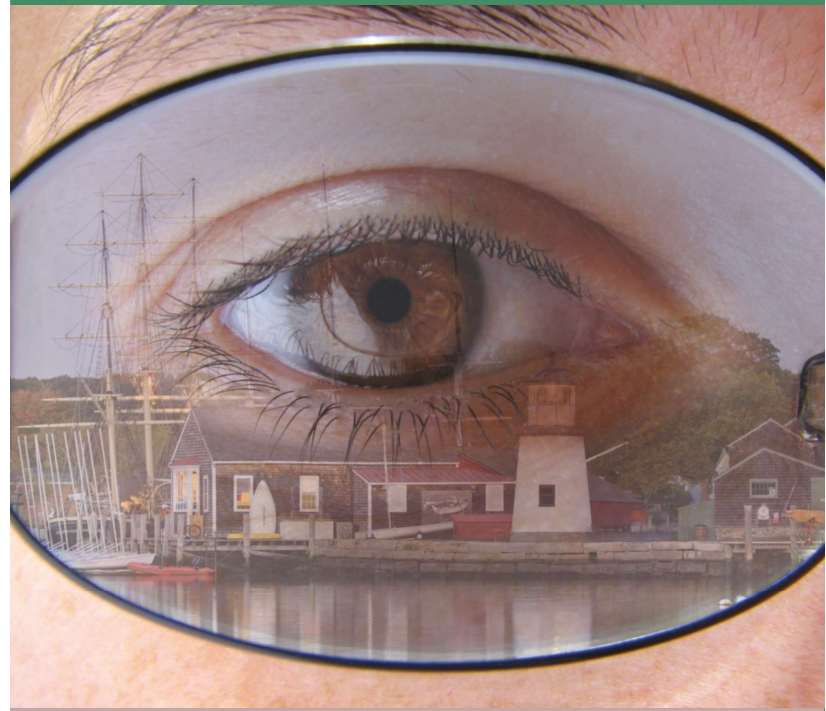




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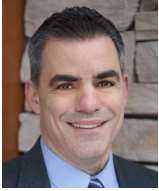
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GUEST SPEAKERS



A. Paul Chous, MA, OD, FAAO

Dr. Chous completed his undergraduate education at Brown and UC Irvine, and then received his Masters and Doctorate of Optometry degrees from UC Berkeley. Paul has a private practice specializing in diabetes eye care and education in Tacoma, WA. He is the author of *Diabetic Eye Disease: Lessons From a Diabetic Eye Doctor*, which was included in the "Top 12 Diabetes Books" by Diabetes Update magazine in 2004. He is editorial advisor to *Review of Optometry* and *Optometry Times*, AOA representative to the National Diabetes Education Program, Primary Investigator for the Diabetes Visual Function Supplement Study (DiFuSS), and an adjunct instructor at NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry.



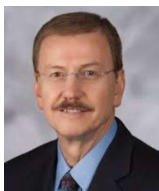
Steven Ferrucci, OD, FAAO

Dr. Steven Ferrucci is currently Chief of Optometry at the Sepulveda VA Ambulatory Care Center and Nursing Home. He is also the Residency Director at his sight, and a Professor at the Southern California College of Optometry/Marshall B. Ketchum University. Dr. Ferrucci has lectured and published extensively, with a special interest in Diabetes, Diabetic Eye Disease, AMD, OCT and Fluorescein Angiography. He is a fellow in both the American Academy of Optometry and the Optometric Retinal Society, and currently serves as President of the ORS.



Jeffrey Gerson, O.D., F.A.A.O.

Dr. Gerson graduated from Indiana University School of Optometry in 1997. He then went on to complete a residency at the VA medical center in Kansas City concentrating on ocular disease and low vision. Immediately after leaving the VA, he became faculty at the University of Kansas school of medicine in the department of ophthalmology. Dr. Gerson was responsible for staffing clinics as well as some resident education and development of a low vision clinic. Before entering private practice, he was in several different settings, including 2 ½ years in a retinal referral center where he had access to numerous diagnostic technologies as well as participation in numerous clinical trials. Dr. Gerson has authored several articles in journals such as "Review of Optometry" and "Optometric Management", and continues to do so. He also lectures frequently on the topics of retinal disease and systemic disease both here in the US and abroad. He is on numerous advisory boards which often times allows him early access to technology. He is a member of the American Optometric Association as well as the Kansas optometric association which named him their 2008 Young OD of the Year. He is a fellow of both the Academy of Optometry and Optometric Retina Society.



