



Weill Cornell Medical College

Department of Ophthalmology

Annual Alumni Meeting

Friday, May 17, 2013

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Harvard Medical School

John Milton McLean Lecturer

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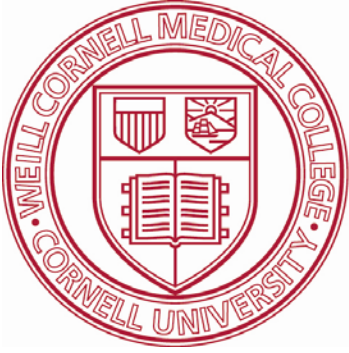
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We are delighted to welcome you to our annual WCMC Department of Ophthalmology Alumni Day. This year's program will be highlighted by the presentation of the John Milton Mclean Medal to Dr. Simmons Lessell.

Over the years, our department has had a strong tradition of training future ophthalmologists and vision researchers. Previous faculty and trainees have gone on to be academic leaders and prominent clinician scientists. Therefore, we alumni would like to recognize our young researchers and clinician scientists with the WCMC Department of Ophthalmology Alumni Association resident research award for excellence in Research and Scholarship.

The Weill Cornell Medical College Department of Ophthalmology Alumni Association was developed to connect alumni to the Department and to each other. Its mission is to support the Department's commitment to teaching, research, clinical care, and public service. All alumni are encouraged to remain involved as the Alumni Association consists of all current and previous WCMC Department of Ophthalmology faculty and graduates of the residency and fellowship (research and clinical) programs.

The Alumni Association 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, alumni are notified by email or mail of the grand rounds schedule, special lectures, annual alumni events, fellow and resident graduation invitations, and departmental updates.

We are very happy that you are able to join us this year and we look forward to your continued support of the department and our future alumni through involvement with continuing education programs as well as via philanthropic support for residency, fellowship, and alumni activities.

If you would like to be involved in the alumni association, please contact Anna Marquardt (anm2105@med.cornell.edu) for more information.

PROGRAM AGENDA

Friday, May 18, 2012: Annual Alumni Meeting

- 8:30am **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9:00am **Opening Remarks**
Donald J. D'Amico, MD
The Betty Neuwirth Lee and Chilly Professor in Stem Cell Research and Chairman
Peter M. Odell, MD
President, Weill Cornell Ophthalmology Alumni Association
- 9:15am **Giant Steps Forward in Understanding Giant Cell Arteritis**
Cristiano Oliveira, MD
Assistant Professor of Neuro-Ophthalmology
- 9:45am **Hearing About Visual Hallucinations**
Jacqueline S. Winterkorn, MD, PhD
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology in Neurology and Neuroscience
- 10:15am **Coffee Break**
- 10:45am **Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension: Or Is It?**
Marc J. Dinkin, MD
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology in Neurology and Neurological Surgery;
Director, Neuro-Ophthalmology
- 11:15am **Neuro-Ophthalmological Complications of Cancer**
Sara M. Simpson, MD
Fellow in Neuro-Ophthalmology
- 12noon **Lunch at Griffis Faculty Club**
1300 York Avenue
- 1pm Group Photo

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- 1:15pm **Retinal Multiple Sclerosis:
Can Demyelinating Disease Affect an Organ without Myelin?**
Sarju Patel, MD
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology; Director, Uveitis Service
- 1:45pm **Ask the Expert: Dr. Simmons Lessell**
Moderator: Marc J. Dinkin, MD
- 2:45pm **Orbital Surgery in Tanzania: Channeling MacGyver**
Gary J. Lelli, MD
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology; Director, Oculoplastic Service
- 3:00pm **Coffee Break**
- 3:15pm **The Effect of Long-Term PROSE Device Wear on Corneal Health**
Ryan St. Clair, MD
Clinical Instructor of Ophthalmology
- 3:35pm **Neuroprotective Gene Therapy for Glaucoma**
Anna-Maria Demetriades, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
- 4:00pm **John Milton McLean Award & Lecture: Optic Chiasmopathies**
Simmons Lessell, MD
Distinguished Paul A. Chandler Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School
- 6:30pm **Alumni Dinner**
The Harvard Club
27 W 44th St (between 5th and 6th Avenues)

Simmons Lessell, MD



This year, we are honored to host Dr. Simmons Lessell as the recipient of the John Milton McLean Award. Dr. Lessell is the Distinguished Paul A. Chandler Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School and former Director of the Neuro-ophthalmology service at Massachusetts Eye and Ear. It was as a student at Cornell Medical School that Dr. Lessell was influenced by the legendary neuro-ophthalmologist Ed Norton to enter the field of Neuro-ophthalmology. He completed a year of Neurology at the University of Vermont after which he served the National Institute of Neurological Disease and Blindness and described the Neuropathology of Parkinson-Dementia Complex of Guam. As a resident at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, he gained crucial expertise in neuro-ophthalmology under the tutelage of David Cogan, after which he became the neuro-ophthalmologist at Boston University. In 1983, he was recruited back to Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary to direct Neuro-ophthalmology and has remained there ever since, leaving an indelible imprint on the institution and the field.

