology education.

David S. Williams, PhD, Jules and Doris Stein Research to Prevent Blindness Professor of Ophthalmology, has been named as a 2013 Fellow of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.

Incoming Ophthalmology Residents

The process of selecting ophthalmology residents takes place in the fall of each year for residents who will be entering the ophthalmology program a year-and-a-half later. The four-month process includes the review of over 300 applications, the selection of approximately 50 applicants to be interviewed, and a final meeting where the applicants are ranked in order of preference. This rank-order list is submitted to the nationwide San Francisco Match Service where it is compared to the participating medical students' preferences. When both the student and ophthalmology program rank each other at the same level, a "match" has occurred and a new resident is then contracted to join the program.

In late January of last year, Residency Selection Chairman **Robert Alan Goldberg, MD**, was informed of the results of the ophthalmology residency match for 2013. The following applicants, selected over a year ago, will serve as Stein Eye Institute House Officers beginning July 1, 2013:

Jenny Chen, MD
UCSF School of Medicine

Xuejing Chen, MD
Yale

Wonchon Lin, MD
Baylor College of Medicine

Grant Moore, MD
New York University

Mitra Nejad, MD
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Julia Nemiroff, MD
New York University

Christian Sanfilippo, MD
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Victoria Tseng, MD
EyeSTAR
Brown University

Mauricio Vargas, MD
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Incoming Ophthalmology Fellows

We are pleased to introduce the following ophthalmologists entering clinical and international fellowships at the Stein Eye Institute July 1 of the 2013–2014 academic year:

Christian Boeni, MD
Uveitis

Mark De Leon, MD
Glaucoma

Bhambi Gesite-De Leon, MD
Pediatric Ophthalmology

Ji Woong Lee, MD
Glaucoma

Sara Nowroozizadeh, MD
Glaucoma

Francisco Otarola, MD
Glaucoma

Aline Pimentel, MD
Oculoplastics

Sun Young Shin, MD
Pediatric Ophthalmology

Soh Youn Suh, MD
Pediatric Ophthalmology

Po-Chen Tseng, MD
Retina

Fellows

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

All in the Family

Former UCLA employee Joelle Pham, her husband John, and children Tiffany and Patrick, are all active with the JSEI Affiliates, the Stein Eye Institute's volunteer program. Patient, caring, and willing to help others to share the gift of sight, they embody the characteristics of an ideal volunteer.

What made you decide to begin volunteering with the JSEI Affiliates?

A few years ago, I read the *EYE* newsletter and learned about the Preschool Vision Screening and Make Surgery Bearable outreach programs, which inspired me to call the Institute that day. I love working with children, and I am passionate about helping others. A few days later my children Patrick and Tiffany and I signed up to be volunteers. My husband John joined us by volunteering with the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic. We always wanted to give back to the community, and the JSEI Affiliates is a perfect organization to contribute our time as a family.

What volunteer activities have you done?

The volunteer hours are very flexible, so I started with the Preschool Vision Screening program. I was nervous, but the staff and volunteers were supportive, made me feel appreciated, and gave me the training I needed. We have since participated in the Foundation Fighting Blindness VisionWalk and various UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic health events.

What is your favorite volunteer activity?

I especially enjoy the Preschool Vision Screening program, and spending time with the children before their exam, keeping them entertained, and making them feel comfortable with the process of getting their eyes checked.

What is it like working with the other volunteers?

My fellow volunteers are caring, dedicated, and loving individuals who enjoy giving back to their community. We have good talks and learn from each other's life experiences and wisdom.



Left to right: John, Joelle, Tiffany, and Patrick Pham at Tiffany's graduation from UCLA.

Why do you feel volunteering at the Stein Eye Institute is of value?

Working at the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic, I met an older woman who stated, "I haven't been able to see clearly for a long time, but I don't know where to go because I don't have health insurance or money to see a doctor." At that moment, I realized my time spent volunteering was time well spent, as we have the opportunity to change the lives of the people who don't have access to vision care.

Has volunteering at the Institute impacted your life in any way?

We have all become more compassionate and willing to reach out to those in need. Both Patrick and Tiffany work in medicine and volunteering with the JSEI Affiliates helped ready them to make a difference in the lives of people in need. Our family has been blessed with many good things, and we feel that it is our duty to serve and give back to the community. We are proud to be members of the Stein Eye Institute family.

Save the Date!

The Foundation Fighting Blindness Los Angeles VisonWalk will be **Saturday, October 26** at Griffith Park. Come and join the Stein Eye Institute team of walkers! The 5k walk is a fun way to socialize with friends and get involved. For more information, contact Teresa Closson at (310) 825-4148 or via email at affiliates@jsei.ucla.edu.

Volunteers Stay Connected on Facebook



The Institute's volunteer arm, the JSEI Affiliates, now offers two ways to stay connected and get information on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities: via Facebook, www.facebook.com/JSEIAffiliates, or the website, www.jseiassociates.com. "Like" us today on Facebook and stay connected!

Volunteer Opportunities Available!

The JSEI Affiliates has many volunteer opportunities available this fall for both its vision education and patient services programs. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Teresa Closson** at (310) 825-4148 or via email at affiliates@jsei.ucla.edu. For more information, visit our website at www.jseiassociates.com or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JSEIAffiliates.



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