Dr. Arnold Endows Distinguished Visiting Professorship

Dr. Arnold, MD, of Chattanooga, has awarded the Department a generous endowment to establish a new Distinguished Visiting Professorship.

Dr. Arnold, a long-standing supporter of the Department, is a native of Kentucky and undertook his undergraduate and medical school training in that state, receiving his BA from the University of Kentucky and his MD from the University of Louisville. He completed his internship at the US Marine Hospital in Staten Island, New York, and served for two years in the Navy as the solo medical officer for 12 ships in a Landing Craft Infantry (LCI) Flotilla. Later, as a veteran, he was accepted as one of 12 students chosen to complete a Basic Science Course taught by Dr. Derrick Vail at Northwestern. His ties to Memphis began with his Ophthalmology residency at the Memphis Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital. He trained in an era when Drs. Ellett, Lewis and Rychener were active in the teaching program, and these physicians had a major impact on his career.

In establishing the Professorship, Dr. Arnold expressed his appreciation of those who guided his training: “Ophthalmology has been a large part of my life and I have always been grateful for the teachers in college, internship, service, and especially the residency in Memphis.”

Dr. Arnold has made a distinguished contribution to ophthalmology. He practiced in Chattanooga for over 40 years, influencing the lives of both patients and physicians in that city. He served with distinction as the President of the Chattanooga Ophthalmological Foundation for over 25 years. He was President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology and received Distinguished Service Awards from both the Tennessee Medical Association and the Tennessee Medical Association.
Dr. Sherwin J. Isenberg: Kambara Distinguished Visiting Professor

Annual Resident and Alumni Day

Sherwin J. Isenberg, MD, Professor and Vice-Chair at the Jules Stein Eye Institute of UCLA School of Medicine, served as the 11th Kambara Distinguished Visiting Professor on May 11, 2001. Dr. Isenberg, who is the Lantz Professor of Pediatric Ophthalmology, spoke on “Pediatric Blindness Worldwide: The Depressing Scope and New Hope” in addition to presiding over patient discussions and clinical project presentations by the ophthalmology residents. Dr. Isenberg introduced his named lecture with reminiscences of Dr. George Kambara, whose generosity has enabled the Department to invite outstanding ophthalmologists to Memphis for this annual event.

The Kambara lecture was followed by presentations and discussions by the alumni and the full-time and clinical faculty.

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Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Arnold was instrumental in establishing the ophthalmology training program at Erlanger Medical Center and was Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine–Chattanooga Unit. He is a senior member of the Advisory Council of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Dr. Barrett Haik, Chair of Ophthalmology expressed the Department’s gratitude to Dr. Arnold: “This Distinguished Visiting Professorship is illustrative of Dr. Arnold’s commitment to outstanding medical care, teaching, and service. His career-long dedication to the science and art of medicine is a model for all practicing ophthalmologists.”

Dr. Richard K. Parrish, Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Miami, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, will be the first Arnold Professor, and his lecture will be delivered at the Fifth Annual Update in Ophthalmology Meeting sponsored by the Department on December 1, 2001.
Drs. Lee, Wallace and Isenberg Speak at Memphis Eye Convention

The Annual Convention of the Memphis Eye Society took place on May 12, 2001, at the Fogelman Executive Center. David A. Lee, M.D., Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology at the Hershey Medical Center in Pennsylvania, and R. Bruce Wallace, M.D., of Alexandria, Louisiana, Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Tulane University, joined Dr. Sherwin Isenberg to present a diverse and stimulating program on pediatric ophthalmology, glaucoma diagnosis and management and anterior segment surgery, joined Dr. Isenberg.

Mr. Michael Brown spoke on practice management at this program co-sponsored by the University, the Memphis Eye Society, and the Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology.

How to Help UT Ophthalmology Achieve Its Goals

Without the continuing generosity of the alumni and friends of the Department, it would be impossible for us to complete our current educational and research objectives or undertake additional projects. You can help by contributing to existing funding initiatives, by underwriting a project of particular interest to you or your family, or by lending unrestricted support with a gift to the Ophthalmology Support Fund.

