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Education

Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University 2011-2015
Big Rapids, MI
Doctorate of Optometry – High Academic Honors

Academic Honors:

MCO Senior Project Award in Pediatrics	2015
Beta Kappa Sigma Honor's Society	2014-2015
Dean's List	2011-2014
Travel Grant Winner - Vision Expo East	2013
Midland Lions Club Scholarship	2013
Bernard F. and Mellissa Anne Bailey Memorial Scholarship	2013
Walman Optical Company Scholarship	2013
Awarded Early Admittance	2011
Received Weeks-Lakin Scholarship upon admission	2011

Central Michigan University 2007-2011
Mt. Pleasant, MI
Bachelor's of Science in Biomedical Sciences - Cum Laude

Academic Honors:

Olive Hutchinson Kries Memorial Scholarship	2011
Central Michigan Honors Program	2007-2011
Dean's List	2007-2009, 2011
President's List	2010

Professional Experience

Summit Eye Care of Wisconsin January 2020 - Present
Milwaukee, WI

Senior Optometrist, Director of Practice Development

- Clinical duties
 - Pre/post-operative care: Cataracts with emphasis on premium IOLs, LASIK/PRK/ICL, MIGS, and in-office procedures
 - Glaucoma, Ocular Disease
- Lead role in developing new Milwaukee clinic (opened in January 2020)
- Co Management Program Director
- Education Director
 - Organized semi-annual education events for local optometrists
 - Coordinated optometric internship program

Gondola Eye / Praxis January 2020 - Present
Minneapolis, MN
Corporate Optometric Consultant

- Assisted with development strategy of model centered around light adjustable lens including marketing and initial build.

Clinical Adjunct Assistant Professor
Michigan College of Optometry Summer 2023 - Present
Illinois College of Optometry Summer 2023 - Present

Peer to Peer Academy
President July 2024 - Present

- Online educational platform partnering with industry highlighting new technology in anterior segment and refractive surgery
- Moderator - Monthly webinars, quarterly podcast
- Website: [Peertopeer.academy](https://peertopeer.academy)

Michigan Eye Institute June 2015 – December 2019
Flint / Grand Blanc, MI
Associate Optometrist
Special Interest: Glaucoma, Pre/Post-operative care

- Provided primary care services in a medical setting while working directly alongside ophthalmologists of different subspecialties
- Worked directly under fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist managing surgical and non-surgical cases. Became familiar with various filtration procedures as well as MIGS and laser based treatments.
- Pre/post-op management of refractive procedures
- Director of contact lens services

Fourth Year Optometry School Rotations:

Great Lakes Eye Institute Summer 2014
Saginaw, MI
Pre/Post-op, Ocular disease, Primary Care, Contact Lenses

Kresge Eye Institute Fall 2014
Detroit, MI
Primary Care, Pediatrics, Low Vision, Contact Lenses

Grand Rapids VA Hospital Spring 2014
Grand Rapids, MI
Primary Care, Ocular Disease

Michigan College of Optometry 2012- 2014
Big Rapids, MI

Student Intern- Primary Care, Contact Lens, Pediatrics/ Vision Therapy	
Baldwin Health Clinic	Fall 2013
Baldwin, MI	
Student Intern- Primary Care, Pediatrics	
Great Lakes Eye Institute	Summer 2013
Saginaw, MI	
Optometric Technician	
Mid-Michigan Medical Center	2009-2011
Midland, MI	
Student Intern- Invasive Imaging Department	

Professional Organizations

Intrepid Eye Society	2024 - Present
American Academy of Optometry	2022 - Present
Fellow (completed October 2022)	
Wisconsin Optometric Association	2020 - Present
Education Committee	
Milwaukee Optometric Society	2020 - Present
Treasurer	
American Optometric Association	2015 - Present
National Glaucoma Society	2018 - Present
Eye Tea - Podcast	2022
Core team member, season two	
Director, Optometry	
Michigan Optometric Association	2015 - 2019
Saginaw Valley Optometric Society	2015 - 2019

Articles / Publications

- "Navigating the New Age of IOL Designs". Review of Optometry. **December 2025**
- "Turning Dry Eye Evidence into Action". Co-author. Modern Optometry **December 2025**.
- "When 20/Happy Falls Short". Modern Optometry. **August 2025**
- "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work". Ophthalmology Business Minute. **July 2025**
- Doane, John MD; Newsom, T. Hunter MD; Slade, Stephen MD, FACS; Thompson, Vance MD, FACS; Bruns, Nicholas OD; Vukich, John MD. Clinical Data Registry Comparing Outcomes of Two Light Adjustable Lenses. Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery. **June 17 2025**
- "Community over Competition". Ophthalmology Business Minute. **April 2025**
- "Bridging the Gap: OD MD Collaboration". Modern Optometry. **January 2025**
- "The Changing Paradigm in Interventional Glaucoma". Modern Optometry. **January 2025**

