Welcome to the Summer 2010 edition of our freshly designed newsletter, *Hamilton Eyelights*. We are delighted to share with you a glimpse into the wonderful work being done here at the Hamilton Eye Institute at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

The Hamilton Eye Institute has rapidly grown into a world-class facility ranked among the top ten eye institutes in the nation. This success has been achieved through the dedication of our faculty members and staff, and especially due to the generosity of our benefactors. This newsletter will introduce you to some of those people without whom much of our work would not be possible.

Please visit our website (www.eye.uthsc.edu), where you will find additional news, links and information about the important work being done here at the Hamilton Eye Institute.

If you have any question or comments, please contact us. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Warmest regards,

Barrett G. Haik, MD, FACS
Hamilton Professor and Chair
Director, Hamilton Eye Institute
Distinguished Visitor

Hamilton Eye Institute Welcomes Ninth Ridley Distinguished Visiting Professor

Each year, Dr. and Mrs. Jerre M. Freeman and the Hamilton Eye Institute proudly welcome an ophthalmologist of exceptional creativity, innovation, perseverance and productivity to serve as the Sir Harold Ridley Distinguished Visiting Professor. This year, it was our honor to welcome the ninth Ridley Professor, D. Jackson Coleman, MD, the John Milton McLean Professor of Ophthalmology and Chairman Emeritus, Department of Ophthalmology, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York.

The evening began with a welcome from Dr. Spencer P. Thornton, the first Ridley Distinguished Visiting Professor in 2001, who was master of ceremonies at the event. Then, via live teleconference, several of the previous Ridley professors honored the assemblage with a few words: Dr. Danielle Aron-Rosa (2008), Dr. Manus C. Kraff (2005), and Ann Kelman, wife of the late Dr. Charles D. Kelman (2004).

After final welcoming words from Drs. Jerre Freeman and Barrett G. Haik, the 2010 Ridley Distinguished Visiting Professorship lecture was delivered by Dr. Coleman. He discussed a range of topics including presbyopia, vitreous support and hydrolic support of catenary. His outstanding presentation not only engaged and educated the audience in attendance at the Freeman Auditorium, but also reached an audience of hundreds more who viewed the event live on the internet.

A recording of this event may be seen at http://www.eye.uthsc.edu/ridley, and additional photos from the event are available at http://www.eye.uthsc.edu/Ridley2010pics.htm.
Awards & Achievements

American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Awards for Two HEI Professors

Barrett G. Haik, MD, FACS and Matthew W. Wilson, MD, FACS were each presented with honors at the 2009 American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) annual conference. Dr. Haik received the AAO Life Achievement Honor Award, bestowed for extraordinary contributions to the academy, its scientific and educational programs, and to ophthalmology. Dr. Wilson received an AAO Senior Achievement Award. AAO is the world’s largest association of eye physicians and surgeons with more than 27,000 members worldwide. Approximately 25,000 people attended the 2009 meeting in San Francisco.

Hamilton Eye Institute Has Best Doctors in America®

Best Doctors in America® recently named six eye physicians from the Hamilton Eye Institute in its 2009-2010 database. They are Edward Chaum, MD, PhD (vitreo-retinal surgery); James C. Fleming, MD, FACS (oculoplastic & orbital surgery, trauma); Barrett G. Haik, MD, FACS (ocular oncology); Mary Ellen Hoehn, MD (pediatric ophthalmology); Natalie C. Kerr, MD, FACS (pediatric ophthalmology), and Matthew W. Wilson, MD, FACS (ocular oncology). Additionally, in July 2009, Memphis magazine named Drs. Haik, Kerr, and Wilson among “Memphis’ Top Doctors.” Their selection was based on New York research group Castle Connolly Medical, which annually conducts national surveys to determine the best doctors in the United States.
Dr. Natalie Kerr Receives Award from Mid-South Lions

At the Mid-South Lions Club annual “Give The Gifts” dinner, Dr. Natalie C. Kerr, MD, FACS, was named “Medical Professional of the Year” and was given the Star of Service Award. This was the first time the award was given to a medical professional for helping their “Make a Miracle” program become a reality. “As chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology, many of the children served by the Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Service have been attended by Dr. Kerr... who has also been an enthusiastic supporter of our fundraising efforts. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of being recognized as the Medical Professional of the Year,” said Mr. Brad Baker, CEO of the Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Service. In addition to her appointment as chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology, Dr. Kerr is also the director of the Residency Program, HEI’s clinic chief, and a member of HEI’s Management Council.

