

# AZOA 2017

## Spring Congress

15 hours of COPE-  
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**April 21 - 23**

**Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson AZ**

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# Spring Congress Schedule

## Friday, April 21

1PM-5PM Registration (please note that registration does not open until **1pm**)

2PM-5PM **ONE...TWO... THREE... Ready for Optic Nerve Anomalies?/Harrison, Hobbs, & Osmotherly/pending**  
*This three-hour course will be focused on the anatomy, pathophysiology, and clinical assessment of the optic nerve and visual pathways. A variety of case presentations will be utilized to present common and uncommon pathologies of the optic nerve and visual pathway.*

5PM-7PM **Boots 'n Beers - Exhibit Hall & Cocktail Reception**  
*Howdy Partners! Grab your boots, jeans and 10-gallon hats as you saddle up your rides to join your fellow ODs and leading industry partners in our country/western themed exhibit hall. Western attire is encouraged as we giddy up for some networking fun!*

7PM Dinner on Own for Attendees



## Saturday, April 22

7AM Registration and **ALCON LABS SPONSORED BREAKFAST/PRESENTATION**

8AM-10AM **The Ups and Downs of Irregular Astigmatism/ Kovacich/52493-CL**  
*This two hour course covers the causes of irregular corneal astigmatism, and management with rigid small corneal lenses, large corneal lenses, scleral lenses, piggyback systems, hybrid lenses and specialty soft contact lenses.*

10AM-12PM **Depress Your Patients Diagnosing Managing Vitreoretinal Anomalies/Townsend/49989-PS**  
*Evaluation of the peripheral retinal fundus remains an important and challenging segment of examining the eye. Optometrists are uniquely qualified to assess and manage most peripheral retinal anomalies. This course reviews the normal landmarks and anatomy of the retinal periphery. It addresses primary forms of peripheral retinal degenerations and discusses examination techniques that are useful in examining the retinal periphery.*

12PM-2PM Exhibit Hall/Luncheon

2PM-3PM **Daily Disposable Contact Lens Update/Kovacich/ 52493-CL**  
*This one hour course will cover how the daily disposable contact lens option can improve the quality of life for many patients as an everyday lens choice or occasional wear lens. Different sphere, toric and multifocal lens choices are presented here, in hydrogel, silicone hydrogel and water gradient materials. Benefits and obstacles to daily disposable fitting and patient selection and practice management will also be discussed.*

3PM-4PM **STDs and the Eye/Kovacich/49650-SD**  
*Ocular signs and symptoms can be the first indications of sexually transmitted diseases. Eye care practitioners should be aware of these manifestations not only to manage ocular health, but also to make the appropriate systemic recommendations.*

4PM-5PM AZOA Business/Membership Meeting

5PM-8PM Cocktails/Dinner/AZOA Awards Presentations

8PM Dr. Dave Coulson's New President's Reception - President's Suite (**Everyone welcome!**)

*Please join us at the reception honoring Dr. Dave Coulson as the 2017-2018 President of the AZOA! Have a cocktail and mingle with some of your fellow Optometrists at this event which is always a crowd favorite!*

## Sunday, April 23

7AM Registration and **BAUSCH & LOMB SPONSORED BREAKFAST/PRESENTATION**

8AM-9AM **Mastering the Mechanics of Ocular Allergy/ Townsend/pending**  
*In this lecture we look at the basic pathophysiology of allergy as well as the epidemiology. we review different forms of hypersensitivity and specific forms of ocular allergy and currently accented protocols for treating and managing these conditions.*

9AM-10AM **Thyroid Disease and the Eye/Townsend/46465**  
*Approximately 20 million Americans have some form of thyroid disease, which has multiple and potentially serious effects on the visual system. Optometrists should recognize signs and symptoms suggesting thyroid abnormalities. This presentation addresses the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the endocrine system in general with special focus on the thyroid gland. We then target the specific tests that aid in diagnosis of anomalies of the thyroid and discuss management of ocular manifestations and complications of thyroid disease.*

10AM-12PM **Advanced Diagnosis and Management of Ocular Surface Disease and Tear Dysfunction/Epstein/ 47870-AS**  
*Our understanding of the ocular surface has evolved dramatically over the past few years. Growing interest in dry eye and tear dysfunction has increased interest in this practice segment. We apply an evidence-based approach with extensive use of video animation, to integrate novel concepts into a unified perspective of the ocular surface environment with direct practical and clinical diagnostic and therapeutic application. Current therapy is reviewed with specific focus on dogma vs. newer concepts and clinical approaches that contrast traditional palliative therapies to newer approaches that target root causes and functional issues.*