- “Cataract vs Refractive Surgery: What’s the Difference?”. Modern Optometry. **August 2024**
- “Adjustability Reimagined”. Presbyopia Physician. **June 2024**
- “What’s New in Dry Eye Management?”. Modern Optometry. **March 2024**
- “Using the IC-8 Aphthera IOL”. Presbyopia Physician. **March 2024**
- “EVO ICL: A Game Changer in Refractive Surgery”. Presbyopia Physician. **December 2023**
- “Considerations in Co Management of Glaucoma”. Podcast. Ophthalmology 360. **July 2023**
- “Break the Barriers to Corneal Collagen Crosslinking”. Optometric Management. **May 2023**
- “The Light Adjustable Lens: Reshaping the Premium IOL Landscape”. Presbyopia Physician. **March 2023**
- Bloomenstein M, Bruns N, Ondhia A. “Advancing Refractive Surgery”. Review of Optometry. **January 2023**
- Bruns N, Vukich J. “Correcting High Myopia at the Nodal Point”. Modern Optometry. **October 2022**
- Vukich J, Bruns, N. “EVO ICL: Long-Lasting Quality of Vision”. The Ophthalmologist. **August 2022**

Presentations / Lectures / Seminars

- How to Develop a Refractive OD **March 2026**
Lecture + Panel Ophthalmology Outliers - Palm Springs, CA
- Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day **November 2025**
Lecture OSD in Cataract Surgery
Lecture Glaucoma Grand Rounds
- New Treatments and Technologies in Eye Care - Nashville, TN **November 2025**
Review of Optometry / Intrepid Eye Society
Lecture Surgery Update
Lecture Retina Grand Rounds
Panelist Retina and Glaucoma Imaging Workshop
- Academy of Optometry - Annual Meeting **October 2025**
Lecture The Search for the IOL Holy Grail
- Real World Ophthalmology **September 2025**
Lecture / Panel MD / OD Collaboration
- Eyes on Cataract and Refractive **August 2025**
Lecture / Panel Enhancing Surgical Workflows with the LAL
- ODs on Finance - Innovation and Tech Summit **August 2025**
Lecture Surgical Update: Adjustable IOLs
- New Treatments and Technologies in Eye Care - LaJolla, CA **May 2025**
Review of Optometry / Intrepid Eye Society
Lecture IOL Technology
Panelist Retina and Glaucoma Imaging workshop

- Intrepid Eye Society - Innovation Summit **May 2025**
- Canada Adjustability User Group - Expert Panel **February 2025**
Webinar Light Adjustable Lens
- FinalEyes CE - Florida Eye Specialists **January 2025**
Lecture "Adjustable Lenses: Reshaping the Surgical Landscape"
- STAAR Surgical - OD Summit **December 2024**
Panelist Let's Talk about Vault
Seeking out the Ideal Patient
Talking all things EVO
- Glaucoma Grand Rounds **November 2024**
Panelist Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day
- STAAR Surgical - Surgeons Summit **November 2024**
Panelist The Integrated Care Model
- Academy of Optometry - Annual Meeting **November 2024**
Lecture "Migs: Lasers and Blebs and Stents, Oh My!"
Panelist Grand Rounds Pupillary Block in an ICL patient"
- Wisconsin Optometric Association, Northwoods Retreat **October 2024**
Lecture Modern Cataract Surgery With a Side of Glaucoma
- MODLive - Nashville, TN **September 2024**
Panelist So you want to work with industry?
Panelist / Lecture The Pressure is on: All things glaucoma
- Minnesota Optometric Association Fall Meeting **September 2024**
Lecture "Perioperative Management 101"
Lecture "Adjustable Lenses: Reshaping the Surgical Landscape"
Lecture "Phakic IOLs: The Old and the New"
- "The Changing Premium IOL Landscape" **June 2024**
Lecture AOA Optometry's Meeting
- Light Adjustable Lens - Livestream. Ophthalmology Management **May 2024**
Lecture / Panelist Webinar
- Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day **April 2024**
Lecture "Refractive Surgery Showdown: Lasers vs Lenses"
Lecture "Femtosecond Laser Assisted Cataract Surgery"
- EVO ICL Practice Champions Meeting - Dallas, TX **January 2024**
Lecture "EVO ICL Pre and Post Op Considerations"
Panelist "Moderated Takeaways and Opportunities"
- "Managing the Premium IOL Patient" **October 2024**
Lecture Academy of Optometry - Annual Meeting
- "Beyond Traditional IOLs: The Light Adjustable Lens" **September 2023**
Lecture / workshop MODLive 2023, Nashville, TN
- "The Light Adjustable Lens" **August 2023**
Lecture Milwaukee Optometric Society
- Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day **June 2023**
Lecture "OD Referral Guide"
Lecture / Panelist Anterior Segment Grand Rounds

