

Editorial • Welcome to Volume Eight of *Optometry & Visual Performance*!

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There is almost nothing that I enjoy more than launching an issue of *Optometry & Visual Performance*. Bringing new articles, viewpoints, and voices to the readers and to the entire optometric profession—education—is the goal of the Optometric Extension Program Foundation. This journal plays an important role in that mission. The editors and editorial board strive to ensure that there are as many learning opportunities as possible in each and every issue.

With that over-arching purpose, during this year, you will see a return of some tried-and-true learning opportunities, including article and book reviews. Each issue will feature several articles on a chosen topic, not only from the optometric literature, but from many other professions as well. We know that it is difficult, for a multitude of reasons, for many doctors to keep up with the latest research, so we will bring you a synopsis of as much as we can. We will also once again begin to feature book reviews. There is only so much time in the day, so let us help you find what you can look forward to digging into in the future. If you have written a book that you would like reviewed, or perhaps have read one that you want to review, please reach out to the editors of *OVP*, and we will happily help in the process.

A new feature that you will see on the *OVP* pages is a back-to-the-basics piece. In many issues, you will find at least one vision therapy procedure explained in great detail. These will include procedures addressing all aspects of the visual process and from all levels of practitioner. While you may see activities that you use in your offices, perhaps you will learn a new way to implement that technique or a new way to load or unload in order to help find success for a given patient. If you have a vision therapy procedure that you would like to highlight, again please reach out to one of the editors, and we will work with you to make it a reality.

With every new year, there comes a changing of the guard, as they say. I would like to welcome the following new *OVP* review board members.

- Marc Argiles, PhD—Polytechnic University of Catalonia
- Sarah Sweeney-Dohrman, OD—University of Missouri in St. Louis
- Eric Weigel, OD—Private Practice
- Tim Hug, OD—Kansas City Children's Hospital

- Dave Cook, OD—Private Practice
- Surbhi Bansal, OD—Stanford University

I would also like to thank the following members of the review board who will be rotating off. Many of these members have agreed to continue reviewing on an as-needed basis. We thank you for your efforts all these years!

- Joe Clark, PhD
- Natalia Vlasak, MD
- Angela Peddle, OD
- Richard C. Laudon, OD
- David A. Goss, OD, PhD
- Marcella Camacho, OD
- Petri Eskola, BSc Optom
- John Stevenson, B.Sc.(Hons), M.C.Optom

Another change that you might notice is that we will no longer be publishing in a magazine-type format. While the magazine format looks pretty and has nice functionality, it is not how you our readers are telling us that you read the journal. Based on website data, analytics, and the number of PDF downloads... you have spoken, and we are listening. We are going to use our DeLorean and go back in time with Doc Brown and Marty McFly to PDFs. We will keep many of the important aspects of the previous version, with extra content and videos via hyperlinks. We hope that you will appreciate this change, as we think that it will enhance your interaction with the articles, viewpoints, editorials, VT procedure write-ups, and article/book reviews.

I could not let this editorial pass without pausing a moment to wish you a happy and healthy 2020. I am sure that you are tired of hearing the word “unprecedented” or various phrases about “living in interesting times.” We at *OVP* and OEPP will do our best to keep your email full of great articles in order to help you pass the time if your offices are closed or have reduced hours. Going forward, Clinical Associates will be getting a sneak preview of the articles before the general public. We will continue to put together full issues every three months for the optometric world, of course, but allow us to cheat on your behalf just a little.

Thank you all for your continued readership.