Ron Melton, OD, FAAO

Dr. Melton served as a Captain in the U.S. Army as a clinical optometrist at Hawley Army Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana from 1981 to 1984. Currently he is in a group practice in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he has staff privileges at Presbyterian Hospital. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at both the Indiana University School of Optometry and the Pennsylvania College of Optometry of Salus University. He and Annie have two daughters and one son.



Randall Thomas, OD, MPH, FAAO

Dr. Thomas served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force as a clinical optometrist at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. from 1981 to 1984. Dr. Thomas is in a group practice in Concord, North Carolina, and has served as the Ophthalmic Drug Consultant for the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee of North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield. He is on the hospital staff at Carolinas Medical Center-Northeast, where he has served as the Ophthalmic Consultant to the Diabetes Management Committee. He has received the "Ambulatory Teacher of the Year" award from the Cabarrus Family Medicine Residency Faculty. He and Cheryl have two daughters.

HOTEL INFORMATION



Experience the Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa!

Located in Groton, CT, the Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa is the hub for corporate, group, conference and leisure travel in the Mystic, CT shore region. This destination is an architecturally stunning Connecticut hotel boasting 285 rooms and suites. Experience Mystic Seaport, Mystic Aquarium, golf, beaches & nearby Mohegan Sun, Foxwoods & MGM Grand. Indulge in the new services offered at our on-site, enhanced Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa. Enjoy the swimming pool and fitness center. Dine at our award-winning, AAA 4 Diamond, Octagon. The location is convenient to New York City and Boston, as well as the Hartford/ Bradley airport and the Providence TF Green RI airport.

A special room rate of **\$171** has been negotiated for all CAO attendees. **Hotel reservations must be made no later than September 14, 2018.**

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<http://www.cteyes.org>

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Uber discount certificates will be available for conference attendees for rides to downtown Mystic or Mohegan Sun Casino on Sunday evening.

REGISTRATION

Online Registration available at www.cteyes.org

1. Use a separate form for each registration. Photocopy of original is acceptable. Please make a copy of your form for your records.
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*Annual Conference registration fees are included in the purchase of a 2018 Optometry 2020 Series package.

Multi-Day Sessions	Early-Bird ✂ After 9/30/18	
Multi-Day (3 days) Saturday, Sunday & Monday 		
CAO Member	☐ \$350.00	☐ \$400.00
AOA Affiliate Member	☐ \$400.00	☐ \$450.00
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CAO Member	☐ \$300.00	☐ \$325.00
AOA Affiliate Member	☐ \$325.00	☐ \$350.00
Non-Member	☐ \$375.00	☐ \$400.00

Single-Day Sessions		Early-Bird  After 9/30/18
Saturday, October 20th		
CAO Member	☐ \$150.00	☐ \$150.00
AOA Affiliate Member	☐ \$175.00	☐ \$175.00
Non-Member	☐ \$200.00	☐ \$200.00
Sunday, October 21st		
CAO Member	☐ \$275.00	☐ \$300.00
AOA Affiliate Member	☐ \$300.00	☐ \$325.00
Non-Member	☐ \$350.00	☐ \$375.00
Monday, October 22nd		
CAO Member	☐ \$225.00	☐ \$250.00
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If your request is received in writing before October 13, 2018, a \$50 administrative fee will be applied. Fees cannot be refunded for registrations cancelled on or after October 13, 2018. Substitutions are accepted.

PROGRAM | CAO 2018

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

Noon-1:00 PM

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Ronald Melton, OD, FAAO &
Randall Thomas, OD, MPH, FAAO

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5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

7:15 AM – 8:00 AM

8:00 AM -- Noon

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Registration

Therapeutic Strategies in Clinical Eye Care (2 hours COPE ID: 55606-PH)

This course will update the clinician in the latest advances in the medical management of eye diseases. The discussion will center around current and evolving trends in the eye care world. Emphasis will be given to sharpening the clinician's skills in diagnosing and medically managing a variety of ocular disease entities. The lecture team will share helpful clinical pearls that they have accumulated from years of clinical practice while remaining immersed in the latest medical research and literature.

