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Curriculum Vitae 2020

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| Optometric Experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2001 to present President of the Vision Development Institute, P.C.• 1992 to 2001 Practiced privately following the purchase of the optometric practice of Harry Wachs, O.D., F.C.O.V.D.• Board Certified Fellow in the College of Syntonic Optometry 2009 (F.C.S.O.) www.csovision.org• Board Certified as a Fellow in the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (F.C.O.V.D.) in 1998, www.covd.org |
| Licensure | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pennsylvania• Virginia |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pennsylvania College of Optometry, graduated 1986, Doctorate of Optometry.• Purdue University, graduated 1983, Bachelor of Science degree. |
| Optometric Consulting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1992 to 2009 Easter Seals Society, preschool program for the multiple handicapped.• 1999 to 2009 NFL Combine Consultants with Drs. Berger & Wachs.• 2002 & 2003 "Warner House Clinic" Tubingen, Germany for people with Down syndrome. |
| Awards | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019 "Charlie C. Butts Award for Distinguishe Service" by the College of Syntonic Optometry.• 2003 Pennsylvania "OD of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Optometric Association.• 2003 Western Pennsylvania "OD of the Year" by the Western Pennsylvania Optometric Society.• 2002 Recognition of Contributions to the Service of Children by Parents Active for Vision Education.• 1995 "Certificate of Appreciation" by Robert A. Kraskin O.D. Chairman for the International Skeffington Symposium on Vision.• 1986 SOSH Meritous Award "Student Optometric Service to Hati" by the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. |

In-Services

- “Vision and Early Intervention-What to look for? When to refer? And how to help?”, TEIS Early Intervention In-Service, January 23, 2019
- “Children’s Vision Development” & “Screening Children with Special Needs” Pennsylvania Association of the Blind, 2008 Fall Conference, Seven Springs Resort, October 15th.
- “Learning Disabilities, Spectrum Disorders, Behavior Problems, and the Vision Connection”, Westmoreland Association of Retarded Citizens” January 2008.
- “Visual Considerations for the Challenged Student-A Look from the Inside-Out” Easter Seals OT Department of W PA, Nancy Mott coordinator, February 2005
- “Vision – What is it and What do we do about it?” University of Pittsburgh Medical Center-McKeesport-Latterman Family Health Clinic, Medical Interns, Fall 2003.
- “Visual Enhancement for People with Intellectual Disabilities” Pittsburgh Vision Services Staff, Bridgeville & Oakland Centers, Fall 2003.
- “School Vision Screening: A Practical Approach to Implementing New Guidelines”, Cynthia Thomas, School Health Consultant, PA Dept. of Health, SW District, Fall 2002.
- “Visual Enhancement for Patients with Developmental Disabilities” McGuire Memorial Home, Beaver County PA, August 2002.
- “Vision Screening for the 21st Century” Cynthia Thomas, School Health Consultant, PA Dept. of Health, SW District, Fall 2001.
- “Seeing Through the Eyes of the Handicapped Child” Pittsburgh Pediatric Study Group at the Pittsburgh School for the Blind, 2000.
- “Considerations of the Visually Impaired” December 1997, Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the teachers of the visually impaired.
- “Vision in the Classroom” elementary teachers of the Mt. Lebanon School District.
- “Vision and Behavior” West Virginia University - School of Behavioral Medicine, 1994.
- “Vision and Learning In-Service” for teachers of the non-public Pittsburgh Schools division of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit of Mt. Oliver, 1991.
- “Vision and Literacy” Pennsylvania Governors Mansion - Literacy Corps, Governor Robert P. Casey, 1990.

Professional Organizations

- CSO – College of Syntonic Optometry 2006 to present
- COVD – Fellow in the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, Board certified in 1998.
- AOA – American Optometric Association 1982-2011
- POA – Pennsylvania Optometric Association since 1984-2011
- WPOS - Western Pennsylvania Optometric Society, President in 2001.
- OEP – Optometric Extension Program 1987 to present.
- MAOC - Middle Atlantic Optometric Congress, treasurer 1989 - 2000.
- SEPP - Society for the Education of Physicians and Patients, President 2007 to 2016.