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faculty, support staff, and family gathered on June 26, 2001 to congratulate the graduating residents at a reception and dinner at the Summit Club.

Drs. Matthew Goldman, Mary Ellen Hoehn and T. Sunny Khamapirad completed their three years of training and entered the next phase of professional life. Dr. Goldman will practice in San Angelo, Texas; Dr. Hoehn will enter a fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology and
strabismus in New York; and Dr. Khamapirad will begin his training in vitreoretinal diseases and surgery at Boston University.

Dr. Ted Wei completed a fellowship in comprehensive ophthalmology and will be joining his father in practice in Monterey Park, California. Dr. Stephen Laquis completed a year of fellowship in Memphis under the tutelage of Drs. Haik, Fleming, and Wilson in ophthalmic oncology, orbital reconstructive and oculoplastic surgery. Dr. Laquis will spend the next year in Nashville, completing the second year of this American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery-approved fellowship under the guidance of Drs. Ralph Wesley, Brian Biesman, and Kimberley Klippenstein.

The residents, in turn, honored members of the faculty who had made particular contributions to their education. Dr. Richard Drewry was selected to receive the Roger L. Hiatt Award for outstanding contribution by a full-time faculty member, and Dr. Gerald T. Ware received the Philip L. Lewis Award for clinical faculty member devoting exceptional effort to the residency training program.

Dr. James C. Fleming was honored as Outstanding Alumnus of the Ophthalmology training program, and Dr. Roger L. Hiatt received the Outstanding Service Award for his continuing contributions to the department and university.
The Visiting Professor Program welcomes outstanding guest lecturers

Drs. Enzenauer and McCannel
Visiting Professors

The Department welcomed Robert W. Enzenauer, MD, MPH and Malcolm A. McCannel, MD as Visiting Professors in February.

Dr. Enzenauer is Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, where he is also Director of the Residency Training Program. Dr. Enzenauer is an outstanding speaker and educator and was recognized by the residents in the Chattanooga training program this past year as “Teacher of the Year.” In Memphis, he spoke on “Measuring Quality in Pediatric Ophthalmology” and “Child Abuse” to the faculty and residents of the Department on February 12, 2001. Dr. Enzenauer also discussed patient diagnosis and management problems with the residents during their case presentations.

Dr. McCannel is Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. He is renowned not only for his surgical innovations, such as the McCannel suture used in ophthalmic surgery, but for his expertise and experience in office management. His presentation, “Pragmatic Office Ophthalmology,” was invaluable to both residents and faculty as a review of the essentials of successful office practice. Dr. McCannel stressed the importance of decision-making being patient-based.

Dr. Wilson to Be Fifth Williford Professor

This year’s William N. Williford, MD Distinguished Visiting Professor will be M. Edward Wilson, MD. Dr. Wilson is Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology at the Storm Eye Institute of the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He is a leading authority in pediatric ophthalmology. The Williford Professorship will be held on September 13th and 14th, 2001.
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Professor and Vice-Chair  

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Associate Professor  

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Orbital disease and oculoplastic surgery  
Associate Professor  

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Assistant Professor  

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Pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus  
Associate Professor  

James S. Linder, MD  
Orbital disease and oculoplastic surgery  
Assistant Professor  

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Corneal and anterior segment disease; refractive surgery  
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Mary Smith Honored by Lions Award

Mary E. Smith, MPH, RDMS was presented the coveted Edward Dalstrom Distinguished Service Award by the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service at the District Governors’ meeting in February. The Dalstrom Award is presented to exceptional individuals by Lions Clubs Districts or Multiple Districts within Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee. This Award is the most prestigious award that the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service can bestow.

Lion Chris Holbrook, PDG and current President of Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service, applauded Ms. Smith’s commitment to the Lions’ motto, “We Serve,” and recognized her service to those less fortunate. Ms. Smith has helped organize presentations to the Lions on vision care and was co-chair (with Dr. Peter Netland) of the “Give the Gifts IX” Annual Auction in June.