

## Speaker Bio's for the 83<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Light and Vision

October 27-31, 2015 Santa Fe, New Mexico

### **Dr. Bill Caradonna**

Founder of the International Iridology Practitioners Association (IIPA).

### **Stefan Collier, F.O., FCSO, CSO Trustee**

A functional optometrist, he is a leader in bring functional optometry & syntonics to Europe. He received from OEPF the Skeffington-Alexander International Award in 2010 and the Armand Bastien Award in 2002 and 2004.

### **Dr. José De Jesús Espinosa Galaviz, O.D., F.C.S.O**



- *Graduated with honors in Optometry in Centro de Ciencias Médicas from Universidad Autónoma de Aguascalientes*
- *Diploma in Neurodevelopment for Universidad Intercontinental*
- *Diploma in Neuropsychology for Universidad Intercontinental*
- *Diploma en Atención Múltiple Temprana por la Sociedad de Estudios Superiores de México*
- *Master Degree in Gestalt Psychotherapy in Children for Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo "Fritz Perls"*
- *Fellow in Low Vision in "Instituto Oftalmología Conde de Valenciana" 2006*
- *Master Degree in Biomedical Sciences, in Universidad Autónoma de Aguascalientes*
- *Teacher of the subject "Physical Therapy in the blind people Rehabilitation" in Centro de Rehabilitación y Educación Especial del DIF Tamaulipas, from 2002 until today.*
- *First speaker form Latin America in 4r. International Congress of Behavioral Optometry in Versailles, France (2002).*
- *Speaker at 6t. International Congress of Behavioral Optometry in Ontario, California (2006)*
- *First Mexican Fellow in College of Optometrist in Vision Development (COVD)*
- *Founder and first President of Consejo Mexicano de Optometría Funcional, A.C.*
- *Member of American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*
- *Private Practice in Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, México*
- *Professor for Ophthalmology's resident in Instituto de la Visión en Montemorelos, N.L. (México)*
- *Member of IACLE Latin America*
- *Speaker in III Congreso Internacional de SIODEC, in Sevilla, Spain in May of 2012.*
- *Speaker in Basic Syntonics Course in Facultad de Óptica y Optometría de Terrasa in Barcelona, Spain in October 2013*
- *First Iberoamerican Fellow of College of Syntonics Optometry, St. Petesburg, Fl. Mayo 2013.*
- *Professor at first course for post-graduated in Ortoptics and Visual Rehabilitation in FASUP – (Faculdade de Saúde de Paulista), in Recife Brasil. 2014*

## **Peter Guhl, O.D., FAAO, FACOP, CCII**



Dr. Peter Guhl is a well-respected and well-known optometric professional in the Hampton Roads region of southeast Virginia. He has been practicing in the area for almost 20 years. After attending Ohio State for undergraduate studies, he worked as a chemist and as a medical toxicologist. He earned his Doctoral of Optometry degree from the New England College of Optometry in Boston and did his internship at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center located in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Guhl is active in research and has published in the area of neurology and brain wave studies. He served as a technical consultant for Bausch & Lomb Softlens Company and as a contact lens specialist for several large ophthalmologic offices. Later, as a partner, he helped develop one of the largest optometric offices in the Northeast and served as the state president for Connecticut.

## **Denise Hadden, Registered Optometrist, B.Sc. Hons, FBOA, FSMC, FOA [SA], FCSO**

Denise Hadden\_ is a retired optometrist, light therapist, visual coach and author of 'New Light on Fields' and 'Coaching the Invisible Fields' in Cape Town, South Africa.

She obtained her degree in Manchester, UK and has continued her studies throughout her career in behavioural and syntonomic optometry, traditional Chinese medicine and coaching.

This culminated in the development of a unique method of analysing human potential by combining information from functional visual fields, iridology and coaching.

Denise received the H.R.Spitler award in 2014 for her discoveries into the application of her research on Syntonomic Phototherapy.

She now presents workshops on her developing work on light and visual awareness.

For information on workshops or presentations, please email [light@denisehadden.com](mailto:light@denisehadden.com)

## **Rebecca Hutchins OD, FCOVD**

Dr. Hutchins has been in private practice in Boulder County, Colorado for over 30 years. Dr. Hutchins offers personalized, creative---problem---solving of visual needs especially for children with special needs, autism spectrum disorders and patients with acquired brain injury. While earning her Master's Degree in English Literature she experienced vision problems and went on to complete a VT program with Amiel Francke, O.D. She asked so many questions during VT That she decided to complete prerequisite courses and attend optometry school. She "enlightened" us in 1984 with her award winning paper *The Influence of Ocularly Transmitted Light on Human Metabolism: Implications For the Optometrist*. Her Presentation is an extension of her efforts to continue researching, writing and speaking about this important topic.

