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A Newsletter from the UBC Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences



REMEMBERING PAUL DUBORD



We are saddened by the loss of our friend and colleague, Paul Dubord who died September 5, 2022 after a rapidly progressive illness.

Paul completed his residency at UBC in 1980 then did a corneal fellowship in Iowa before returning to Vancouver and setting up a corneal practice. He developed interest in eye banking running our Eye Bank for many years. Paul was active in the leadership of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA).

Paul became aware of the need for improved standards in international eye banking and improving provision of safe tissue worldwide. He helped countless Eye Banks internationally through his volunteer work. Paul was awarded the prestigious Paton award by the EBBA in recognition of his contributions.

In 1992 he founded Eyesight International helped by a large donation from a grateful patient and established a strong relationship with the renowned LV Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad India. Paul was appointed to the World Health Organization's (WHO's) Expert Advisory Panel on Cell Tissue and Organ Transplantation. Paul also served on the faculty of the UBC Global Surgical Care program.

In Canada, Paul was active with the corneal group in the Canadian Ophthalmic Society serving in leadership positions. Closer to home, Paul demonstrated excellent corneal skills and was a trusted colleague.

Paul was awarded Officer of the Order of Canada this year in recognition of his remarkable career of international leadership, service and concern for those less fortunate than ourselves.

We will miss him and send our sincere condolences to his family. We will announce the date of the celebration of his life when we have further information.

A link to the Vancouver Sun obituary: <https://vancouver.sunandprovince.remembering.ca/obituary/paul-dubord-1086118447>

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Dr. Myeong Jin Ju

- Recently Dr. Yusi Miao was awarded the MSFHR Trainee award. Congratulations Dr. Miao! Check the link here for more info: https://healthresearchbc.ca/award_researcher/yusi-miao/



RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Joanne Matsubara's Lab

- Eden Dubchak, Gideon Obasanmi, Matthew R. Zeglinski, David J. Granville, Sonia N. Yeung and Joanne A. Matsubara (2022). *Potential Role of Extracellular Granzyme B in Wet Age- Related Macular Degeneration and Fuch's Endothelial Corneal Dystrophy*. *Front. Pharmacol.* 13:980742. doi: 10.3389/fphar.2022.980742
- Alis Xu, Pierre Boerkoel, Veronica Hirsch-Reinshagen, Ian R. Mackenzie, Ging-Yuek Robin Hsiung, Geoffrey Charm, Elliott F. To, Alice Q. Liu, Katerina Schwab, Kailun Jiang, Marinko Sarunic, Mirza Faisal Beg, Wellington Pham, Jing Cui, Eleanor To, Sieun Lee and Joanne A. Matsubara. *Müller Cell Degeneration and Microglial Dysfunction in the Alzheimer's Retina*. *Acta Neuropathological Communications* (In Press).

VISION RESEARCH CLUSTER

Upcoming Events in 2022/2023

August 8 - October 14, 2022: Photo Contest

Click vision.ubc.ca/events/photo-contest for more info

October 5, 2022 from 3-4pm: Subcluster 4 Meeting

Speakers: Myeong Jin Ju, PhD, Cluster Lead
Subcluster 4: "Ophthalmic Imaging for Eye and Brain Disease"
RSVP: ruanne.lai@ubc.ca

October 12, 2022 from 2-3pm: Subcluster 1 Meeting

Speakers: Orson Moritz, PhD, Cluster Lead
Subcluster 1: "Molecular, Cellular and Eye"
RSVP: ruanne.lai@ubc.ca

October 12, 2022 from 4:30-5:30pm: Vision Research Seminar

Speakers:

- Zaid Mammo, MD, FRCSC, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Title: Polarization-diversity optical coherence tomography imaging of choroidal nevi
- Leonard Foster, PhD, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Title: Proteomics: limitations and applications in basic and clinical research
- Claire Sheldon, MD/PhD, FRCSC, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Title: TBD

MODERATOR:

- Ruanne Lai, PhD, Research and Knowledge Translation Facilitator, Research Excellence Cluster in Vision

October 26, 2022 from 12-1pm: Guest Research Seminar

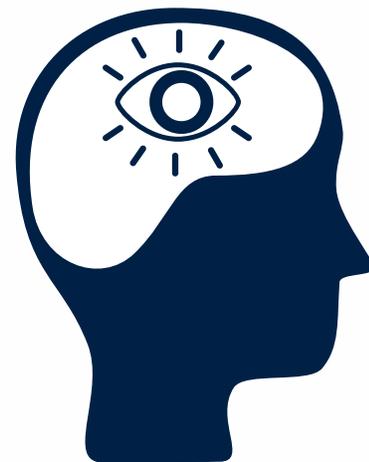
Speakers: Mahadeo Sukhai, PhD, Vice-President Research and International Affairs & Chief Accessibility Officer, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)
Title: TBD

November 9, 2022 from 12-1pm: Vision Research Seminar

Speakers: TBD

January 27, 2022 from 8-9am: Ophthalmology Grand Rounds

Speakers: Mahadeo Sukhai, PhD, Vice-President Research and International Affairs & Chief Accessibility Officer, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)
Title: The impact of COVID-19 on the sight loss population



RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Dear colleagues,

With crisp, refreshing fall weather, let's consider ways to enhance, rejuvenate and reinvigorate ourselves!