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| Lecture / Panelist | Posterior Segment Grand Rounds | |
| ● Phakic IOL's: The Old and the New" | | November 2022 |
| Lecture | Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day | |
| ● Light Adjustable Lens Roundtable Series: The OD perspective | | September 2022 |
| Panelist | | |
| ● Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day | | January 2022 |
| Lecture | "Perioperative Management 101" | |
| Panelist | "Clinical Challenges and Alternative Approaches" | |
| ● "Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery" | | June 2021 |
| Lecture | Summit Eye Care Clinical Challenges Day | |
| ● Light Adjustable Lens | | April 2021 |
| Panelist | Minneapolis, MN | |
| ● Glaucoma and Keratoconus | | June 2020 |
| Moderator / panelist | Webinar | |
| ● "Light Adjustable Lens - Reshaping the IOL Market" | | January 2020 |
| lecture | | |
| ● "Retinal Venous Occlusive Disease and Associated Cardiovascular Risk" | | |
| Case Presentation | | May 2018 |
| | Michigan State University Flint Area Medical Education Conference | |
| ● "Contact Lens Acute Red Eye" | | |
| Case Presentation | | November 2013 |
| | Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University | |

Consultative / KOL Roles

RxSight	Speaker, Consultant	2020 - Present
STAAR Surgical	Speaker, Consultant	2021 - Present
Glaukos	Speaker, Consultant	2022 - Present
Bausch & Lomb	Speaker, consultant	2024 - Present
LENSAR	Speaker, Consultant	2024 - Present
iDoc Social	Consultant, content creator	2024 - Present
Abbvie	Consultant	2024 - Present
Nordic	Consultant	2024 - Present
Harrow	Consultant	2024 - Present
Orasis	Consultant	2025 - Present
Alcon	Speaker, Consultant	2026 - Present

Editorial / Advisory Roles

- **Ophthalmology Business Minute**
Senior Editor - Optometry Section **2025 - Present**
- **Optometry360**
Editorial Advisory Board **2025 - Present**

Advisory Boards

- Orasis - NT&T Conference **November 2025**
- Alcon Pharmaceuticals - AOA Meeting **June 2025**
- Abbvie - AOA Meeting **June 2025**
- Orasis - NT&T Conference **May 2025**
- Nordic Pharma - Intrepid Innovation Summit **May 2025**
- Glaukos - Intrepid Innovation Summit **May 2025**
- Bausch and Lomb Pharmaceuticals - Academy of Optometry **November 2024**
- Nordic pharmaceuticals - Academy of Optometry **November 2024**
- Glaukos Cornea - Vision Expo West **September 2024**
- Abbvie Pharmaceuticals - AOA Meeting **June 2025**
- Alcon Pharmaceuticals - AOA Meeting **June 2025**

Podcasts / Media

- "Educating Patients About Refractive Solutions". Collaborative Corner Podcast. **October 2025**
- "The New Era of Glaucoma Treatment". Open Your Eyes Podcast. **September 2025**
- "Light Adjustable Lens". ODs on Education Podcast. ODs on Finance. **May 2025**
- "Detecting, Quantifying, and Managing HOAs". The Mod Pod - Modern Optometry. **December 2024**
- "Building a Successful Medical Optometry Practice". The Abundant OD Podcast. **December 2024**

Miscellaneous

- AOA Leadership Institute **June 2026**
- Young OD Mentor Session **December 2024**
Bryn Mawr Communications
- Innovations in Vision and Eye Care **November 2024**
Academy of Optometry - Showcase presenter
- Wisconsin Optometric Association - Primary Care Symposium **2021, 2022**
Co-chair

Clinical Trials, Research

- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Bilaterally Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens+ (LAL+) - PMCS-009
Co-investigator **Fall 2023 - Winter 2024**
- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Bilaterally Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens+ (LAL+) - PMCS-007
Co-investigator **Summer-Fall 2023**
- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Bilaterally Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens (LAL) - PMCS-006
Co-investigator **Summer-Fall 2023**
- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens (LAL) - PMCS-001
Co-investigator **Fall 2022**
- Clinical Outcomes of Patients Bilaterally Implanted with the Commercially Available RxSight Light Adjustable Lens (LAL) - PMCS-002
Sub-Investigator **Spring 2022**
- “Effects of Blur on Grooved Pegboard”
Main Author **August 2014**
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
- “Gender effects of cytochrome oxidase in a 5xFAD mouse model”
Main Author **2010-2011**
Central Michigan University
- “Early behavioral assessment in the 5xFAD model of Alzheimer’s Disease”
Assistant Author **2010-2011**
Central Michigan University