

## Oregon's Meeting

April 4 - 7, 2024 at Salishan Coastal Lodge

### Event Faculty



**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 2004 as part of the Health Professions Scholarship Program, completed an Ocular Disease residency in 2008 and was awarded board certification in 2009. Dr. Putnam was selected to attend University of Missouri-St Louis completing his PhD in Vision Science in 2014 winning 3 Graduate Research Fellowship awards. Currently, he is the Medical Education Training Campus Department Chair for Diagnostic and Public Health Services overseeing 9 programs across radiology, laboratory, preventative medicine and behavioral health technician training.



**Blair Lonsberry MS, OD, MEd, FAAO** grew up in Rosburn, Manitoba (Canada). He obtained his Optometry degree from the University of Waterloo in 1996 after completing a Master of Science in Physiology from the University of Manitoba. He completed his residency in Primary Care Optometry from the Illinois College of Optometry in 1997, then joined the faculty at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN. During his time at SCO, he completed a Masters in Education degree with an emphasis in adult learning.

Currently, Dr. Lonsberry is a Full Professor with Pacific University College of Optometry in Oregon where his primary teaching responsibilities are supervising interns and overseeing a specialty "lumps and bumps" clinic. In his spare time, he goes to Anchorage, Alaska where he sees patients in a private practice, and he has two White German Shepherd dogs named Beau and Bennett who keep him sane(ish).

Dr. Lonsberry is a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry, a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, the Optometric Retinal Society, and the Optometric Glaucoma Society.



**Maggie Man Ki Ho, OD, MS, FAAO** Dr. Ho currently serves as the Service Chief of Low Vision, Director of the Low Vision Clinic located in Washington State School for the Blind, and a faculty at Pacific University College of Optometry. Dr. Ho earned her optometry degree from PUCO, so she is ecstatic to be back in PUCO teaching lectures and attending clinical services with optometry students. Dr. Ho is residency trained as a specialist in low vision and is also an AAO fellow. Her mission is to help individuals with visual impairment by continuously expanding her knowledge and experience to better serve her patients and raise awareness through educating her colleagues and students about low vision.



**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.



**Douglas Walker, OD** first moved to Brookings, Oregon in 1999 after receiving his Doctorate of Optometry with distinction from Pacific University College of Optometry in Forest Grove, OR. Prior to Optometry school Dr. Walker was a Clinical Scientist in the field of Laboratory Medicine and received an advanced degree in Health Service Administration and Community Medicine at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada.

Dr. Walker formed the Eye Center of Brookings in 2002. The advanced instrumentation and diagnostic tests available have made the practice an important part of the Brookings community’s health care. Dr. Walker is an

entrepreneur with varied interests in business formation, marketing, systems development, and creative financial solutions.

Dr. Walker was appointed by Governor Kate Brown to the Oregon Board of Optometry in 2015 serving 6 years as Director and as OBO President. Dr. Walker is past President of the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association and continues to lecture on various optometric topics at meetings across North America. Active in his community, Dr. Walker is past President of the Rotary Club of Brookings-Harbor and past Chairman of the Brookings Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Walker and his wife Lana have two wonderful children, Zack and Abby.



**Gleb Sukhovolskiy, OD, FAAO** graduated from Pacific University College of optometry. He finished residency with emphasis on Ocular Disease and Surgical Co-management at Walla Walla VA Medical Center and Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute in Kennewick, WA. He currently lives in Gig Harbor, WA and practices at PCLI in Tacoma. He serves as adjunct clinical professor for Pacific University College of Optometry. His areas of focus include glaucoma and surgical co-management.



**Oswald Rondón, MD** is an ophthalmologist at Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute. He is based in Kennewick, Washington, and primarily performs cataract surgery and surgical glaucoma treatment.

Oswald received residency training at Nassau University Medical Center/State University of New York at Stony Brook and then completed a glaucoma fellowship at Tufts University School of Medicine/Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston.

Away from work, he enjoys baseball and basketball, mountain biking, eye missions, and spending time with family.

## Paraoptometric Education Faculty



**Linda Cole, ABO, NCLE, CPOT** is currently a Senior Accounts Manager for X-Cel Specialty Contacts and has worked in the eye care industry for 40 years. Her experience includes front desk manager and part time technician at Rainbow Optics.

She was the contact lens manager, contact lens fitter and technician trainer at Family Vision Center in Eugene for over 25 years. Linda has also worked as a Retina supervisor at Eye Health Northwest.

She is certified as an ABO, NCLE and CPOT, and has been presenting ABO/NCLE continuing education credits for several years. Linda also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies from Bushnell University in Eugene graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2014.

Linda was awarded the Paraoptometric of the year from the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association in 2000 and is passionate about sharing optical knowledge and her experiences in the eye care industry.



**Brandy Yeack, CPOA** a Certified Paraoptometric Assistant (CPOA) and dedicated Practice Manager at Valley Eye Care in Corvallis, Oregon, has a passion for patient care that has defined her career.

Starting as a technician in 2015, her leadership skills quickly propelled her to Clinic Manager in 2016. Brandy's background as a nurse's assistant for a decade before entering optometry reflects her unwavering commitment to patient well-being.

Her career reached new heights when she took the lead at her practice's dry eye clinic and became a recognized authority, speaking on the main stage at

the VS Exchange by Oculus in 2019. She was also featured twice in Modern Optometry Magazine in 2020 and visited the Oculus headquarters in Germany.

Brandy's pursuit of knowledge and excellence is evident in her CPO and CPOA certifications, which she earned in 2018 and 2020, respectively. She generously volunteers for the American Optometry Association and this year received prestigious awards, including AOA's Paraoptometric of the Year for 2023 and Oregon's Optometric Assistant of the Year 2023.

In addition to her impressive career, Brandy lectures on a national level, sharing her expertise in areas like office culture and management. Her lectures provide unwavering support and guidance to staff and doctors across the United States.

Her involvement with Vision Source began in 2018 as her practice's VSR, and by 2020, she was appointed a Vision Source Facilitator in Oregon, overseeing five regions and receiving the Rising Star Award.

In her leisure time, Brandy enjoys photography, hiking, paddleboarding, camping, charity runs, and cherishing moments with her family on their small farm in Lacombe, Oregon.

Brandy Yeack's remarkable journey is a testament to her unwavering dedication to optometry exceptional patient care, and her valuable contributions on a national level.