The evidence cannot be ignored - exercise improves physical and mental health. Please consider being involved in our Residency Training Program Intramural Club! This group meets weekly and participates in a variety of sporting activities, including soccer & handball. Staff and residents are welcome! If you are interested, please email Cameron Oliver (PGY4) at oph.education@ubc.ca.



Time to connect: Our Residency Training Program has returned to in-person Journal Club gatherings. I had the privilege of hosting the first event last month. We discussed the role of wellness and self-reflection during residency. We also considered ways to enhance diversity and equity in ophthalmology and residency training. The topics are both timely and critical, making for thought-provoking conversation. Those looking for useful UBC resources, consider visiting the Resident Wellness Office website (<https://postgrad.med.ubc.ca/resident-wellness/>) and the UBC REDI office website (<https://redi.med.ubc.ca/>).

Faculty Development Session: Our program's recent internal review (June 2022) highlighted ongoing concerns around the learning environment which must be addressed before the external review scheduled for next spring. With this in mind, we are working collaboratively to plan a faculty development session for the Department of Ophthalmology to be held on November 19. Goals of this session include i) to improve the quality of our communication between departmental members - physician, researcher and trainee, and ii) to create a shared vision of a strong department and residency program of the future, and look at how we can proactively move towards that vision. RSVP and agenda details will be forthcoming shortly!

Program Highlights: The residency training program continues to work hard to enhance and prioritize residency training. Many examples of this exist, from our ongoing review of preceptor evaluations forms and surgical participation rates, to the renewed dedication to completion of mid- and end-of rotation evaluations. Recently, at St. Paul's Hospital, the ophthalmology rotation has been re-developed, with great impact. Junior residents continue to work in the SPH comprehensive and sub-specialty clinics and they also continue to obtain their first introduction to anterior segment surgery. The rotation has recently committed to ensuring that residents are supervised in-person at all times that they are at SPH Eye Clinic, creating those exciting opportunities for collaboration and harnessing numerous teaching opportunities.

As we move forward together, Nawaaz, Gel & I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication. We wish all of you a relaxing and enjoyable Fall, a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Happy Halloween! As always, if there are any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Claire
Gel
Nawaaz

This month, we said goodbye to Karen Du Plessis, Education Coordinator, as she moves on to another PGME department. We are so grateful for all the work that Karen put into the Ophthalmology Residency Program. We will miss her and we wish her all the best!

We are actively looking for a replacement to fill Karen's big shoes, but temporarily, we have Smitha Gopala Krishnan helping the program. Welcome Smitha!



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From left to right: Smitha Gopala Krishnan, Dr. Claire Sheldon, Derek Agyapong-Poku, Karen Du Plessis, Jacqui Moolenbeek, Dr. Steven Bae

2022 FACULTY OF MEDICINE AWARDS

Congratulations to Dr. Jane Gardiner for being awarded a 2022 Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching- Mid-Career! Dr. Gardiner has made outstanding contributions to clinical teaching and mentorship, and has demonstrated sustained teaching excellence. Dr. Gardiner will be formally congratulated by the Dean at the FoM Awards Ceremony on October 17.

Link to the FoM Awardees: <https://www.med.ubc.ca/news/faculty-of-medicine-awards-2022/>



UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to teach the undergraduate students of UBC. The top three teachers with the most hours since July 2022 are:

- Hugo Sutton
- Jane Gardiner
- Matthew Bujak

Welcome to the new academic year and welcome to our new cohort of clerkship students, the class of 2024. If you have an extra half day that you could preceptor a student, in your office, please reach out to Selina Lau- Selina.Lau@vch.ca. She continues to have challenges filling schedules, particularly because we also have 4th year students doing electives in ophthalmology, throughout the fall, as students are ramping up to their CARMS applications.

If you have any interest in providing mentorship to students who may have an interest in ophthalmology, the Student Affairs Office is inviting you to be a part of the various "Career Exploration and Mentorship Programs". They can be reached at careers.studentaffairs@ubc.ca. You might also get directly contacted by a first or second year student about shadowing opportunities. These experiences are permitted again, so feel free to go ahead and arrange them directly with the student. Students are required to register these activities and have them approved through the Undergraduate Medical Program. If you want more information, please contact me.

The Office of Faculty Development has several programs happening this fall. They range from 90 minute sessions to Teacher Certificate Programs. Their email is vfmp.facdev@ubc.ca if you are interested.

Do you have an unfinished paper or some data which need crunching?? Several students contact me, looking for projects in ophthalmology. If you have any such opportunities, I am happy to connect you with interested students.

Recruitment will begin in the near future for the 1st year Clinical Skills sessions. These also count towards your required commitment of 12 half days of undergrad teaching per year. Thank you in advance for signing up.

Thank you, as always, for your commitment to the students.
Jane



Upcoming Departmental Events:

- October 28, 2022: UBC Ophthalmology Faculty Meeting
- November 15, 2022: UBC Full Faculty of Medicine Meeting
- November 19, 2022: UBC Faculty Development Session

Upcoming Resident Program Events:

- October 7 and 21, 2022: RTC Meetings
- November 4 and 18, 2022: RTC Meetings