Professional
Lectures

- SOLCIOE - Pennsylvania Clinic Coordinator for the "Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes" Vision Screening Program, 1999 to 2006.
- 2007 "Evaluating the Uncooperative Patient" & "Managing Perceptual Anomalies in the Brain Injured or Autistic Patient", East-West Eye Conference, Cleveland Ohio.
- 2004 Duquesne University Physical and Occupational Therapy Students and Faculty, Pittsburgh PA, "Vision Enhancement for People with Down syndrome".
- 2003 Trisomy 21 Research Conference, New Orleans, LA "Visual Enhancement for People with Down Syndrome" September 14th.
- Pittsburgh Vision Service Joint Seminar on Vision Screenings "Beyond the Organic" August 13th, 2003.
- 2003 Special Olympics World Games Health Symposium, Belfast Ireland, "Visual Enhancement for People with Mental Retardation".
- 2002 International Leadership Conference for Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes" vision screening of the "Healthy Athletes" Initiative on "Visual Enhancement for People with Mental Retardation", Washington DC.
- "Visual Enhancement for People with Mental Retardation" – Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association 2002 11th Annual Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Autism, Cincinnati, OH.
- "Vision – The Dominant Sense" Fall Sensory Integration Series sponsored by the Developmental Delay Registry, 2001.
- "Developmental Assessment of the Pre-School Child" Middle Atlantic Optometric Congress, 2001.
- "Behavioral Optometry" Robert Morris College 1994.
- Skeffington Symposium Presentations:
 - "Over Compensating Lens Application-A Case Study" 2020
 - "Working Through Micro-Strabismus" 2018
 - "Intention" 2017
 - "Binary Lenses" 2016
 - "Monkeys and Draggons" 2012
 - "Quantitative Anemia Theory" 2009
 - "Video Clips of Optometry in Action" 2008
 - "Time Perception and Intellectual Dysabilities" 2004.
 - "A Discovery – Skeffington Strikes Again" 2003.
 - "Tactile Insufficiency and Chronic Vertigo", 2002.
 - "Optometric Tangents in Evaluating the Multi-handicapped", 2001.
 - "Down syndrome - a quiet population of blur", 1999.
 - "The Child who knows no blur", 1998.
 - "The Warner House Clinic; an Optometric Perspective", 1997.
 - "Video Retinoscopy", 1995.
 - "Generation transfer of an Optometric Practice", 1994.
- Pennsylvania College of Optometry "Dynamic Retinoscopy" 1996, student guest lecture.

Board Positions

- President of the College of Syntonic Optometry 2016-2019
- President of the "Society for the Education of Physicians and Patients" 2006 through 2016 dissolution.
- DDR-Developmental Delay Resources www.devdelay.org 2004
- Special Olympics of Allegheny County 2003 to 2005
- Pediatric Vision Care Committee of the Pennsylvania Optometric Association 2002 to 2004
- Western Pennsylvania Optometric Society President 2001 (WPOS).
- Radio Information Service, 1999 to 2000.
- Down Syndrome Group of Western PA, 1996.

Community Interests

- Boy Scouts of America, Troop 90 Forest Hills 2016 to 2019
- Youth Sunday School Teacher, Cornerstone church 2016 to 2018
- Braddock Road Preservation Association 2004 to present
- Three Rivers Rowing Association, (TRRA) 1988 to present, international competition in sweep rowing at the master's level.
- Cornerstone Ministry in Murrysville Prayer Room Support 2010 - 2015
- Cornerstone Ministries, Men's small group leader 2014-2016
- Beulah Presbyterian Church, deacon 1997 to 2000.
- Sylvan Canoe Club, 1999 to 2003.

Personal Notes

- Along with wife Amy parent to three children, Nicole US Army Combat Veteran, Jessica, Karl, Jessica having Down syndrome.
- Personal Interests: Family, Bible Study, Reading, Rowing, History, Bicycling, Fly-Fishing, Camping, Hiking, Photography, Nordic Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Sailing, Canoeing, Kayaking.