**Edward Kondrot, MD, MD(H),CCH, Dht, FCSO**



Dr. Kondrot is a board certified Ophthalmologist and is also certified in classical Homeopath. He graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia in 1977. He completed his Ophthalmology training at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh and the Scheie Eye Institute in Philadelphia in 1981. He has practiced Homeopathy since 1990 and received his Diploma from the Hahnemann Homeopathic College in 1996. He is the author of *Healing the Eye the Natural Way: Alternative Medicine and Macular Degeneration*, and *Microcurrent Stimulation: Miracle Eye Cure and The 10 Essentials to Restore Your Sight*. He is a contributing author in the *Clinician's Rapid Access Guide to Complementary & Alternative Medicine*, Mosby. He also revised the Eye and Vision Chapters in *Synthesis, Repertorium Homeopathicum Syntheticum* a leading homeopathic textbook. In addition he is the President of the Arizona Homeopathic and Integrative Medical Association and the Clinic Director of the American Homeopathic Medical School in Phoenix and is adjunct professor at Midwestern Medical School and Southwest Naturopathic College. He has lectured widely on alternative medicine and eye disease and hosts a weekly radio show called "Healthy Vision". His 50 Acre Wellness Center is located in Dade City, FLorida 40 miles north of Tampa. His web page is [www.healingtheeye.com](http://www.healingtheeye.com) and he can be reached at 1-800-430-9328.

**John Pulaski, O.D., FCSO, CSO Treasurer**



*In Waterbury, Connecticut he runs a multi-office, multi-doctor general optometry practice that specializes in CL, VT, Syntonics and neuro-optometric rehabilitation and general optometric care for nursing homes.*

**Geoff Shayler, BSc, FCOptom, FCSO**



Geoff Shayler was the first UK optometrist to include syntonics into his vision therapy programs. Geoff was honoured in 2013 to be presented with the H Riley Spitler Award for his research into syntonics. He is the UK liason officer for BOAF. Geoff has carried out both school and practice based research into the effects of how visual processing problems affect learning potential in children, as well as the deterioration of visual function in the elderly especially those with Alzheimer's or Parkinson's. Geoff has published

over 30 articles in optometry journals and presented lectures in Europe as well as the US. With his wife Loraine, they have continued the work of the late Wayne Pharr OD, who pioneered Fast Track vision therapy, a practice based vision therapy program incorporating syntonics to create large changes in visual performance in minimal time

### **Dr. Cathy Stern OD, FCOVD, FCSO, FNORA**

Dr. Stern has a private practice near Boston limited to vision therapy, sytonic phototherapy, and neuro---optometric rehabilitation. She Enjoys teaching and is currently faculty for NORA Curriculum II, COVD ABI course and physician mentor for MIT: Engineering Health. She was previously faculty for the CSO Basic Course and a CSO Board member. Her current interests include collaborating with other professionals to design products to enhance visual perception (MIT – Engineering The Eye), And helping optometrists add vision therapy to enhance their practices. Dr. Stern has long been interested in blue light research and contributed the article *Non--Visual Light Pathways* to the CSO Journal in 2007.

### **Rev. Dr. Glen Swartwout, O.D.**

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Healing Ministry at Healing Oasis  
E-zine Editor at [TryUnity.net](http://TryUnity.net)  
Founder at Makamaka University

As seen in:

People Magazine (European Biological Medicine)  
Alternative Medicine (Vision chapter)  
Interactive BodyMind Information System (Vibrational Medicine)  
Indigo Biofeedback System (Eye Care)  
Natural Eye Care (co-author)

DVDs: Glendalf's Clinical Theory of Everything

Vision Books:

Refreshing Vision: Opening the Windows of the Soul  
Cataract Solutions  
Healing Glaucoma  
Macular Regeneration

Accelerated Self-Healing books:

The Shire: Glendalf's Guide to Cultivating Your Future Self  
Electromagnetic Pollution Solutions  
Nous Energy  
Materia Medica

### **Deborah Zelinsky, O.D. , F.N.O.R.A., FCOVD**

**Deborah Zelinsky** graduated from the Illinois College of Optometry in 1985. Her cutting edge research in retinal circuitry and three patents in novel usages of retinal stimulation have been described in neuro-

optometric rehabilitation publications and courses worldwide. Currently she is a reviewer for the Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the Journal of Visualized Experiments (JOVE) and has twice been a scientific grant reviewer for the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program. In 2013, she was presented with the Founding Father's Award from NORA (Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association) and is an active member of the Society of Neuroscience. Her books include "Open your Eyes and Listen" and "An Insight to Vision". Along with Donalee Markus, Ph.D ([designsforstrongminds.com](http://designsforstrongminds.com)), Deborah Zelinsky is featured in the 2015 book "The Ghost in My Brain: How a Concussion Stole My Life and the New Science of Brain Plasticity Brought it Back" by Dr. Clark Elliott ([www.clarkelliott.com](http://www.clarkelliott.com)).

### **D. Todd Wylie, OD, FCOVD**

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Bio:

Graduated 1982 Pacific University College of Optometry

Private practice in Spokane, WA 1982 to present

Board Certified in Vision Development and Vision Therapy by College of Optometry in Vision Development

Charter member of Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association

Member College of Syntonic Optometry since 1993

Bemer Vascular Therapy... Changing Syntonic Visual Fields and a Whole Lot More!

