



# **Weill Cornell Medicine**

## **Israel Englander**

### **Department of Ophthalmology**

## **Annual Alumni Meeting**

**Friday, April 4, 2025**

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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 41<sup>st</sup> annual John Milton McLean Award to Brian Marr, 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  
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# Brian Marr, MD



Brian Marr, MD leads the Ophthalmic Oncology Service at the Harkness Eye Institute, re-establishing ocular oncology at Columbia in 2017. With 25 years of experience in ophthalmic oncology, his career began with a fellowship and an eight-year tenure at the Ocular Oncology Service at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. In 2008, he joined Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where he remained for nine years before transitioning to Columbia.

Dr. Marr is a renowned lecturer and consultant, sharing his expertise across the U.S. and internationally. He has authored numerous research articles and received multiple awards in the field of ocular oncology. Actively involved in drug studies and clinical trials, he focuses on advancing treatments for primary and metastatic uveal melanoma.

Beyond his clinical work, Dr. Marr is dedicated to global education and outreach, volunteering in underserved regions such as Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Indonesia. He has helped train physicians in more than 23 countries. His contributions to ocular oncology education have been recognized by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, where he has served as chief editor of the Academy's Oncology and Pathology One Network and as a member of the executive board of the Collaborative Ocular Oncology Group.

Dr. Marr's treatment philosophy is rooted in the belief that research should serve the patient - not the other way around. Given the rarity of many conditions in ophthalmic oncology, his extensive experience ensures that patients receive the best possible care and outcomes efficiently.

# 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	Calvin W. Roberts, MD	2024

# PROGRAM AGENDA

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Time	Presentation	Location
8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast	Weill Greenberg Center 1305 York Avenue, 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>Donald J. D'Amico, MD</b> <i>Professor and Chairman</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
<b>Session 1:</b>	<b>Cornea</b>	
9:15 am	<b>Innovations in Refractive Surgery</b> <b>Ashley Brissette, MD</b> <i>Kelly Vision</i> <i>New York, NY</i>	
9:30 am	<b>Keratopigmentation Assisted with Femtosecond Laser</b> <b>Alexander Movshovich, MD</b> <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology (Voluntary Staff)</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
9:45 am	<b>Ethanol-Essence: A Novel Approach to Conjunctival Nevi</b> <b>Akshaya Gupta, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
10:00 am	<b>Lighting the Way: Cataract Surgery Through Opacified Corneas</b> <b>Sheena Song, DO</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
10:15 am	Coffee Break	
<b>Session 2:</b>	<b>Pediatrics/Neuro-Ophthalmology</b>	
10:30 am	<b>What's New in Myopia Control</b> <b>Erica L. Oltra, MD</b> <i>Pediatric Ophthalmic Consultants</i> <i>New York, NY</i>	
10:45 am	<b>Neuro-Ophthalmology Case Presentation</b> <b>Mohammed Uddin, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	

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<b>Session 3: Glaucoma</b>		
11:00 am	<b>Alternative Treatments in Glaucoma</b> <b>Monica Ertel, MD, PhD</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Residency Program Director</i> <i>University of Colorado</i>	
11:15 am	<b>Angle Closure in Pseudophakia: A False Sense of Security</b> <b>Gabriel Shkarov, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
<b>Session 4: Ocular Oncology</b>		
11:30 am	<b>Mystery Case</b> <b>Lisa Koenig, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center</i>	
<b>Session 5: Alumni Award</b>		
11:45 am	<b>Giving Back</b> <b>Peter M. Odell, MD</b> <i>Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</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 6: Oculoplastics</b>		
2:15 pm	<b>The Big Ten</b> <b>Anne Barmettler, MD</b> <i>Director, Oculoplastics Service</i> <i>Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Montefiore Einstein</i>	
2:30 pm	<b>Transorbital Approach for a Frontal Sinus Lesion</b> <b>Shanlee Stevens, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
<b>Session 7: Retina</b>		
2:45 pm	<b>Repurposing Metformin for AMD</b> <b>Dimitra Skondra MD, PhD</b> <i>Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Director, J Terry Ernest Ocular Imaging Center</i> <i>UChicago Medicine</i>	

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3:00 pm	<b>BBQ, Backroads, and Bad Maculas</b> <b>Stephanie Engelhard, MD</b> Mid-South Retina Jackson, Tennessee	
3:15 pm	<b>Locked and Loaded</b> <b>Yoni Levenson, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
3:30 pm	<b>Can't Hear, Can't Think, Can't See. What Can This Be?</b> <b>Rami Abu-Sbeit, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology</i>	
3:45 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
4:00 pm	<b>McLean Medal Lecture - Photodynamic Therapy in Ocular Oncology</b> <b>Brian Marr, MD</b> <i>John Wilson Espy Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians &amp; Surgeons</i> <i>Chief - Ophthalmic Oncology Division</i> <i>Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute</i> <i>Attending Ophthalmologist</i> <i>NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital</i>	
5:00 pm	<b>Audience Q&amp;A</b>	
5:15 pm	<b>Evaluations Distributed</b>	
6:00 pm	<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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