

Lecturers

Professor Brien Holden, BAppSc PhD DSc OAM

Professor Brien Holden is a world leader in eye health and vision correction research, education and public health. He is a founder and CEO of the Brien Holden Vision Institute, Vision Cooperative Research Centre, and a Professor at the School of Optometry and Vision Science at the University of New South Wales. He was co-founder of the International Association of Contact Lens Educators, founding President-elect of the International Society for Contact Lens Research and founder of the Optometric Vision Research Foundation. He is author of over 200 refereed research papers and 400 refereed scientific abstracts.

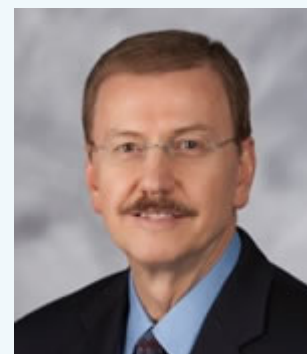
In the area of international public health, Professor Holden is respected for his innovation and leadership in eliminating avoidable blindness and impaired vision due to uncorrected refractive error. He is a Trustee Board Member of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and in 2003 was appointed Chair of the World Health Organisation Refractive Error Working Group. He is also Chair of the Board of Management of Vision Care NSW.

Professor Holden graduated from the University of Melbourne with a BAppSc in 1963 and from City University (London) with a PhD in 1971. His distinguished contribution to optometry and vision science has been recognised with several prestigious international awards including the recent American Academy of Optometry highest honour – the Charles F. Prentice Medal (established in 1958) in recognition of a career-long record of advancement of knowledge in vision science.

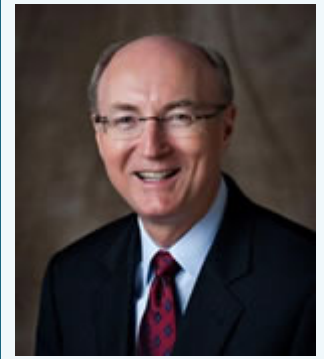


Dr Ron Melton and Dr Randall Thomas

Dr Ron Melton and Dr Randall Thomas are co-recipients of the 2014 Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award by the American Academy of Optometry for outstanding and sustained contributions to the Academy's Lectures and Workshops program. They have lectured nationally and internationally on ocular disease and pharmacology at over 800 continuing medical education meetings. They are on the editorial boards of Optometric Physician and Primary Care Optometry News and are contributing editors to Clinical and Refractive Optometry. Drs Melton and Thomas have authored or co-authored over 100 papers on optometry and are the co-authors of the popular annual "Clinical Guide to Ophthalmic Drugs" for Review of Optometry. They have acted as investigators in more than 50



clinical research trials. They are full-time clinicians delivering primary and secondary eye care



Professor Sandra Block

Dr Block received her OD degree (1981) and Paediatric Residency (1982) at the Illinois College of Optometry where she is a faculty member. She completed her Master of Education at National Louis University. She has been a consultant to Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program since 1995 and has been instrumental in developing the vision programme globally. Dr. Block serves as the Medical Director for the Illinois Eye Institute school-based vision clinic serving Chicago Public Schools. Her interests lie in primary care for children and persons with disabilities, as well as, diagnosis and treatment of visually related learning problems. Dr Block has authored numerous publications and conducted presentations worldwide. She is a fellow and Diplomate in Public Health and Environmental Optometry at the American Academy of Optometry, as well as, achieving a Fellow in College of Optometrists in Visual Development and sits on the board of Prevent Blindness.



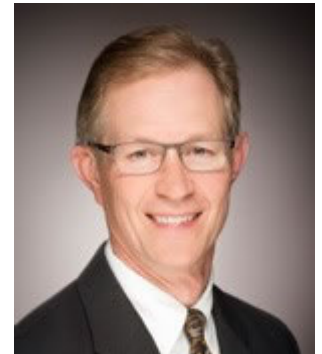
Professor Thomas Freddo

Dr. Thomas Freddo is a Professor and former Director of the School of Optometry at the University of Waterloo, completing his OD at New England College of Optometry (NECO) and PhD at Boston University Medical School where he also completed Fellowship training in ophthalmic pathology. Before coming to Waterloo Dr. Freddo served as Professor of Ophthalmology and Pathology at Boston University School of Medicine where he maintained a private practice of optometry at Boston Medical Centre Hospital, directed the Eye Pathology service for the Boston Medical Centre Hospitals and directed an active, NIH-funded, research program in anterior uveitis and glaucoma for over 20 years. At NECO Dr. Freddo taught Anatomy and he has won many teaching awards. Dr. Freddo has been awarded two honorary doctorates, and won several awards for his research and his service to the profession. He is the first optometrist to serve as President of the International Society for Eye Research