Dr. Alessandro Iannaccone receives Early Career Clinician-Scientist Award

In spring 2009, UT Department of Ophthalmology research faculty participated in two national ophthalmology meetings, where they presented 24 posters and 6 papers: the annual meeting of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) took place April 17-21, and the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and ophthalmology (ARVO) took place May 3-7. Dr. Alessandro Iannaccone, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, was awarded the 2009 ARVO/Alcon Early Career Clinician-Scientist Award at the ARVO keynote session.
Faculty & Department News

Dr. Matthew W. Wilson Named St. Jude Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology

On March 31, Matthew W. Wilson, MD, FACS, was appointed as the St. Jude Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology. This appointment was one of six created by St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in partnership with the UT Health Science Center (UTHSC) in subspecialty areas identified as key to continuing the advancement of treatment and research at St. Jude. The chairs will be administered by St. Jude executive management and UTHSC’s College of Medicine. A portion of the funds from each chair will be used to advance the academic program of the chair-holder.

Dr. William E. Evans, director and CEO of St. Jude, stated, “These appointments are to recognize the importance of each chair-holder to improving the health and well-being of children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases, and their role in advancing St. Jude’s position as a world leader in research and patient care.”

Aperio® System Enhances Pathology

William R. Morris, MD, associate professor of comprehensive ophthalmology and ophthalmic pathology, is very excited about the new Aperio® system that was recently acquired by the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at UTHSC. Anand Kulkarni, MD, director of the Tissue Services Core, and Dr. Morris touted some of the benefits of this new system that replaces traditional microscopes used in pathology laboratories. For example, traditional glass slides can easily fade or break, and they need careful storage to limit deterioration. In contrast, the Aperio® system converts a slide into a series of images that are stored inside the computer’s memory. This means that rare conditions can easily be archived and accessed for clinical and teaching purposes. Another benefit of the Aperio® system is that it can perform cell counts and measurements—analyzing up to 10,000 slides in one weekend—a function that traditionally would require weeks or months of work by a lab technician. Since it is digital, the Aperio® system easily integrates with computerized medical records and provides supporting evidence for primary diagnoses. The Hamilton Eye Institute is the only ophthalmology center in the region to use the Aperio® system.
Dr. Sarwat Salim Represents American Academy of Ophthalmology on Capital Hill

Sarwat Salim, MD, FACS, joined the Hamilton Eye Institute in 2008. Originally from New York and more recently from Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Salim chose the Hamilton Eye Institute as the best place to pursue her specialization in glaucoma. Later in 2008, she was elected to represent the American Academy of Ophthalmology in Washington, DC. This appointment means Dr. Salim gets to vote on decisions affecting the entire field of ophthalmology and the laws governing its practice nationally. Dr. Salim has been to our nation’s capital multiple times to discuss matters with political leaders pertaining to surgery, resident training, electronic medical records, NEI funding, and other legislative issues. UT Department of Ophthalmology resident Dr. Alinda Guynes McGowin also attended the midyear forum in Washington, DC, as a resident representative sponsored by the Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology.

Rehabilitation Services Offered at HEI

Through the generosity of the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service and the Lions Club International Foundation, a new program has been created at HEI to provide comprehensive evaluations and treatments for clients of all ages who are disabled by uncorrectable vision loss. Thomas O’Donnell, MD, a neuro-ophthalmologist and low vision specialist, is director of the Low Vision Service at HEI. He is joined by Orli Weisser-Pike, OTR/L, CLVT, SCLV, an occupational therapist with specialty certifications in low vision therapy. The Low Vision Service at HEI was originally started in 2008 and was recently given a second grant for continuation of services.

Orli Weisser-Pike, low vision therapy specialist, assists with the use of lighted reading magnifiers
Tonia S. Rex, PhD, has received a major research grant that will provide over $750 thousand in funding over the next 3 years. This grant was established by the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center (TATRC), an office of the headquarters of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, to address several critical areas of research. From among the 120 proposals submitted, only 9 were selected for funding, and Dr. Rex’s proposal addressed more of the identified critical areas than any other.

Her project, “Treatment of Traumatic Vision Loss in a New Mouse Model of Blast Injury,” is now getting underway at the Hamilton Eye Institute, along with the collaboration of HEI faculty members Dr. Edward Chaum and Dr. Eldon E. Geisert, Jr., and University of Memphis engineering faculty member Dr. Jeff G. Marchetta. Their goal is to develop a new mouse model of blast trauma to the eye, tracing the pathways, tissue involvement, and timing of cell death.

