

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Andre Stanberry, Class of 2008



Andre Stanberry, born in Jamaica and emigrated to Canada at age 12. After college he came to the United States to attend SUNY College of Optometry. He graduated in 2008 after doing a residency and remained in the United States for six years working for a year in a private practice in New Jersey. He joined SUNY Optometry staff for five years as Assistant Clinical Professor.

What he is doing now: He is an Associate Clinical Professor, and Clinical Director at University of Waterloo.

Mission to Rwanda

In 2012 Dr. Stanberry, and two SUNY Optometry students (Quy Nguyen and Julie Canestraro), two doctors from Sweden and two students from University of Waterloo went on a health mission to Rwanda. This mission was sponsored by VOSH and ARC (American Refugee Committee.) There are three videos on YouTube titled "Providing Eye Care in Rwanda, Part, 1, 2, 3" which interviews Dr. Stanberry, Dr. Nguyen and Dr. Canestraro.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg8MeEk5M_w

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gf2I8Bt4Jk

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UR_FPbim-FY

The YouTube video showed photos of men in Pink Jumpsuits. These were prisoners who participated in the Rwandan genocide and prisoners who worked on government projects. Men in orange jumpsuits were general prisoners.

Dr. Stanberry said they were everywhere.

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Kim Oliver Editor





What impact did this mission have on you?

The impact of people seeing their children clearly for the first time was moving. However, treatment is only an occasional opportunity for people there.

What is the optometric care in Rwanda like?

They have two ophthalmic technicians in the country. They have optometrists who function as opticians.

The volunteers brought glasses supplied by Lenscrafters, medication and eye drops. Glasses are also available for purchase from Europe. (These are very expensive and out of reach for many Rwandans.)

What did you learn from that experience and how has it had an impact on the way you currently practice?

People needing optometric care are underserved globally. Tremendous outreach needs to be made to both local and global communities with clinical and eye care specialists. On-going maintenance is necessary. The most important need is to educate the public about getting regular eye exams including dilations. So much is seen through an eye exam, many diseases present through these exams.

Would you do another optometric field trip with students?

Absolutely. The Rwanda trip was through SUNY and the University of Waterloo. The impact is immediate but not lasting. The people I saw are still in the same position – they can't get regular eye exams. This is really about continuing involvement with these people with developmental programs. It doesn't change the course of what is happening to them. I am working on providing scholarships to students from underserved countries to learn the practice of optometry.

How does the practice of optometry differ in Canada from that in the United States?

The differences are about healthcare delivery and management. In the U.S. it is more driven by health insurance companies. In Canada there is more community involvement and interaction with MDs and Ophthalmologists. There is a lot more communication with doctors.

Vision is covered differently in different provinces. Vision care is covered until the age of 19 and after the age of 65. However, between the ages of 19 - 65, only certain conditions are covered (i.e., diabetic issues, etc.).

What do you want to do in the future?

I love talking and working with students. When you are in the clinic you impact only those patients you see individually. When you are in a teaching setting you have an impact on both the students you are seeing and your students' future patients. The impact is of a much wider range.





Message from Elaine Wells, Library Director

The articles you need.....coming soon to a desktop near you!

We are aware that your need for information on eyes and vision, for patient care, research, and continuing education did not stop when you graduated from SUNY Optometry. In fact, being on the front lines of a thriving practice makes state-of-the-art information even more important. After thinking about how to best make **our valuable collection of journals** available to you, we've come up with an easy way for you to request the information you need.

As a graduate of SUNY Optometry, you now have access to ILLIad.

What is ILLiad?

ILLiad is an online article request and delivery system. All you need to do is tell us what article(s) you would like and they will be delivered to your ILLiad account.

Sounds great....how do I get started?

First, click on the link, fill out this easy form https://goo.gl/forms/C22OxwS15DwbcDRY2. This will give us your basic information and enable us to authenticate you as a SUNY grad. Click on *submit* and the form will come right to the Library.

Then what?

We will set up an ILLiad account for you and provide you with a login and a password for the system. You should receive your ILLiad login credentials and instructions within two weeks of submitting your form.

What will I have to do to request an article?

You will receive detailed instructions by email, but, in a nutshell, log into ILLiad and click on "request an article" from our collection. Provide the name of the article, the journal it's in, the author, the date, and the page number it starts on. The more information you give us, the easier it is to find and the faster we can get it to you.

How will I be notified when my article is delivered?

