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EDUCATION

Carthage College, Kenosha, WI

B.A. in Chemistry 2005

Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL

Doctorate of Optometry 2009

Graduated with Honors

LICENSURE

Doctor of Optometry, State of Wisconsin, License Number 3159-035 **2009-Present**

AWARDS

**Clausen Scholar, Carthage College 2001 – 2005**

**Distinguished Service in Chemistry, Carthage College 2005**

**Wisconsin Optometric Association Young Optometrist of the Year** **2012**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, LECTURES

Laboratory Assistant, Carthage College Chemistry Department 2003-2005

Prepared laboratory, assisted students during laboratory.

Case Presentation, Invitational Lens Symposium, Tahlequah, OK August 2011

15 minute presentation on Van Orden Star

Lecture on Vision Therapy, Northeastern State University of Oklahoma College of Optometry January 2011

Introductory lecture given to first and second year optometry students. August 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

 September 2015

Lecture on Dr. Streff’s Six Visual Skill Areas, Great Lakes OEP Congress, Northbrook, IL March 2012

One hour on theory and practical application.

**Lecture on Tracking and Locating in an Infant, Invitational Lens Symposium, Tahlequah, OK August 2012**

One hour keynote speech.

**Lectured at the Wisconsin Optometric , Wisconsin Dells, WI September 2012**

One hour lecture to paraoptometrics.

 **Lectured at EastWest Eye Conference Cleveland, OH October 2013**

 Presented four, hour-long, COPE-approved lectures: Vision Development in Infants, Chairside Recommendations

 for Patients with Hemianopsia, Improving Eye-Hand and Eye-Body Coordination, Getting the Most

 Out of Infant Examinations.

 **Lectured at OEPF Great Lakes Congress, Northbrook, IL** **March 2014**

 One hour lecture given to vision therapists on Vision Development in an Infant.

 **Case Presentation at Invitational Lens Symposium, Tahlequah, OK.** **August 2014**

 15 minute presentation.

  **Lectured on vision and learning to Kenosha Unified School District Occupational and Physical Therapists,** **December 2014**

 **Kenosha, WI.**

 45 minute presentation.

 **Lectured at Invitational Lens Symposium, Tahlequah, OK** **September 2015**

 20 minute presentation.

 **Moderator of question and answer sessions at Invitational Lens Symposium, Tahlequah, OK. September 2015**

 **Keynote speaker at Wisconsin Lutheran College Early Childhood Education Conference, lecture on vision and** **October 2015**

 **Learning, Milwaukee, WI**

 3 hour presentation.

 **Lectured at EastWest Eye Conference, Cleveland, OH.**  **October 2016**

 Presented four, hour-long, COPE-approved lectures: Vision Development in Infants, Chairside

 Recommendations for patients with Hemianopsia, Improving Eye-Hand and Eye-Body Coordination,

 Getting the Most Out of Infant Examinations.

 **Lectured at Great Lakes OEPF Congress in Northbrook, IL.**

 Three hours on the topics of infant vision development, improving eye-hand and eye-body coordination and **March 2017**

 chairside treatment of TBI/ABI cases.

 **Lectured at UW-Whitewater’s Early Childhood Conference.** **April 2017**

 2 hours on vision development and classroom interventions for early childhood educators.

 **Presenter for College of Optometrists in Vision Development’s *My Approach To…* program at Annual Meeting.** **April 2017**
 Presented a case entitled *My Approach to Prescribing for Hyperopia*.

 **Lectured on Getting Esotropes to Respond to Lenses and Prisms at Invitational Lens Symposium, Cleveland, OH. November 2017**

 20 minute presentation.

 **Lectured at What’s New University in Green Bay, WI.**

Two one-hour presentations, Getting the Most out of Infant Exams and Chairside Recommendations for Patients **March 2018**

 with hemianopsia.

 **Lectured to Optometric Societies in Oshkosh, Wausau and Milwaukee as Part of the Wisconsin Convergence March 2018**

 **Insufficiency Project**

One hour introductory lecture given to WOA members entitled Diagnosis and Chairside Treatment of CI for the Primary

 Care Optometrist followed by a short workshop.

 **Lectured at the Wisconsin Optometric Association 2018 Spring Seminar, Madison, WI. April 2018**

Two hour presentation entitled Diagnosis and Chairside Treatment of CI for the Primary Care Optometrist.

 **Lectured at the Wisconsin Optometric Association’s 2018 Annual Meeting and Convention, Wisconsin Dells, WI September 2018**

Two hour presentation entitled Diagnosis and Chairside Treatment of CI for the Primary Care Optometrist.

 **Lectured at the Wisconsin Optometric Association 2018 Annual Meeting and Convention, Wisconsin Dells, WI September 2018**

One hour presentation entitled Improving Eye-Body and Eye-Hand Coordination as part of the Wisconsin

 Paraoptometric Association education program.