12PM-1PM Lunch on Own

1PM-3PM **Tucson VA Residents Present: SAVAHCS Ocular Disease Grand Rounds: Front to Back/51831-SD**  
*This course highlights various ocular disease processes. The differential diagnoses and clinical pearls to correct diagnosis will be discussed.*  
Case 1: How to Manage a Corneal Ulcer: From the Lost Art of Culturing to the Technology of Today  
Speaker: William Kusek OD  
Case 2: Reactivation of Herpetic Keratitis in the Form of Disciform Endotheliitis  
Speaker: Danielle Gretz Chambers OD  
Case 3: Investigative Discovery: Optic Neuropathy 2' Sphenoid Wing Meningioma  
Speaker: Suzzane Li OD  
Case 4: Occipital Porencephaly  
Speaker: Catherine Dee OD  
Case 5: Reopened Macular Hole: A Case Report  
Speaker: Emily Huynh OD  
Case 6: Disseminated Coccidioidomycosis with Clinical Presentation of Chorioretinopathy and Meningitis  
Speaker: Sean Rowan OD

# 2017 Spring Congress Speakers

**Dr. Arthur B. Epstein** is a native New Yorker who grew up in the Bronx, NY; later moving to Great Neck on Long Island, NY. He now resides in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Epstein graduated from the City College of New York, CUNY, with a B.S. in psychology and received an O.D. degree from the State University of New York, State College of Optometry where he also served as the college's first resident in ocular disease. Dr. Epstein co-founded Phoenix Eye Care, PLLC with his wife, Dr. Shannon Steinhäuser. Dr. Epstein heads the practice's Dry Eye - Ocular Surface Disease Center and serves as its director of clinical research. Dr. Epstein is a prolific author who has published many hundreds of articles, scientific papers and book chapters. He is a contributing editor for Review of Optometry and executive editor of Review of Cornea and Contact Lenses. He founded and serves as chief medical editor of Optometric Physician, the first e-journal in optometry. Dr. Epstein is also a reviewer for numerous clinical and scientific journals. A sought-after speaker, Dr. Epstein has presented more than 1,000 invited lectures on a variety of eye care topics in the United States and throughout the world. He serves on the U.S. National Committee for worldwide eye care organization Optometry Giving Sight.

**Wendy W. Harrison, O.D., Ph.D., FAAO** came to Midwestern University after 10 years of clinical research in diabetes, glaucoma, and dry eye conditions. She completed her post-doctoral residency in cornea and contact lenses at Indiana University School of Optometry. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from University of Notre Dame, and completed Master of Science (M.S.) in Vision Science and Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degrees at Indiana University School of Optometry. She received a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Vision Science from the University of California Berkeley School of Optometry. Dr. Harrison received the Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching Award in 2010 from the University of California at Berkeley. She is currently a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO) and was an American Optometric Foundation Ezell Fellow in 2007 and 2008.

**Brianne Hobbs, O.D., FAAO** joined the Midwestern University Eye Institute after serving as staff optometrist at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Hobbs, a Missouri native, earned her Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree summa cum laude from the University of Missouri – St Louis, and completed her post-doctoral residency in ocular disease and low vision at the Kansas City Veterans Administration Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri in 2011. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, where she graduated summa cum laude. Dr. Hobbs is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO), and is currently a member of the American Optometric Association (AOA) and the American Academy of Optometry (AAO).

**Dr. Susan Kovacich** received her undergraduate and O.D. degrees from Indiana University. After graduation, she completed a hospital-based optometric residency at the John Cochran Veterans Administration Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Following her residency, she practiced in St. Louis at a multidisciplinary clinic, then with a corneal specialist. In 1998 Dr. Kovacich returned as faculty to the IU School of Optometry, where she is currently an Clinical Associate Professor in the Cornea and Contact Lens Clinic. Dr. Kovacich is a fellow in the American Academy of Optometry and has been active in the American Optometric Association, Indiana Optometric Association, National Board of Examiners in Optometry, and Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators. She has published in Optometry, Contact Lens Spectrum, and Optometric Management.