Dr. Lessell is widely known as one of the great luminaries of Neuro-ophthalmology. Over the course of nearly half a century, and over 200 articles, he has made some of the most significant and literary contributions to the field, including landmark papers on malignant chiasmal gliomas, toxic, ischemic and traumatic optic neuropathies, ocular neuromyotonia and melanoma associated retinopathy, to name just a few. Just as significantly, through his generous spirit and endless enthusiasm for teaching, he has trained a small army of fellows, many of whom have followed in his footsteps as leaders in the field. His unparalleled clinical acumen, professional integrity and devotion to his patients are matched only by his uncanny ability to infuse medical education with a steady dose of humor. This year, he will give a lecture entitled, "Optic Chiasmopathies."

The John Milton McLean Medal

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.

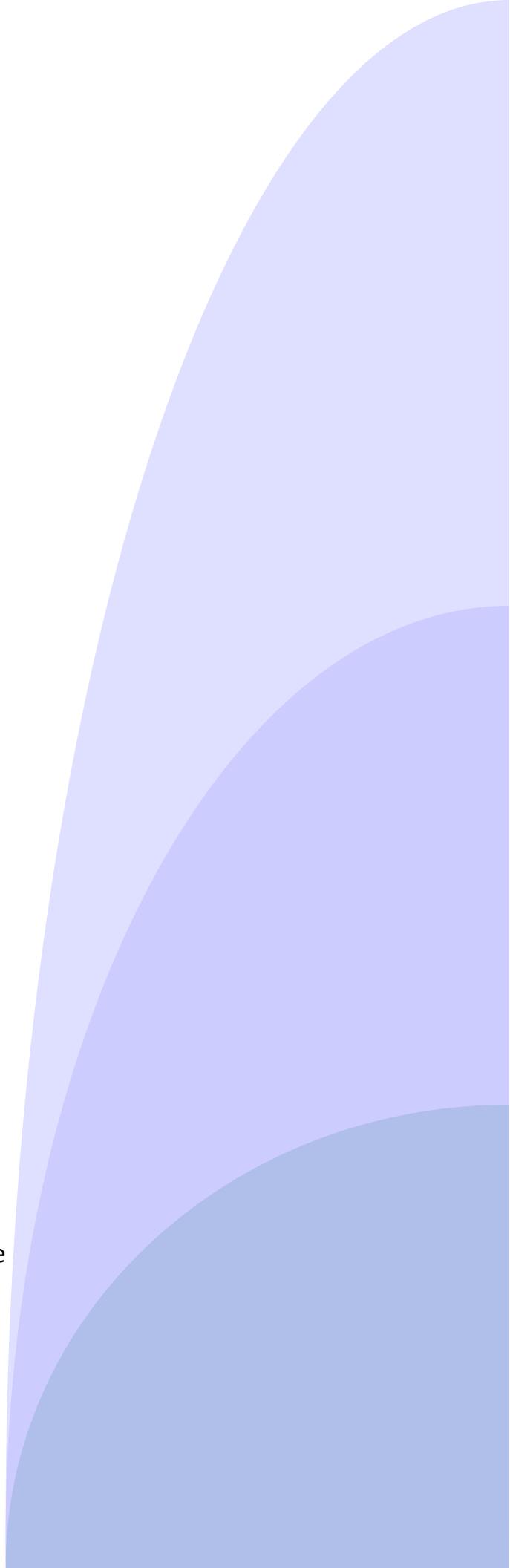
Among notable departmental achievements during this period were the establishment of the first Eye Bank (later moved to Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital), the introduction of steroids in the treatment of ophthalmic disease as well as cryopexy and numerous other innovations in the treatment of retinal 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. This year, we honor Simmons Lessell, MD, for his work in the field of neuro-ophthalmology.



Past McLean Medal Recipients

Edward W.D. Norton, MD	1981	David Guyton, M.D	1998
A. Edward Maumenee, MD	1982	Frederick Jakobiec, MD	1999
A. Gerald DeVoe, MD	1983	W. Richard Green, MD	2000
Harvey A. Lincoff, MD	1984	Philip Zweifach, MD	2001
Edward A. Dunlap, MD	1985	David K. Berler, MD	2002
Phillip Knapp, MD	1986	Stuart I. Brown, MD	2003
David G. Cogan, MD	1987	Joan W. Miller, MD	2004
Lorenz E. Zimmerman, MD	1988	Mario Stirpe, M.D.	2005
D. Jackson Coleman, MD	1989	Richard Muchnick, MD	2006
John T. Flynn, MD	1990	Donald J. D'Amico, MD	2007
Robert M. Ellsworth, MD	1991	Carmen A. Puliafito, MD	2008
Stanley Chang, MD	1993	C. Stephen Foster, MD	2009
Richard Troutman, M.D	1994	Barrett G. Haik, MD	2010
Victor T. Curtin, M.D	1995	George L. Spaeth, MD	2011
Paul C. Wetzig, M.D	1996	David H. Abramson, MD	2012
Bartly J. Mondino, MD	1997		



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