A treatment method will also be researched, using a cytokine called erythropoietin (EPO-R103E) to provide protection for nerve tissues and reduce cell death. Because this cytokine is able to cross the blood-brain barrier, it may be particularly useful for military applications, because it does not have to be directly injected into the eye. This means it can be administered by a field medic through a simple systemic injection. Erythropoietin is already approved by the FDA for human use as a treatment for anemia, and it is currently involved in other clinical trials as a neuroprotective agent.

Dr. Rex is grateful for the opportunity presented by this research funding, expressing her hope that this project will lead to treatments for our soldiers suffering from traumatic blast injuries.

Age-Related Eye Disease Study at HEI

The UT Hamilton Eye Institute was selected through a nationwide competition by the National Eye Institute as one of the research sites for the Age-Related Eye Disease Study 2 (AREDS2), a five-year study that will follow subjects to assess possible new treatments for age-related macular degeneration.
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The HEIMED takes advantage of advances in human and mouse genetics/genomics. Dr. Geisert and his colleagues have examined the differences in 44,000 genes in 103 strains of mice, tracing the causes of gene expression differences and their links to eye diseases. The HEIMED, along with the tools that are used to analyze the genetic networks in the eye, will form the foundation for determining the genetic basis of many eye diseases such as glaucoma and retinal degenerative diseases. The publication of the HEIMED represents the culmination of more than four years of work.

### Computers Taught to Diagnose Eye Diseases

Edward Chaum, MD, PhD, has been working with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory to develop sophisticated software programs capable of analyzing retinal images and diagnosing retinal diseases based on those images. Specifically, Dr. Chaum is studying the computer’s capability of diagnosing diabetic eye disease. Diabetes is the leading cause of newly diagnosed blindness among adults over 20 years of age.

### Public Release of the Hamilton Eye Institute Mouse Eye Database

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Outreach Programs

Networking Through Telemedicine

For the past several years, the Hamilton Eye Institute has fostered networking amongst educators and clinicians via telemedicine applications, inviting physicians at universities, hospitals, and eye institutes across the southern U.S. to participate in grand rounds, case reviews, and other such events at the Hamilton Eye Institute.

Through ORBIS® Cyber-Sight, ophthalmologists and oncologists at international outreach sites can connect via the internet with experts at HEI, led by Dr. Matthew W. Wilson, for consultation and sharing clinical information. After a case file has been submitted by a partner, a mentor receives e-mail notification, reviews the case and provides immediate advice. Ophthalmologists, oncologists and researchers at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and UTHSC hold bimonthly meetings with these established international centers of excellence via St. Jude’s Horizon Live network to discuss patients with advanced or complicated disease.

In 2008, UT HEI extended its telemedicine outreach program to Jordan and Vietnam, holding landmark video conferences with institutions in both countries. Then in 2009, Cure4Kids added the Oncopedia to its web site, creating a space for health care professionals treating patients with retinoblastoma and other cancers and catastrophic illnesses to interact with other physicians around the world and submit cases for expert panel review.

Another important advancement in telemedicine networking began April 16, 2009: the European School of Oncology has invited those involved in our outreach program to take part in their weekly grand rounds during live, interactive webcasts (www.e-eso.net). The topic of the first interactive grand rounds was “Retinoblastoma in developing countries: how telemedicine may help.”

In October 2009, the Hamilton Eye Institute acquired a new telehealth communications system. The installation of the new Sonic Foundry Mediasite system allows us to share links enabling health professionals anywhere in the world to attend live webcast events held in the Freeman Auditorium at the Hamilton Eye Institute. Anyone with a web browser is able to witness presentations by our faculty, residents, and visiting guest speakers via the internet. After these live events have transpired, they are stored in the media section of the HEI website and can be viewed at any time. The ability to attend these events provides an additional layer of involvement for physicians at our international centers of excellence and other sites across the globe.
Panama Patients Benefit from Teleconference

The Hamilton Eye Institute recently presented its first live teleconference from the new Retinoblastoma Center at the Panama City Children’s Hospital in Panama. This center is the result of ongoing collaboration among the Hamilton Eye Institute, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and the 2020 Foundation of Panama. During the teleconference, Hamilton Eye Institute physicians Dr. Barrett G. Haik and Dr. James C. Hart examined patients in Panama in coordination with Dr. Jorge I. Calzada, who participated live from Memphis via HEI’s telehealth facilities. This conference highlighted the growth of the HEI/St. Jude retinoblastoma outreach program, through which such international telemedicine consultations aid in the diagnosis and treatment of sight-robbing and life-threatening eye diseases.

