

# 84<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Light and Vision

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## SPEAKER BIO'S

### William Lee Cowden, MD



William Lee Cowden, MD, MD(H), is Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board and Professor of the Academy of Comprehensive Integrative Medicine ([www.acimconnect.com](http://www.acimconnect.com)) of Panama since 2008. He is a USA board-certified cardiologist and internist who is internationally known for his knowledge and skill in practicing and teaching integrative medicine. He has co-authored 6 books: 1) An Alternative Medicine Definitive Guide to Cancer (1997), 2) Cancer Diagnosis: What To Do Next (2000), 3) Longevity, An Alternative Medicine Definitive Guide (2001), 4) Create A Toxin-Free Body & Home (2014), 5) Foods That Fit a Unique You (2014), 6) BioEnergetic Tools for Wellness...(2014), and has contributed to several other books and publications. He is the creator of the Cowden Support Program, which is an all-natural program that has been used successfully by several thousand people to support their bodies during recovery from various chronic inflammatory conditions including Lyme Borreliosis with co-infections.

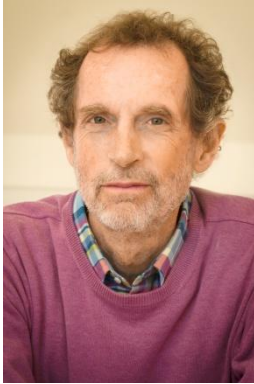
### Steven Curtis, O.D.



Dr. Steven J. Curtis received his Doctor of Optometry degree from The Ohio State University in 1987. He is president of Riverview Eye Associates in Columbus Ohio where he provides general, developmental, and neuro-optometric services. He is also on the medical staff at the OhioHealth Rehabilitation Hospital in Columbus. Dr. Curtis is a fellow of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and is currently on track to earn fellowship from the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association. He is frequently asked to lecture on the subject of vision rehabilitation to area physicians and therapists. Most recently he twice provided a 12 hour course titled "Vision Assessment of Acquired Brain Injury Patients for Non-Optometric Rehabilitation Providers". His role is to assist with the collaborative movement that is happening in rehabilitation by making sure non-optometric providers understand the role vision plays so they appropriately know when to request neuro-optometric involvement. Dr. Curtis is enjoying

the tremendous growth in his work with patients who suffer persistent vision disturbances after concussion. This has included athletes from professional teams of the MLS and NHL. Outside of optometry, Dr. Curtis enjoys spending time with his family and performing music.

### **Nishant Matthews**



Nishant Matthews is an American therapist who specializes in Light and bio-resonance therapy based in meditation practice.

Nishant was born in a farming community in the southern USA. He graduated from Williams College and went to Union Theological Seminary, where he received a Master's degree in Systematic Theology in 1974

Nishant currently resides near Stockholm, Sweden. Here he offers a counseling and healing arts practice using light therapies and bio-resonance equipment.

Nishant has written a book, The Friend, which has been translated into four languages besides English.

### **Dave Sievers, C.E.T**



Dave Siever, C.E.T. graduated from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in 1978 in Telecommunications. In 1980, Dave accepted a position at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Dentistry, as a design technologist. Dave conducted research with Dr. Norman Thomas, an internationally recognized specialist in the area of Temporomandibular Dysfunction and myofacial pain. During his employment with the University, Dave developed equipment for the TMJ research laboratory and Educational Psychology Department. These devices included TENS stimulators, biofeedback devices, gnathodynamometers, signal processing and EMG spectral analysis equipment. In 1983, Dave began assistant teaching a dental physiology course at the University of Alberta. In 1987 and 1988 he taught the graduate year course for Advance Myofacial Pain and TMJ Diagnostic and Treatment Techniques. Dave

published a paper with Dr. Norman Thomas on the effects of audio-visual stimulation in the 4th European Congress of Hypnosis in 1987.

From late 1985 to 1987, Dave provided TMJ consulting services to five dentists in the Edmonton area. Over the years, Dave has helped treat approximately 1500 patients with TMJ and MPD. Dave's realization that many TMJ problems were psychologically related, prompted him to pursue his interest in biofeedback. This brought about the inception of the original D.A.V.I.D. 1 in the spring of 1985, which was used in the Faculty of Arts to help acting students overcome stage fright.

