

Oregon's Meeting
Mt. Hood Oregon Resort – July 14-17, 2022
Event Faculty



Dr. Paula Luke, OD, FAAO is a professor and the chief of pediatrics and vision therapy at Pacific University College of Optometry (PUCO). Prior to coming to PUCO, Dr. Luke taught at Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO) and Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry (AZCOPT) where she was designated clinical care coordinator of Pediatrics and Vision Therapy. Dr. Luke received her Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from Montana State University in Bozeman, MT and completed her Doctor of Optometry and her post-doctoral residency in pediatrics, vision therapy and visual rehabilitation at Pacific University.

Dr. Luke's clinical experience in binocular vision has developed over the years and she has taken a keen interest in acquired brain injury. Currently, she teaches clinically and didactically in the areas of neuroanatomy, strabismus and amblyopia, vision therapy, and case analysis. One of Dr. Luke's roles is supervising the resident in patient care at the Portland EyeClinic. Her research interests are in the areas of interdisciplinary care, visual information processing and amblyopia. Dr. Luke is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO), a member of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) and American Optometric Association (AOA).



Dr. Chris Putnam, OD, PhD, FAAO earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from South Dakota State University in 2001 and a Doctorate in Optometry from Pacific University in 2005. He was commissioned in March 2004 as part of the United States Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program, completed an Ocular Disease Residency at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio and was awarded board certification in 2009. Dr. Putnam was competitively selected to attend a USAF-sponsored civilian program at University of Missouri – St Louis completing a PhD in Vision Science program in 2014 winning an unprecedented 3 Graduate Research Fellowship awards during his tenure. Currently, Dr. Putnam directs 16 personnel at 3 operating locations providing eye care to 50,000 empaneled TRICARE beneficiaries in the San Antonio market.



Dr. Lorne Yudcovitch, OD, MS was originally from Alberta, Canada, Dr. Lorne Yudcovitch joined the Eye To Eye Clinic in early 2004. Dr. Yudcovitch received his Optometric Physician degree with highest distinction from Pacific University in 1996, followed with a Teaching Fellowship and Master of Science in Clinical Optometry Degree in 1997. He is a Board-Certified optometrist with the American Board of Optometry, Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, and served as Consultant Item Writer for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. He has volunteered on several overseas eye care missions and has lectured at numerous optometric conferences internationally

Dr. Yudcovitch serves as a full-time Professor of Optometry at Pacific University. He specializes in infant and children eye care, ocular disease, and the fitting of contact lenses. He has basic fluency in Spanish pertaining to eye exams. He enjoys composing and recording original music as well as cycling and reading. Dr. Yudcovitch is available to serve your eye care needs.



Dr. Bob Mans, OD graduated from Pacific University College of Optometry in 1994 where he was honored by the Oregon Optometric Association as “Student of the Year”. After graduation, he moved to Florence, Oregon and joined the Siuslaw Eye Center. Since then he has been active in practice and his profession. He is a member of the American Optometric Association and the Oregon Optometric Physician’s Association. He served on the Oregon Optometric Physician’s Association Board for over 10 years.

After his tenure on the Oregon Optometric Physician’s Board, he was appointed to the Oregon Board of Optometry by the Office of the Governor where he served 8 years. He has used his experience on the Board to lecture on Oregon Law and Ethics to other Doctors of Optometry at State and Local meetings. He was recognized as The Oregon Optometric Physician of the Year in 2015 by the Oregon Optometric Physician’s Association.

Dr. Robert Mans continues to support local charities and school athletics. Many patients refer to Dr. Mans as Dr. Bob and have seen him running along the streets of Florence. His passion for running includes many road races and relays including the Hood to Coast Relay.



Dr. Douglas Walker, OD has been in private practice for over 20 years along the Southern Oregon Coast in Brookings. He received his Doctor of Optometry from Pacific University after his graduate and undergraduate studies at the University of Alberta in the field of Clinical Laboratory Science and Health Service Administration.

Dr. Walker has served his profession and community as Past President of the Oregon Board of Optometry, Oregon Optometric Physicians Association, Rotary Club of Brookings, and the Brookings Chamber of Commerce. His efforts have been recognized by the OOPA with various awards including OOPA’s “OD of the Year Award” in 2018.

Dr. Walker enjoys traveling the world with his wife Lana and very proud of his son Zack and daughter Abby! As a frequent lecturer on Oregon Law and Ethics, he provides informative and entertaining information on current issues and challenges in the practice of Optometry.



Shelley Sneed is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and a graduate of Willamette University’s Atkinson Graduate School of Management. Shelley’s 30+ year professional career has included grant writing and business planning, consulting, accounting and finance, budgeting, personnel management and governance.

Prior to joining the Oregon Board of Optometry in March 2015, Shelley was the Administrator of the Landscape Contractors Board. Shelley has a passion for open, accountable government and prides herself on open communication and providing technological upgrades upon joining a new Board. In her spare time Shelley enjoys camping, reading, and spending time with family. Together Shelley and her husband Mitch have four children and several grandchildren.

Shelley also has a passion for community service. She previously served as a Board member and then Chairperson of the Salem Area Mass Transit District. She currently is the Secretary of the CASA of Marion County Board.



Aaron Bronner, OD works as an Optometrist at Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute, a large multicenter surgical co-management center in the Pacific Northwest, in their Boise, Idaho office. He was the first optometrist in the nation to achieve the distinction of Diplomate in Anterior Segment Disease with the American Academy of Optometry and was included in Primary Care Optometry News' Top 250 Innovators in Eye Care and Newsweeks' Top 300 Eye Doctors in the nation lists.

He has lectured extensively on topics pertaining to anterior segment disease at national, regional and state optometry meetings. He has published in Cornea, The Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Online, Optometry and Vision Science, Primary Care Optometry News, where he was also a columnist previously, Optometry Times and both Review of Optometry and Review of Cornea and Contact Lens where he is also a columnist and on the Editorial Board. Finally, Aaron has an active widely and internationally followed Instagram account @dr_bronners_eyes where he posts interesting cases from his clinic.

In his free time, Dr. Bronner enjoys spending time with his wonderful wife Becky and their growing kids Zoë and Liam.



Ami Halvorson, OD practices as a staff optometrist at Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute in Portland, Oregon where she sees a variety of ophthalmic microsurgery—both pre and post-operatively. Ami received her doctorate of optometry at Pacific University and then went on to complete a residency in hospital-based/geriatric optometry at the Portland VA Medical Center. She worked as faculty at Pacific University College of Optometry for five years before joining PCLI in 2014. Ami currently serves as president of the Oregon Board of Optometry. When not working, she enjoys PNW life with her husband and two kids.



Oliver Kuhn-Wilken, OD practices as a staff optometrist at Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute in Tualatin, Oregon, primarily doing pre and post-operative care for cataract and refractive surgery. He received his doctor of optometry degree from Pacific University and completed a residency in geriatric optometry, low vision, and ocular disease at the American Lake VA Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington. He joined PCLI in 2013. Away from work, Oliver enjoys trail running, reading, and having adventures with his wife and two kids.