New Retinoblastoma Treatment Center in Chile based on HEI Centers of Excellence

Dr. Gaston K. Rivera, medical director of the Chile Program at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, has invited Dr. Barrett G. Haik, director of the Hamilton Eye Institute, on a site visit to Santiago, Chile, to determine what equipment will be needed there. The development of this new site in Chile will advance the research, education, and clinical excellence of pediatric eye care through mutual collaboration with the UT Hamilton Eye Institute, St. Jude, and worldwide centers of excellence.

Just as Chile will benefit by our outreach program, we have also benefitted by a very valuable asset from Chile. Dr. Claudia Benavente, a postdoctoral research fellow from Chile, works in Dr. Michael Dyer’s laboratory in the Department of Developmental Neurobiology at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Dr. Benavente is engaged in various research projects focused on the genesis and treatment of retinoblastoma, a pediatric eye cancer of the retina. Her work involves the study of the Rb protein, which is mutated in approximately one third of all human tumors, including retinoblastoma. By studying the molecular and epigenetic changes that give rise to retinoblastoma, the work being done by Dr. Benavente may help us better target cancer therapy in the future.
Residency News

International Ophthalmology Feature of Program

Aaron N. Waite, MD, who completed his third year of residency this June, recently returned from a medical mission trip to Ometepec, Mexico, where he was introduced to the world of international eye care. Dr. Waite was chosen to accompany Dr. Jerre M. Freeman, chair of the World Cataract Foundation, and four other cataract surgeons on the week-long trip. During the course of the week, Dr. Waite helped screen patients, made surgical plans, observed surgery, operated on patients under supervision, handed instruments to surgeons and even translated. “The service we rendered literally changed the lives of the patients we treated. Seeing a smile on the face of a patient who could again see the world made any effort worth it,” said Dr. Waite.

Residents at the Hamilton Eye Institute are encouraged to broaden their training in the many areas within the field of eye care, including international ophthalmology. Dr. Waite further stated, “The week I spent in Mexico was well worth all the time and effort and was one of the best weeks of my residency training. I plan on making such international trips a regular aspect of my practice of ophthalmology in the future.”

Incoming New Residents Begin Training

This July, we welcomed four new residents to the Department of Ophthalmology: Drs. Lauren C. Ditta, Lauren L. Harris, Katie A. Mills, and Brian C. Tse. They have begun attending daily lectures and engaging in hands-on work with members of our academic faculty. We expect many accomplishments from these residents in the coming years and welcome them to the UT Hamilton Eye Institute.
Jerre Minor Freeman, MD, FACS, is a University of Tennessee alumnus as well as an internationally acclaimed eye surgeon, inventor and philanthropist. He is founder of Memphis Eye & Cataract Associates (MECA) and chair of the World Cataract Foundation (WCF).

In 1978, in response to a challenge issued at the International Intraocular Implant Club, Dr. Freeman developed a universal intraocular lens that was inexpensive to manufacture for use around the world in the cure of cataract blindness. The WCF then began forming volunteer surgery teams of ophthalmologists and support personnel to provide free cataract surgery for impoverished people in developing countries. To date, the WCF has sent teams to 25 countries, including an annual trip to Ometepec, Mexico. WCF also sponsors doctors from developing parts of the world for advanced ophthalmology training at MECA and other Memphis hospitals.

A visionary leader, Dr. Freeman generously funded the construction of the Freeman Auditorium on the third floor of the Hamilton Eye Institute, where he recently gave a historic talk about its history and development. The Freeman Auditorium was designed by FedEx to have the most advanced telecommunications systems. It is capable of hosting live, interactive conferences with audiences and speakers networked around the world for events ranging from weekly grand rounds presentations to major educational symposia.

You may view Dr. Freeman’s presentation on the history of the Hamilton Eye Institute, recorded at the HEI Freeman Auditorium, by visiting http://www.eye.uthsc.edu/mediasite/fe.html.
# Faculty Listing 2010-2012

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2010 Events Calendar

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1:00 P.M. central time
Visit www.eye.uthsc.edu/mediasite for more information.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORSHIP:
George J. Florakis, MD
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Columbia University Medical Center,
Director of Cornea Clinic, Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute, New York

December 11, 2010
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Emory University School of Medicine,
Emory Eye Center, Atlanta, Georgia
and
Quang H. Nguyen, MD
Director, Glaucoma Service, Division of Ophthalmology,
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