



**Weill Cornell Medicine**  
Israel Englander  
Department of Ophthalmology

# Annual Alumni Meeting

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

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## **Calvin W. Roberts, MD**

*Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Weill Cornell  
President and CEO, Lighthouse Guild International  
Program Manager, Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health*

## **John Milton McLean Lecturer**

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Dear Program Participant,

On behalf of the Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology and the Weill Cornell Medical College Ophthalmology Alumni Association, we are pleased to welcome you to our annual Alumni Day. This year's program will be highlighted by the presentation of the 40<sup>th</sup> annual John Milton McLean Award to Calvin W. Roberts, MD.

Alumni Day is a reminder of our department's continued tradition of training future ophthalmologists and vision researchers and the importance of keeping these alumni connected to the department and to each other. Alumni consists of all current and previous Weill Cornell Medical College Ophthalmology faculty and graduates of the residency and fellowship (research and clinical) programs. All alumni are encouraged to remain involved.

The Alumni Association's mission is to support the Department's commitment to teaching, research, clinical care, and public service. The steering committee consists of both current faculty and previous graduates of the program who continue to be actively involved with resident and fellow education. Throughout the year, all interested alumni are notified by email of the grand rounds schedule, special lectures, annual alumni events, fellow and resident graduation invitations, and departmental updates.

We are delighted that you are able to join us this year, and we look forward to your continued support of the department and our current and future alumni. If you would like to be more involved in the Alumni Association, please contact us at ([ophthoprograms@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ophthoprograms@med.cornell.edu)) for more information.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Odell, MD  
*President,  
Weill Cornell Medical College  
Ophthalmology Alumni Association*

# Calvin W. Roberts, MD



Calvin W. Roberts, MD, came to Well Cornell in 1982 as Chief of the Cornea Service and was promoted to Clinical Professor in 1993. He developed the wide-field specular microscope for clinical evaluation of the corneal endothelium, did extensive research on ophthalmic non-steroidals and post-operative cystoid macular edema, and pioneered the use of ophthalmic non-steroidals for preoperative inflammation prophylaxis. As a practicing ophthalmologist he performed over 10,000 cataract surgeries and 5,000 refractive and other corneal surgeries.

After Cornell, Dr. Roberts served as Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Bausch + Lomb, where he coordinated global development and research efforts across their vision care, pharmaceutical and surgical business units. Dr. Roberts co-founded a specialty pharmaceutical company and served as an Independent Director on multiple corporate boards.

In 2020, Dr. Roberts became the President and Chief Executive Officer of Lighthouse Guild, the leading organization dedicated to providing exceptional services that inspire people who are visually impaired to attain their goals. He was included in Crain's New York Business 2021 list of Notable In Health Care and represents Lighthouse Guild on the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Vision Rehabilitation Committee.

In addition to his role at Lighthouse Guild, Dr. Roberts is a Program Manager at the new federal health agency, ARPA-H, and launched in January 2024 THEA, a program to restore vision by eye transplantation.

Dr. Roberts hosts the podcast series, "On Tech and Vision", where innovators discuss how rapidly evolving assistive technology creates equity among those who are visually impaired.

Dr. Roberts received his AB from Princeton University, his MD from Columbia University, was an intern and resident at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York and did his Cornea fellowships in Boston at the Massachusetts Eye and Infirmary and the Schepens Eye Institute.

Dr. Roberts and his wife Andrea have three children and five grandchildren.

# John Milton McLean, MD

John Milton McLean was Professor and Chairman of the Division of Ophthalmology at The New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical College from 1939 to 1968. He initiated the residency training program at The New York Hospital with a combined full time and voluntary staff.

Among notable departmental achievements during this period were the establishment of the first Eye Bank (later moved to Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital), the introduction of steroids in the treatment of ophthalmic disease as well as cryopexy and numerous other innovations in the treatment of retinal disease.

Dr. McLean was universally recognized as one of the leading educators of his era. The John Milton McLean Chair for the Department of Ophthalmology was established in 1979 and grateful patients and alumni established the McLean Medal in 1981. It is awarded annually by the alumni to an ophthalmologist who has made significant contributions in teaching, research and clinical practice.