Dr. Brett G. Bence, OD, FAAO

Dr Brett Bence is the President of the American Academy of Optometry. Dr Bence is also Director of Optometry, partner, and serves on the Board of Directors at Northwest Eye Surgeons (NWES). NWES consists of 6 medical and surgical co-management centres around the Puget Sound area of western Washington State. He practices full time in patient care, providing medical and surgical ocular consultations on referral and surgical pre and post-operative care. Academically, he helps coordinate post-graduate continuing education programming at NWES and has presented over 130 lectures, papers, and research posters. He is an adjunct Assistant Professor of Pacific University College of Optometry. Dr. Bence graduated from the University of Houston College of Optometry Magna cum Laude. He has served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Optometry since 2005. He is a past Chair of the Lectures and Workshops continuing education committee and of the (former) Disease Section. He served as President of the Optometric Physicians of Washington, the state optometry association in Washington State.



Dr Peter Kehoe, OD, FAAO

Dr. Peter Kehoe has been practicing optometry since 1984. He is a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry and a Doctor of Science. Dr Kehoe is a Past-President of the American Optometric Association and of the Illinois Optometric Association. As a practicing optometrist, Dr. Kehoe has special interest in contact lenses, glaucoma, allergy/dry eyes and children's vision. Dr. Kehoe was instrumental in the development of the InfantSEE® programme. Dr Kehoe is the Treasurer of the World Council of Optometry



Professor Tim McMahon

Dr McMahon received his OD degree at the Illinois College of Optometry and residency in Optometry at the Kansas City Veterans Administration Medical Centre. Dr. McMahon's principal research interests are the pathobiology, genetics and clinical management of keratoconus, a degenerative disease of the cornea. His multi-centre clinical trials are supported by numerous grants from the National Eye Institute, including the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Keratoconus (CLEK) Corneal Topography Reading Center. Dr. McMahon is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Optometry and is a Diplomate in the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies. Dr. McMahon serves on the editorial board for the journals *Cornea* and *Eye & Contact Lens*. The National Academies of Practice, an organization of outstanding health care practitioners dedicated to quality healthcare for all, named him a Distinguished Clinical Fellow. Dr. McMahon sees patients at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary and the Millennium Park Eye



Centre.

Dr W. Lee Ball, Jr., OD, FAAO

Dr W. Lee Ball, Jr., is a graduate of the University of Houston College of Optometry and a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. He completed an optometric residency at the University of Miami Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. After residency, Dr Ball joined the clinical staff at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre and Joslin Diabetes Centre — teaching hospitals of Harvard Medical School. He was an adjunct clinical faculty member at the New England College of Optometry until becoming Associate Director of Professional Affairs at Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. Dr Ball holds a degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is past chair of the Pharmacy, Podiatry, Optometry, and Dental Health Professionals' Work Group for the National Diabetes Education Program and was named the Massachusetts Young Optometrist of the Year for 2010. Associate Director, Professional Affairs – U.S.A.



Dr Whitney Hauser, OD

Dr. Whitney Hauser is an Assistant Professor at Southern College of Optometry and the Clinic Development Consultant of TearWell Advanced Dry Eye Treatment Centre. Dr. Hauser graduated from The University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a bachelor's degree in Biology. She obtained her Doctor of Optometry at Southern College of Optometry (SCO) with the academic distinction magna cum laud and completed her residency in Primary Care through SCO and the VA Medical Centre in Memphis. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Kappa Honour Society.

Dr. Hauser was in private practice for 10 years where her concentration was Dry Eye and Ocular Surface Disease management as well as surgical pre and post-operative care. She is an active member of the American Optometric Association, the American Academy of Optometry, Ocular Nutrition Society, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, the Ocular Surface Society of Optometry, the World Congress of Optometry and Women of Vision. Dr. Hauser is also an avid runner and fitness enthusiast.



Professor Kovin Naidoo BSc, BOptom, OD, MPH, PhD

Professor Naidoo is the Deputy CEO of the Brien Holden Vision Institute and Chairperson of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (Africa), Associate Professor of Optometry at the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN), Adjunct Faculty at Salus University in Philadelphia and Senior Visiting Fellow at the University of New South Wales (Australia), Founder and CEO of the



African Vision Research Institute.

An outstanding academic, National Research Foundation B-rated researcher, educator and internationally celebrated public health leader, Professor Kovin Naidoo has been revolutionising access and delivery to eye care in Africa and for the disadvantaged throughout the world. A powerful public health advocate, he has devoted his working life to reducing avoidable blindness and vision impairment, with specific emphasis on refractive error.

His professional expertise and social commitment have been recognised by several awards including the Schwab Social Entrepreneur Award for Africa 2010, the Essilor Award for Outstanding International Contributions to Optometry, the Ashoka-Lemelson Fellowship and the WCO International Optometrist for the Year Award among others.