**Kaila M. Osmotherly, O.D., FAAO** Wyoming native, Dr. Kaila Osmotherly, joined Midwestern University after she completed her post-doctoral residency in family practice at the Northeastern State University College of Optometry in Oklahoma, where she focused on ocular disease. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Biology and Human Biology from Chadron State College in Nebraska, and her Doctor of Optometry, (O.D.) degree at Pacific University College of Optometry near Portland, Oregon. While at Pacific University, she was honored as a recipient of the Outstanding all Around Clinician Award. Dr. Osmotherly is a member of the American Optometric Association (AOA) and a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO).

**William Townsend, O.D. FAAO** is a graduate of the University of Houston College of Optometry. In addition to his private practice he served for eleven years as a consultant at the VA Medical Center in Amarillo, Texas. Dr. Townsend is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Houston College of Optometry, a preceptor for senior externs who rotate through his practice, and in 2015 he was named University of Houston College of Optometry Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Townsend conducts clinical research with special emphasis on ocular surface disease and dry eye. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and immediate past president of the Ocular Surface Society of Optometry.

**Tucson VA Residents:** The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS), based in Tucson, Arizona is a highly affiliated tertiary-care referral system serving veterans in Arizona, surrounding southwest States, and Mexico. The eye clinic at SAVAHCS is shared jointly between optometry and ophthalmology, which provides the residents with the opportunity to manage a spectrum of ocular disease. Additionally, SAVAHCS hosts the Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center, which provides world class programs for visually impaired veterans from seven western states. Low vision care is provided in both a comprehensive multidisciplinary inpatient and outpatient setting.

**Dr. William Kusek** - received a B.S. in Biology from Creighton University in Omaha Nebraska. He completed his Doctorate of Optometry at the Illinois College of Optometry.

**Dr. Danielle Gretz Chambers** - is an Ocular Disease optometry resident at the Sierra Vista Community-Based Outpatient Clinic. She received her Doctorate of Optometry from Southern College of Optometry in 2016.

**Dr. Suzzane Li** - moved to the United States from Taichung, Taiwan at the age of thirteen. She has been interested in the field of health care from a young age. She attended The University of California, Riverside, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She pursued her passion for medicine by attending Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry.

**Dr. Catherine Dee** - received her Bachelor's degree in Life Science from Arizona State University and went on to become a graduate of Midwestern University's Arizona College of Optometry. She is a current Low Vision & Ocular Disease resident at SAVAHCS.

**Dr. Emily Huynh** - is currently an Ocular Disease/Primary Care optometry resident at the Sierra Vista Community Based Outpatient Clinic. She received her Doctorate of Optometry from Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry.

**Dr. Sean Rowan** - received his doctorate of optometry from Midwestern University's Arizona College of Optometry in 2016. He attended undergrad at Idaho State University where he received degrees in Mechanical Engineering, and Physics.

# 2017 SPRING CONGRESS REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ OE Tracker #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please be sure to download the OE Tracker Mobile App by ARBO on your smart phone

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Additional Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ (name badge will be produced for pre-paid guest meals)

**PACKAGE INFORMATION: Please circle one**

**Complete Package:** (All CE, Meals, Social Events Included)

- Optometrist
- Student

**Daily Rate (Includes all meals offered for the day(s) selected.)**

- Fri** April 21 (Includes 3 hours CE )
- Sat** April 22 (Includes 6 hours CE )
- Sun** April 23 (Includes 6 hours CE )

Received Before 3/31		Received After 3/31	
Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
\$425	\$525	\$495	\$595
\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
\$200	\$250	\$225	\$275
\$250	\$290	\$275	\$300
\$225	\$275	\$250	\$290

**Individual Guest/Spouse Meals (name badge will be produced for guests who have purchased meals)**

- Saturday Breakfast                      \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Luncheon                      \$45 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Awards Dinner              \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday Breakfast                      \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**NOTE - TO RECEIVE EARLY REGISTRATION RATE:** Registrations must be received on or before (or postmarked by) MAR.31, 2017.  
**CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing.** In order to receive a refund of 100% of the registration fee (less a \$25 cancellation fee), cancellations must be received prior to 4/10/2017. No refunds after that date. **Please note that advance registration closes on April 18, 2017. Registration can be done onsite after this date. Registrations are not accepted over the phone.**

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