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Low Vision Rehabilitation

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Education:

1980 to 1983 *University of California, Los Angeles. Undergraduate studies*

1983 to 1987 *Bachelor of Science in Visual Science, Southern California College of Optometry*

1987 *Doctor of Optometry, Magna Cum Laude, Southern California College of Optometry*

1990 *Fellow, American Academy of Optometry*

1992 *Fellow, College of Optometrists in Vision Development*

Honors/Awards

1979 *Ephibian Society*

1979 *Knight's Scholar*

1983 *Golden Key Honor Society*

1985 *California Optometric Association Scholarship*

1986 *Knight Memorial Award*

1986 *Southern California College of Optometry Auxiliary Award*

1987 *Asian American Optometric Society Senior Scholar*

1987 *President, Beta Sigma Kappa, National Optometric Honor Fraternity*

License/Certification

1987 *California Board of Optometry; License to Practice in California*

1987 *California Board of Optometry, Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Approval*

Positions Held

2006-Present *Director of Low Vision Services, Braille Institute of America*

2005-Present *Adjunct Faculty, Southern California College of Optometry Partially Sighted*

2004-Present *Consultant, Los Angeles Unified School District: Vision Services*

2004-Present *Consultant, Second Sight Retinal Implant and the Doheney Eye Institute*

2003-Present *Scientific Advisory, Braille Institute*

2002-Present *Director of Assistive Technology, Center for the Partially Sighted*

2002-Present *Clinical Instructor, Center for the Partially Sighted*

2000-Present *Director, Graziadio Institute for Low Vision Rehabilitation Education and Training*

1995-2003 *Private Practice, Santa Monica, California*

1994-Present *Chief of Optometric Low Vision Services, Center for the Partially Sighted*

1987-1995 *Private Practice, Van Nuys, CA*

1987-2003 *Low Vision Optometrist, Center for the Partially Sighted*

1994-Present *Chief of Optometric Low Vision Services, Center for the Partially Sighted, Los Angeles, CA*

1993 - Present *Director of Children's Services, Center for the Partially Sighted, Santa Monica, CA*

1999- Present *Consultant, Torrance Unified School District*

1999- Present *Consultant, Culver City Unified School District*

1999- Present *Consultant, Beverly Hills Unified School District*

1997- 2002 *Board of Directors, Frostig Center, Pasadena CA*

1997- Present *Consultant, Manhattan Beach Unified School District*

1997- Present *Consultant, Oak Park Unified School District*

1996- Present *Consultant, Las Virgenes Unified School District*

1996- Present *Consultant, Santa Monica – Malibu Unified School District*

1995- Present *Consultant, Corona – Norco Unified School District*

1994 - Present *Vision Advisory Board, Braille Institute*

1994 - Present *Advisory Board, Southern California Network for Vision Impairment*

1992 - Present *Scientific Advisory Board to PIVIT, Los Angeles Unified School District*

1990 - Present *Reviewer, Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*

1989 - Present *Advisor/Consultant to the Infant Vision Program, Foundation for the Junior Blind*

1992 - 1996 *Advisory Board, Blind Children's Center, Los Angeles*

1989 to 1993 *California Optometric Association Low Vision/Vision Therapy Committee*

1987 to 1990 *Vision Consultant to the Diabetic Treatment Center, Tarzana Hospital, Tarzana CA*

1980-1983 *Research associate, Jules Stein Eye Institute, UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA*

Professional Experience

1987 – 2003 *t Private Practice in Santa Monica, California. Tertiary vision care specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of complex problems of children and adults, including the multiply handicapped. Areas of specialty include the diagnosis of visual processing disorders, related learning problems, amblyopia and strabismus.*

1988 - Present *Expert witness and Independent Medical Examiner. Evaluate the degree of functional vision of adults with vision impairment and testify on the behalf of both the plaintiff and defense regarding rehabilitative treatment programs, including low vision aids, assistive technology, and work place modifications for the blind and visually impaired..*

1987 – 2003 *Low Vision Optometrist, Center for the Partially Sighted, Santa Monica California. Provided functional low vision assessments, designed low vision aids, and created treatment plans for children and adults with low vision.*

1992 - 2001 *Adjunct Professor, Southern California College of Optometry. Instruct resident doctors in the areas of vision rehabilitation for the visually impaired, including geriatrics, the multiply disabled,*

and pediatric.

- 1989 - 2000 *Faculty, UCLA Intensive Course in Geriatric Medicine. Provides lectures and workshops to physicians in the area of visual assessment, vision rehabilitation, and specialty vision aids for the partially sighted.*
- 1997 - Present *Publication Advisory Board Member
The Jewish Heritage for the Blind*
- 1988 - 1992 *Adjunct Instructor, University of Missouri, St. Louis College of Optometry. Instructed optometry students, doctors of optometry, and residents in the areas of pediatric vision care. strabismus, amblyopia, and visual perception testing.*
- 1987 *Clinical Instructor, Southern California College of Optometry. Instructed optometry students in the areas of primary vision care, specialty contact lenses, and pediatric vision care.*
- 1987 *Allergan Contact Lens Research Clinic. Internship program with special training on specialty contact lenses.*
- 1987 *Norton Air Force Base. Provided comprehensive vision examinations, including diagnosis and treatment of eye pathology.*
- 1980 - 1983 *Research Associate, Jules Stein Eye Institute, UCLA School of Medicine. Performed investigational studies on the toxicity of various drugs on the eye in conjunction with Marc Yoshizumi, M.D., professor of ophthalmology, UCLA Jules Stein Eye Institute.*