## Past McLean Medal Recipients

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Edward W.D. Norton, MD	1981	David K. Berler, MD	2002
A. Edward Maumenee, MD	1982	Stuart I. Brown, MD	2003
A. Gerald DeVoe, MD	1983	Joan W. Miller, MD	2004
Harvey A. Lincoff, MD	1984	Mario Stirpe, MD	2005
Edward A. Dunlap, MD	1985	Richard Muchnick, MD	2006
Phillip Knapp, MD	1986	Donald J. D'Amico, MD	2007
David G. Cogan, MD	1987	Carmen A. Puliafito, MD	2008
Lorenz E. Zimmerman, MD	1988	C. Stephen Foster, MD	2009
D. Jackson Coleman, MD	1989	Barrett G. Haik, MD	2010
John T. Flynn, MD	1990	George L. Spaeth, MD	2011
Robert M. Ellsworth, MD	1991	David H. Abramson, MD	2012
Stanley Chang, MD	1993	Simmons Lessell, MD	2013
Richard Troutman, MD	1994	James C. Tsai, MD, MBA	2014
Victor T. Curtin, MD	1995	Mark S. Blumenkranz, MD, MMS	2015
Paul C. Wetzig, MD	1996	Dimitri T. Azar, MD, MBA	2016
Bartly J. Mondino, MD	1997	Anthony P. Adamis, MD	2017
David Guyton, MD	1998	George A. Williams, MD	2018
Frederick Jakobiec, MD	1999	Richard D. Lisman, MD	2019
W. Richard Green, MD	2000	Mark I. Rosenblatt, MD, PhD, MBA, MHA	2023
Philip Zweifach, MD	2001		

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Time	Presentation	Location
8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast	Belfer Research Building 413 E 69th Street, 2nd Fl. New York, NY 10021
9:00 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Peter M. Odell, MD</b> <i>President</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medical College Ophthalmology Alumni Association</i>	
<b>Session 1: Neuro-Ophthalmology</b>		
9:15 am	<b>The MR "Ayes" Have It! When Your Initial Diagnosis May Require a Second Look</b> <b>Daniel Elefant, MD</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Westchester Medical Center</i>	
9:30 am	<b>Neuro-Ophthalmology for the Non-Neuro-Ophthalmologist</b> <b>Christine Greer, MD</b> <i>Michael L. Levine, MD</i> <i>Boynton Beach, Florida</i>	
9:45 am	<b>Neuro-Ophthalmology Case Presentations</b> <b>Erin Lanzo, MD &amp; Johanna Yun, MD</b> <i>Instructors in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
10:15 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>Session 2: Cornea</b>		
10:30 am	<b>Pterygium Surgery with Residents: Is there a PERFECT Method?</b> <b>Pamela Sherwood, MD</b> <i>Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>NYU Grossman School of Medicine</i> <i>Faculty, Stamford Ophthalmology</i> <i>Stamford, Connecticut</i>	
10:45 am	<b>Cornea Case Presentation</b> <b>Jamie Nord, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
<b>Session 3: Glaucoma</b>		
11:00 am	<b>MIGS Landscape Update: Recent Developments and Future Innovation</b> <b>Varun Reddy, MD</b> <i>Glaucoma Consultants of Texas</i> <i>Grapevine, Texas</i>	
11:15 am	<b>Interventional Glaucoma: The Devil's Advocate</b> <b>Colleen Maturana, MD</b> <i>Roxbury Eye Center, PC</i> <i>Mount Arlington, New Jersey</i>	

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11:30 am	<b>Glaucoma Case Presentation</b> <b>Yvonne Okaka, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
<b>Session 4: Alumni Award</b>		
11:45 am	<b>Seeing Beyond the Horizon: A Retina Surgeon's Perspective</b> <b>Thomas C. Lee, MD</b> <i>Associate Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Keck School of Medicine of USC</i>	
12:15 pm	<b>Group Photo</b>	
12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Griffis Faculty Club</b> <b>1300 York Avenue</b> <b>New York, NY 10065</b>
<b>Session 5: Oculoplastics</b>		
2:15 pm	<b>State of the Residency</b> <b>Kyle Godfrey, MD</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
2:30 pm	<b>Periorbital Rejuvenation</b> <b>Kira Segal, MD</b> <i>EltraSelf: Advanced Facial Aesthetics</i> <i>Florham Park, New Jersey</i>	
<b>Session 6: Retina</b>		
2:45 pm	<b>Methotrexate for Proliferative Retinopathy</b> <b>Thanos Papakostas, MD</b> <i>The Retina Institute</i> <i>St. Louis, Missouri</i>	
3:00 pm	<b>Accuracy of Optos Imaging in Detecting Treatment Requiring Retinal Lesions</b> <b>Anton Orlin, MD</b> <i>Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Thomas Jefferson University</i> <i>Attending Physician, Wills Eye Hospital</i> <i>Associate, Mid Atlantic Retina</i>	
3:15 pm	<b>Retina Case Presentation</b> <b>Jennifer Nadelmann, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
3:30 pm	<b>Retina Case Presentation</b> <b>Mahmood Khan, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
3:45 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>	

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<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>McLean Medal Lecture - This Present Moment Used to Be the Unimaginable Future</b> <b>Calvin W. Roberts, MD</b> <i>Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Weill Cornell</i> <i>President and CEO, Lighthouse Guild International</i> <i>Program Manager, Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health</i>	
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Audience Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>Evaluations Distributed and Collected</b>	
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Dinner Reception</b>	<b>Columbus Citizens Foundation</b> <b>8 East 69th Street</b> <b>New York, NY 10021</b>



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