What the Primary Care Optometrist Should Never Miss (2 hours COPE ID: 52086-SD)

As an optometrist on the front lines of patient care, there are certain conditions that are encountered in which is critical to make the correct diagnosis and treatment plan. This course will present a variety of ocular disease states that if not taken care of appropriately could lead to permanent vision loss or even loss of life. A review of the conditions the optometrist should never miss will be discussed. Actual case examples will be shown based on the team's years of clinical experience.

Opening Night Reception featuring the Steve Polezonis Band

Registration and Breakfast

Multiple Sclerosis Some Basics Worth Understanding (1 hour COPE ID: 52199-NO)

Optometrists are often the first to uncover clinical findings consistent with MS. It is important to be familiar with some of the presenting signs and symptoms as related to eye care and appropriate steps to take. Time will also be spent on a brief overview of MS treatments.

Blue Light in Ocular Health What Optometrists Need to Know (1 hour COPE ID: 44692-GO)

With the institution of LED lighting systems as well as lighting from our computers, smart phones and electronic tablets, we are being exposed to large cumulative doses of blue light. The potential danger inherent in blue light as well as remedies will be outlined.

The Microbiome in Eye and Related Systemic Disease What Eye Doctors Need to Know (1 hour COPE ID: 54755-SD)

This course will review the structure and function of the human microbiome gut, skin and eye, including its link to a variety of ocular and systemic diseases that are important to optometrists

New Frontiers in the Detection & Management of Diabetic Retinopathy (1 hour COPE ID: 56346-PS)

This course considers detection of both vascular and neurodegenerative elements of diabetic retinopathy using novel technologies like chromatic contrast thresholding, ERG, OCT and OCTA, multispectral and ultra-widefield retinal imaging. New strategies for prevention and remediation of early deficits beyond banal recommendations for good diabetes control will be considered

Noon – 1:30 PM

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Steven Ferrucci, OD, FAAO

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5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018

7:15 AM – 8:00 AM

8:00 AM – Noon

A. Paul Chous, MA, OD, FAAO
Steven Ferrucci, OD, FAAO
Jeffrey Gerson OD, FAAO

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12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Jeffrey Gerson OD, FAAO

Lunch and Exhibits

Update on AMD (2 hours COPE ID: 57596-PS)

This course will discuss the current treatment options for AMD, as well as discuss some of the treatments in the pipeline. Topics such as the latest VEGF agents, genetic testing and new diagnostic equipment will be highlighted..

Retinal Manifestations of Systemic Disease (2 hours COPE ID: 55732-SD)

This course highlights some of the important retinal findings we may encounter that are associated with systemic diseases. Topics include vascular occlusions, plaques, and hypertensive retinopathy. Management tips, both ocular and systemic, are provided to help the primary care optometrist co-manage these patients with other health care providers, including primary care physicians and internists

Exhibit Hall Cocktail Reception featuring the Steve Polezonis Jazz Trio

Registration and Breakfast

Diabetes Cases Studies From The Experts: Developing an Eye Care Diabetes Center of Excellence (2 hours COPE ID: 53938-SD)

This course use a series of illustrative case studies to demonstrate optimal eye care management of diabetes and diabetes-related eye disease. Drawing on the latest and most important evidence, and decades of diabetes-centric clinical practice, this expert panel will highlight clinical pearls that enable attendees to immediately improve the care they deliver on a daily basis and effectively collaborate with other members of the diabetes care team.

Dark Adaptation in AMD (COPE ID: 54540-PS)

Often times, AMD is caught once it is too late. Testing dark adaptation is a way to identify AMD before it has any noticeable affects to people's vision or clinically visible fundusoscopic changes. This course will discuss dark adaptation and other testing to identify at risk patients and those that have sub-clinical AMD.

The Art of Optometry (COPE ID: 51867-GO)

This course will discuss the importance of optometry beyond the science. Art is needed in practicing optometry to its fullest extent, and this course will discuss the importance of the art of optometry and how to practice our profession to its fullest.

Lunch and Exhibits

Posterior Segment Grand Rounds (COPE ID: 51989-PS)

This course will use cases to discuss how to diagnose, treat and follow different retinal diseases. Both peripheral pathology and some central pathology will be discussed in a practical sense.

Please note: courses and/or instructors are subject to change without warning. The CAO will make every effort to notify attendees of updates.