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 men and women so they 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 in Ophthalmology
Vice Chair, Education Fellow, 1996

Chris R. Alabiad, M.D.
Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology
Residency Program Director Resident, Fellow, 2010
Chief Residents

Julia L. Hudson, M.D.
B.A. Brown University
M.D. University of Pennsylvania
Res: Bascom Palmer

Jesse D. Sengillo, M.D.
B.A. University of Rochester
M.D. SUNY Downstate
Res: Bascom Palmer
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.
Fellows

Maura Abraham, M.D.
Medical Retina
M.D. Central University of Venezuela
Res: Central University of Venezuela

Bashaer Aldhahwani,
M.B.B.S., M.D.
Neuro-Ophthalmology
M.D. Umm Al-Qura University, Saudi Arabia
RES: Western Region Joint Program, Saudi Arabia

Daniel Balikov, M.D., Ph.D.
Retina
M.D. Vanderbilt University
Res: University of Michigan

Jeffrey Brown, M.D.
Retina
M.D. University of Illinois at Peoria
Res: Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York

Christopher Burrell, M.D.
Neuro-Ophthalmology
M.D. Marshall University
Res: Neurology, Marshall University

Louis Z. Cai, M.D.
Retina
M.D. University of Miami
RES: Wills Eye Hospital

Kevin D. Clauss, M.D.
Oculoplastics
M.D. University of Texas San Antonio
RES: Bascom Palmer

Shima Dehghani, M.D.
Uveitis
M.D. Shahid Beheshti, Iran
Res: Farabi Eye Hospital, Iran

Ayman El Nahry, M.D., Ph.D.
Ocular Oncology
M.D. Cairo University, Egypt
Res: Cairo University, Egypt

Jason C. Fan, M.D., Ph.D.
Retina
M.D. Columbia University
Res: Bascom Palmer

Sohaib Fasih-Ahmad, M.D.
Ocular Pathology
M.D. SUNY Downstate

Lindsay Foley, M.D.
Cornea
M.D. Weill Cornell Medicine
Res: New York University

Jane Gilmore, M.D.
Glaucoma, PBG
M.D. Texas Tech University
Res: University of Texas Southwestern

Juan S. Guerrero Rey, M.D.
International Oculoplastics
M.D. Universidad Javeriana, Colombia
Res: Universidad Javeriana, Colombia

Nicholas Gurney, M.D.
Glaucoma
M.D. University of Texas Southwestern
Res: Baylor College of Medicine

Hassan Khojasteh, M.D.
Medical Retina
M.D. Tabriz University, Iran
Res: Tehran University, Iran

Bonyam Kinde, M.D., Ph.D.
Oculoplastics
M.D. Harvard University
RES: University of California San Francisco

Anne L. Kunkler, M.D.
Retina
M.D. Ohio State University
Res: Bascom Palmer

Nhon Le, M.D.
Cornea
M.D. Baylor College of Medicine
RES: Baylor College of Medicine

Caroline L. Lieux, M.D.
Cornea
M.D. Louisiana State University
Res: Bascom Palmer
Fellows

Benjamin R. Lin, M.D.
Retina
M.D. University of Wisconsin – Madison
Res: Bascom Palmer

Carolina Mercado, M.D.
International Cornea
M.D. Universidad Del Norte, Colombia
RES: Escuela Superior de Oftalmologia, Instituto Barraquer de America, Colombia

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Neuro-Ophthalmology
M.D. Universidade Gama Filho, Brazil
RES: Visao Hospital de Olhos, Brazil

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M.D. Florida International University
Res: Wake Forest Baptist

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M.D. Nepal Medical College, Nepal
Res: Tribhuvan University, Nepal

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Vikram Paranjpe, M.D., M.P.H.
Glaucoma
M.D. University of Miami
Res: New York University

Pooja Pendri, M.D.
Glaucoma
M.D. Rutgers
Res: Weill Cornell

Elza Rachid, M.D.
Medical Retina, PBG
M.D. American Univ. of Beirut, Lebanon
RES: Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Potyra Rosa, M.D.
Pediatric Ophthalmology
M.D. Universidade Iguacu, Brazil
Res: Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Merry Ruan, M.D., Ph.D.
Glaucoma
M.D. Columbia University
Res: University of California San Francisco

Konica Singla, M.D., M.S.
Medical Retina
M.D. Gian Sagar Medical College, India
Res: Government Medical College, India

Matias A. Soifer, M.D.
International Cornea
M.D. University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
Res: Hospital Lagleyze, Argentina

Georges Sukkarieh, M.D.
Medical Retina, PBG
M.D. Saint Joseph University, Lebanon
Res: Saint Joseph University, Lebanon

Charissa Tan
Ocular Pathology
M.D. University of Hawaii
(in progress)

Maria A. Vera-Silva, M.D.
Neuro-Ophthalmology
M.D. University of Carabobo, Venezuela
Neurology Res: Cleveland Clinic Florida

Benny Wong, M.D.
Cornea, PBG
M.D. Hofstra Northwell
Res: Northwell Health

Lily Zhang, M.D.
Cornea
M.D. University of Miami
Res: Bascom Palmer

Franklin Zheng, M.D.
Cornea, PBG
M.D. Florida International University
Res: Krieger Eye Institute