 **Lectured at the College of Optometrists in Vision Development Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO April 2019**

One hour presentation as part of main program entitled Vision Development in Infants: A Video Case Study.

 Two hour presentation as part of vision therapist program entitled Working with Infants and Toddlers in the VT Room.

 **Lectured at Wisconsin Optometric Association 2019 Spring Seminar, Wisconsin Dells, WI April 2019**

Two hour presentation entitled Chairside Treatment of CI for the Primary Care Optometrist.

 **Lectured to Optometric Societies in Wausau and Oshkosh as part of the Wisconsin Convergence Insufficiency Project** **April, May 2019**

90 minute lecture given to WOA society members entitled Chairside Treatment of CI for the Primary Care

 Optometrist.

 **Lectured at Invitational Lens Symposium November 2019**

20 minute presentation entitled Using Lenses and Prisms to Facilitate Passive Attention.

 **Featured Speaker for I Heart VT Teleconference April 2020**

 One hour virtual lecture entitled Infant Vision Development - Video case study.

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Vision Therapy Center, Inc.

Associate Doctor June 2009 – Present

Comprehensive eye examinations, optometric vision therapy.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

A pulsed field gradient NMR diffusion investigation of enkephalin peptide-sodium dodecyl sulfate micelle association, Magnetic Resonance in Chemistry MRC (2006), Volume: 44, Issue: 6, Pages: 586-593, B. Begotka, J. Hunsader, C. Oparaeche, J. Vincent, K. F. Morris

Polypharmacy and the lack of oculo-visual complaints from those with mental illness and dual diagnosis, Optometry - Journal of the American Optometric Association, Volume 80, Issue 5, Pages 249-254,R. Donati, D. Maino, H. Bartell, M. Kieffer (credited for clerical work)

Improving Orientation with Yoked Prism. Optometry and Visual Performance 2014, Volume 2, Issue 2, Pages 155-158, B. Begotka

My Approach to Prescribing for Hyperopia, Practice Update, Eye Care, Expert Opinion, My Approach. Published June 27, 2018.

Chairside Intervention for Severe Traumatic Brain Injury, The Power of Lenses, Volume One, Published 2018, Optometric Extension Program Foundation.

How to Add Optometric Vision Therapy to Your Practice. Covalent Careers, Eye Care. Published April 12, 2018.

Diagnosing Convergence Insufficiency as a Primary Care OD. Covalent Careers, Eye Care. Published May 29, 2018.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Optometric Association (Served as Delegate for Wisconsin at 2010, 2011 and 2012 AOA House of Delegates)

Wisconsin Optometric Association (Served on Board of Directors from2009 to 2016)

College of Optometrists in Vision Development

Optometric Extension Program (Currently serving as Program Director for Great Lakes Congress)

Vision Leads Foundation(Currently serving on Board of Directors and managing website content)

FELLOWSHIPS

 Fellow of College of Optometrists in Vision Development **October 2013**

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

 Program Coordinator for OEP Great Lakes Congress **2013 - Present**

 Class A Volunteer for Special Olympics (Provide refractions for Opening Eyes twice annually) **2009 - Present**

 President of Milwaukee Optometric Society **2010 - 2014**

 Director, Wisconsin Optometric Association Board of Directors **2014 – 2016**

Co-Founder of Wisconsin Convergence Insufficiency Project, Co-Creator of Educational Materials **2017 - Present**

 Elder at St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Troy, WI **2013 - 2016**

 Congregation President at St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Troy, WI **2016 - 2018**

 Served on Waterford Waterways Management District Information and Education and Special Projects Committees **2016 - Present**

 Co-founder of Wisconsin Convergence Insufficiency Project **2017**

 Administrator of Waterford Waterways Management District, Waterford Backyard Chickens, Waterford Area Conservatives,

 Waterford Watersports and Waterford Waterfowlers Facebook pages and groups **2016 - Present**

 Co-Founder and Organizer of Carp Roundup and Bowfishing Bash, an annual event held in June in Waterford, WI **2018 – Present**

Co-Founder and Organizer of Tichigan Lake Treasure Hunt, an annual event held in August in Wateford, WI **2016 - Present**

 Volunteer for trail building and fundraising, Wrangler Riders **2017 - Present**

 Volunteer for Milwaukee’s Third Ward Summer Sizzle Jazz Festival annually **2000 - 2011**

 Member of Union House Kazoo Band (walked in Rochester, WI Memorial Day Parade and Waterford, WI Fourth of July parade) **2011 - 2016**

HOBBIES

Fishing, Hunting, Boating, Trap and Sporting Clays, Lead Guitarist of 3 Degree Shed (Have played annually at WOA Convention beginning in 2010, played at AOA President’s Celebration in Chicago 2012), Off-Road Driving