You will receive an email directly from the ILLiad system when your article is ready to be retrieved. You will need to download it within 10 days as the system removes the article after that due to copyright restrictions.

How long will it take?

That will depend upon our volume of requests at any given time, but we should be able to get your article to you within two to three days.

How many articles can I request?

We can provide up to 25 articles per year. Please remember that we can **ONLY** provide articles from our Library's journal collection. If you need an article from a journal that we do not own, contact your local public library and they can help you obtain it.

What do I do if I have questions?

If you have any questions about how to use this service, please contact Ms. Kim Oliver, Coordinator of Library Outreach Services, at 212-938-5515 or via email at koliver@sunyopt.edu.

If you need help with research, or to locate articles on a specific topic, please contact me (Elaine Wells) at 212-938-5691 or via email at ewells@sunyopt.edu.

We are very excited to offer this new service to our alumni, and we look forward to working with you!

Elaine Wells Library Director

Friday, October 21 – Sunday, October 23, 2016

The annual Envision New York conference is the signature CE event of SUNY College of Optometry. The conference offers a variety of high quality and innovative continuing education courses over a three-day period at the College. The Envision New York conference is part of the SUNY College of Optometry Alumni Weekend.





Conference Highlights:

- Theme: "Expanding the Scope of Your Practice"
- The Envision NY Mixer & Meet the Exhibitors' Reception Friday, October 21st at the College
- Alumni Reunion Reception & Presentation of the 2016 Alumnus/a of the Year Award Saturday, October 22 at the Princeton Club
- 55 hours of Continuing Education Credits available
- New Jersey Orals Credit and CEE/TQ Credits
- Prevention Of Medical Errors
- AIDS & Infection Control
- Hands-on workshops: Fitting Irregular Corneas with Scleral Lenses & OCT Interpretation: Best Practices

Accommodations:

We have negotiated fantastic room rates starting at \$299 (plus tax) at The Roosevelt Hotel. To secure a reservation, please call (888) 833-3969 and refer to the SUNY Optometry block. A limited number of rooms are available so reserve now.

Register / More Information



A Cure in Sight. Medical advances offer an end to blindness for some, yet many still suffer from preventable loss of sight

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2016/09/blindness-treatment-medical-science-cures/

Zika Found in Eye Fluid in Study Virus may stay in urine, saliva longer, but corneal transplants may pose transmission risk, researchers say https://medlineplus.gov/news/fullstory_160986.html

Immune-Based Drug May Ease Chronic Eye Condition Humira reduced inflammation that can lead to vision loss, researchers say

https://medlineplus.gov/news/fullstory_160831.html

Zika may persist in eyes

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2016/09/06/zika-may-persist-in-eyes-and-play-a-role-in-spreading-virus-study-finds/



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Clinical Vision Research Center (CVRC)

Could Darkness Offer Hope for Treatment of Lazy Eye?

Project LUMA (Light-deprivation Used to Mitigate Amblyopia)

Purpose: To measure the effect of complete visual deprivation on amblyopia.

Details: Participants will be placed in the dark with other participants for up to 10 days (accommodation, meals and activities provided). \$100/day of sequestration. Up to \$775 for visual, psychological, physical exams and vision training.

To apply to participate, you must:

- have been told by a medical/eye care professional you have amblyopia (acuity of 20/40 to 20/400 in the amblyopic eye)
- not have a history of strabismus (eye turn or previous surgery for eye turn)
- be a healthy, nonsmoking adult (age 18 or older), not dependent on alcohol or drugs.
- be in the New York area for the next 15 months.
- complete a full application (which includes additional requirements)

Heidelberg Database Study: create a reference database for the Spectralis OCT for Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino populations.

• Single visit up to three hours which includes: dilation; VA; Slit lamp; Biometry; visual field; OCT scans; IOP; fundus photos.

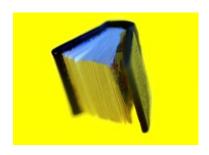
Eligibility Criteria:

- Between 18-90 years of age
- Good health, good vision no significant eye diseases
- BCVA 20/40 or better in each eye
- Spherical equivalent within +/-6.00 and no more than 2.00 DC in each eye
- No history of intraocular surgery other than cataract extraction of LASIK

Compensation: up to \$100 for this study.

For further information please contact the CVRC at 212 938-4052 or Clinicalresearch@sunyopt.edu





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http://www.sunyopt.edu/library/find_articles_journals/from_the_headlines

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