The German Bemer Vascular Therapy device has been continuing to show significant benefit for rehabilitation of a number of eye conditions. Improvements in the Syntonic fields are reflecting the results of marked physiological changes to micro circulation. A wide range of patients are benefiting from the Bemer technology and it is very exciting to see them experience profoundly improved quality of life.

### **College of Syntonic Faculty**

#### **Don Barniske, O.D., FCSO**



A Syntonic practitioner for over 20 years, he is currently investigating the impact of Syntonics on the retinal nerve fiber layer of vision therapy patients. Dr. Barniske practices in Brawley, California and is the immediate Past President of the College of Syntonic Optometry.

#### **Philip C. Bugaiski, OD, FCOVD**

Dr. Bugaiski is a native of upstate New York, and first developed an interest in optometry as a result of childhood vision challenges which were treated with vision therapy. Graduating from Penn State with honors, he was awarded one of six national scholarships for optometry from the US Air Force. He received his optometric degree from State University of New York College of Optometry in 1998, was commissioned as an Air Force Captain, and served at Pope AFB, NC and Lakenheath RAF, England. With an honorable discharge, Dr. Bugaiski settled in Charlotte and founded The Developmental Vision Center in 2005. His practice specializes in Vision Development and Pediatric Optometry, Vision Therapy, Syntonics, Sports Vision Training, and Vision Rehabilitation. A second location was added in 2011.



Out of the office, Dr. Bugaiski is an active member of The College of Optometrists in Vision Development and The College of Syntonic Optometry. He has lectured about developmental optometry on a local, national, and international level, and directs charitable vision missions to Mexico for Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. He also is active with his church, volunteering with the music ministry and homeless ministry. Dr. Bugaiski sings with the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte, the chorus of The Charlotte Symphony, and serves as a member of their Board of Directors.

### **Robert Fox, O.D., FCOVD, FCSO**



Dr. Fox is a 1985 graduate of the SUNY State College of Optometry. He then completed a residency in Rehabilitative Optometry at the Northport VA Medical Center. Dr. Fox is a frequent lecturer on syntonics, lens prescribing, and vision care following strokes and brain injuries and has published articles in the JOVD and the Journal of Optometric Phototherapy. Dr. Fox practices behavioral and syntonics optometry in Schenectady, New York

### **Raymond Gottlieb, O.D., Ph.D., FCSO, CSO Dean**



A UCBSO grad, he wrote “The Psychoneurology of Nearsightedness” (PhD thesis) and Attention & Memory Training (OEP 2005) & co-produced The Road Without Glasses Method DVD (Cambridge Institute for Better Vision) for presbyopia reduction.

### **Simon Grbevski, B Optom, FCOVD, FCSO**



Simon Grbevski graduated in Optometry from the University of NSW in 1976. Two years later he established his own private practice in Rockdale, marking his 37th year celebration.

He has dedicated his life to helping individuals achieve the best possible vision through vision therapy and lenses.

Internationally renowned for his strengths in Behavioural Optometry; he became the founder of the Australian College of Behavioural Optometry as well as the Australian College of Syntonics of which he is currently President.

Simon Grbevski has lectured locally and internationally and has promoted Behavioural Optometry on Australian television.

He is involved in the design and production of Optometric Equipment as well as Sports Vision Equipment. Sports Vision was designed to help train athletes for peak performance and achieve the necessary edge to win gold. His equipment was used at the Atlanta Olympics to test the action and reaction times of the world's most elite athletes. He also worked with the Penrith Panthers Rugby League team and Sydney Kings Basket Ball teams.

#### **David Mora, O.D., FCSO**



David Saul Mora, O.D., Ph.D. FSCO, is a second generation optometrist practicing in Laredo, Texas. President of the local optometric society and was a Lt. Colonel in the USAF.

#### **Mary Van Hoy, O.D., FCSO, FCOVD, CSO President**



With over 40 years of practice as an optometrist, Dr. Van Hoy established a vision therapy only clinic in 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was elected the President of the College of Syntonic Optometry in 2012.

#### **Larry Wallace, O.D., FCSO**





Larry B. Wallace, O.D., Ph. D., is a Doctor of Optometry and has a Ph.D. in Ocular Phototherapy. He has practiced for over 35 years in Ithaca, N.Y . He has served as President of the International Light Association and President and education director for the College of Syntonic Optometry, an organization dedicated to education and research in the field of light and color therapy. He has invented and patented the first micro-current device to treat eye disease. He has published numerous articles and research on phototherapy. Dr Wallace has lectured and taught workshops around the world in the field of phototherapy and rehabilitative optometry. He is also a certified low vision specialist in New York, and offers alternative care for eye disease. He has worked extensively in the field of optometric neuro-rehabilitation, postural restoration, and treatment of head trauma and brain injury.