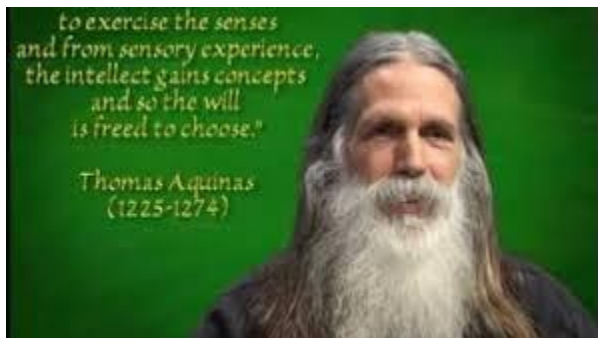
Since this time, through his company, Mind Alive Inc., Dave has continued to develop several Audio-Visual Entrainment (AVE), Cranio-Electro Stimulation (CES), transcranial DC Stimulation (tDCS) and biofeedback devices, with each new development responding to the changes in technology and the demands of the marketplace. Dave continues to design new products relating to personal growth and well-being.

Dave served for many years as the chairperson for the Computer Engineering Advisory Council for the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT). He is also a member of ASET, ISNR and AAPB.

Dave travels throughout North America and internationally lecturing to dentists, medical groups, biofeedback and neurofeedback professionals, teachers and the general public at various conferences about the use of these technologies as an alternative method to improved health, accelerated learning and peace of mind.

Dave has also developed and written a [Stimulation Technologies/Entrainment course](#) for the Behavioral Medicine Research and Training Foundation of Saybrook University and instructs it along with Dr. Cynthia Kerson.

**Rev. Glen Swartwout, A.B., B.D., O.D., N.D., F.I.C.A.N., F.C.S.O.**



"The Wizard of Wellness"  
Speaker, Author, Consultant

Dr. Glen's background is eclectic, starting with degrees from Dartmouth College (Magna Cum Laude in Environmental Sciences including work in Systems Engineering, Physics and Environmental Biology, with honors in Earth Sciences and Chemistry) and the State University of New York (with numerous honors including being named a Nikon Scholar, induction into both Gold Key and Beta Sigma Kappa professional honor societies, and receiving both Optics and Leadership awards, and where he was elected International President of his student doctors' association). After opening his first office in Tokyo, Japan, Dr. Glen practiced in New York,

Oregon and Hawaii, as well as serving needy patients in Mexico through the Flying Samaritans (for whom he wrote a ground-breaking series of equations to match patients with the best available donated eyeglasses - an equation later researched at the University of California at Berkeley). Continuing his search for answers in the healing field, he also completed degrees in Natural Medicine and Divinity, as well as Fellowships in Applied Nutrition and Light Therapy.

After two years in Japan, founding the Optometric Center of Tokyo, and teaching for the International College of Applied Nutrition, Dr. Glen returned to New York as the Clinical Director of Learning Abilities Associates, a multidisciplinary practice where he replaced Stefan Rechtschaffen, M.D. (founder of Omega Institute) for nutritional medicine, while adding Syntonic phototherapy and biofeedback modalities to the practice. In 1985, he was named Holistic Optometrist of the Year internationally. He has since written over 40 books and monographs in the natural medicine field, with special interests in bio-communication, vision and energy medicine. He has shown up in People Magazine testing one of his famous clients, was featured in Dartmouth Alumni Magazine as one of their top graduates of the past 200 years, along with Daniel Webster (and beating out Dr. Koop in the health field). He has appeared numerous times on talk shows such as the Gary Null Show, and has lectured at healing forums

### **Alexander Wunsch, M.D.**



Alexander Wunsch is physician, researcher and lecturer in light medicine and photobiology with particular interesting light effects and beneficial / adverse health impacts of solar radiation and artificial light sources on endocrine and cellular levels in humans. He conducts studies on photobiological effects of optical (UV, VIS and IR) radiation. In his private medical practice in Heidelberg he uses therapeutic light spectra in combination with other biophysically based treatments and develops light equipment for medical and cosmetic purposes. He is associate lecturer at the Wismar University of Applied Sciences and mentors students in their master theses in light & health-associated topics. Alexander Wunsch presents at international conferences and operates as a consultant for federal authorities, media and industry.

### **College of Syntonic Faculty**

#### **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 syntonic 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.

### **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

### **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.*

### **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 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.