

Resident and Fellow Directory

2025-2026



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Emergency Department

Landon J. Rohowetz, M.D.
Chief Resident
Vitreoretinal Surgery

Lauren C. Kiryakoza, M.D.
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Vitreoretinal Surgery



Meet our incoming residents and fellows!

At the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, we regard the education of our residents and fellows as one of our highest priorities. We are proud that our training programs are considered the crown jewel of the Institute. Our goal is to develop outstanding trainees to become the best ophthalmologists they can be. Welcome to the next generation of thought leaders in the world of ophthalmology.



Eduardo C. Alfonso, M.D.
Kathleen and Stanley J. Glaser
Chair in Ophthalmology
Chair, Bascom Palmer
Eye Institute
Resident, 1984



Steven J. Gedde, M.D.
John G. Clarkson Chair
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Vice Chair, Education
Fellow, 1996



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Residency Program Director
Resident, Fellow, 2010



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Res. Yale New Haven Hospital

Ophthalmology Interns

1st Year Residents

Our ophthalmology residents complete a joint ophthalmology internship with Jackson Memorial Hospital and the University of Miami. They spend three months on ophthalmology rotations at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and the Miami Veterans Affairs Hospital.



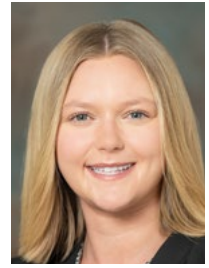
Abdulrahman Allaf, M.D.
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M.D. University of Miami



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M.D. University of Pennsylvania



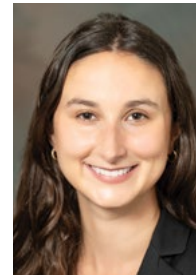
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M.D. University of Miami



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M.D. SUNY Stony Brook



Anshul Bhatnagar, M.D.
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M.D. Baylor College of Medicine



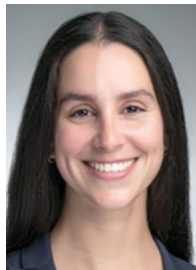
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M.D. Yale University



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B.S. University of Nebraska, Kearney
M.D. University of Nebraska



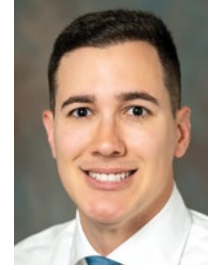
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B.S. Yale University
M.D. University of Miami



Sofia Miguez, M.D.
B.A. University of Pennsylvania
M.D. Yale University



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B.S. Stanford University
M.D. University of California, Los Angeles



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B.A. University of Florida
M.D. New York University



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B.S. Emory University
M.D. Columbia University



Angela Xu, M.D.
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M.D. University of Pennsylvania

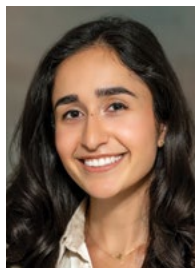


Jacob F. Smith, M.D., M.S.
B.S. Brigham Young University
M.D. Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine, Arizona



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2nd Year Residents



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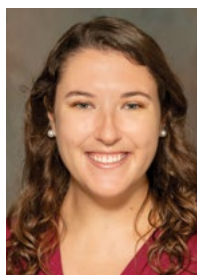
3rd Year Residents



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B.A. Rice University
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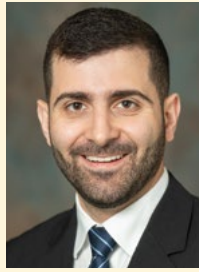


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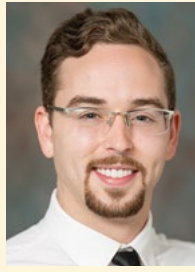
Fellows



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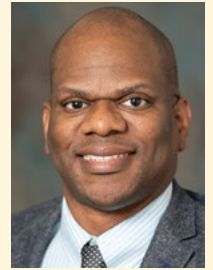
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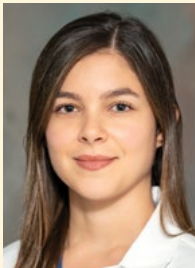
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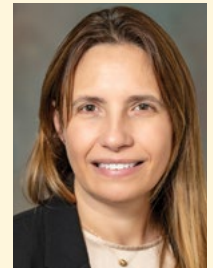
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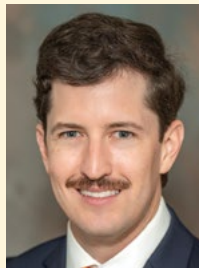
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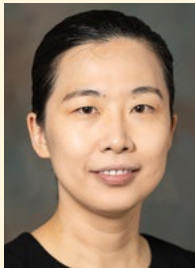
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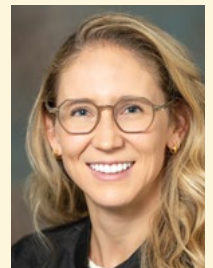
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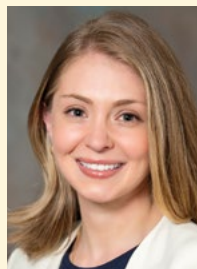
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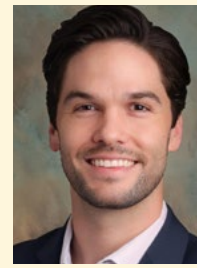
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