



# **Weill Cornell Medicine** Ophthalmology

## **Annual Alumni Meeting**

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

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## Ophthalmology

Dear Program Participant,

On behalf of the Department of Ophthalmology and the Weill Cornell Medicine 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 39<sup>th</sup> annual John Milton McLean Award to Mark I. Rosenblatt, MD, PhD, MBA, MHA.

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 Medicine 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 Medicine Ophthalmology Alumni Association*

# Mark I. Rosenblatt, MD, PhD, MBA, MHA



Mark I. Rosenblatt, MD, PhD, MBA, MHA has served as Executive Dean of the University of Illinois College of Medicine since 2019. He has held the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Physician Affairs at UI Health since 2022. In May, Dr. Rosenblatt will assume the additional role of Interim CEO of the University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics. Prior to becoming Executive Dean, Dr. Rosenblatt was appointed in 2014 as Illinois Lions/Charles I. Young Chair, Professor, and Head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Before 2014, Dr. Rosenblatt was Director of the Margaret M. Dyson Vision Research Institute and Vice Chair of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Dr. Rosenblatt is an internationally recognized clinician-scientist. As Director of the Corneal Regenerative Medicine Laboratory, he leads groups of scientists investigating the mechanism of corneal peripheral nerve regeneration following injury, and the use of nanoengineered biomaterials for use in stem cell delivery to the ocular surface. His work in regenerative medicine has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, Research to Prevent Blindness, the Falk Family Foundation, and the Tri-Institutional Stem Cell Initiative. Dr. Rosenblatt has published widely, including over 150 original manuscripts, review articles, book chapters, and abstracts.

Dr. Rosenblatt has a strong interest in innovation. He served as the Chair of the Health and Wellness Working Group for the Discovery Partners Institute, and has developed the Ophthalmic Research in Bioengineering, Innovation and Technology Lab (ORBITlab) and the Health Applications Lab (HAL) in collaboration with UIC's Innovation Center. He holds 4 issued patents related to novel technologies to treat or prevent blinding eye disease and has co-founded three companies to commercialize these technologies.

Dr. Rosenblatt is the Director of the NIH-funded UIC-NEI K12/Independent Clinician Vision Scientist (ICVS) Development Program and directed the UIC Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) from 2018-2022. He is deeply committed to education and has mentored over 100 medical students, graduate students, research/clinical fellows, and young faculty.

Dr. Rosenblatt is a graduate of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's Honors Program in Medical Education and the Combined MD/PhD program, receiving his PhD in Biochemistry, Cell, and Molecular Biology. He also completed his MBA at the New York University Stern School and his MHA at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health. Dr. Rosenblatt completed his ophthalmology residency and combined clinical/research fellowship in corneal disease at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary/Harvard Medical School. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies.

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

# PROGRAM AGENDA

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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, Weill Cornell Ophthalmology Alumni Association</i> <b>Donald J. D'Amico, MD</b> <i>Professor and Chairman, Weill Cornell Medicine Ophthalmology</i>	
<b>Session 1:</b>	<b>Glaucoma</b>	
9:15 am	<b>Drop-free Cataract and Glaucoma Surgery</b> <b>Nathan Radcliffe, MD</b> <i>Cataract and Glaucoma Surgeon New York Eye Surgery Center Bronx, New York</i>	
9:30 am	<b>Refractive Outcomes in Glaucoma Surgery</b> <b>Monica Ertel, MD, PhD</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology University of Colorado Medicine</i>	
9:45 am	<b>Glaucoma Case Presentations</b> <b>Zoya Chaudhry, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology Weill Cornell Medicine Ophthalmology</i>	
<b>Session 2:</b>	<b>Neuro-Ophthalmology</b>	
10:00 am	<b>Neuro-ophthalmology Case Presentations</b> <b>Rita Okumu, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology Weill Cornell Medicine Ophthalmology</i>	
10:15 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>Session 3:</b>	<b>Cornea/Anterior Segment</b>	
10: 45 am	<b>Future of Intraocular Lens</b> <b>Charles Q. Yu, MD</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology Stanford University Medical Center</i>	
11:00 am	<b>Is Light the Answer? A Comparison of the Light Adjustable Lens (LAL) vs. an Extended Depth of Focus IOL (Vivity)</b> <b>Brandon Rodriguez, MD</b> <i>Cataract and Refractive Surgeon, Cornea &amp; External Diseases St. Luke's Cataract &amp; Laser Institute Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida</i>	
11:15 am	<b>Eye Color Change with Femto Assisted Keratopigmentation: Preliminary Stats After 500 cases</b> <b>Alexander Movshovich, MD</b> <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology (Voluntary Staff) Weill Cornell Medicine Ophthalmology</i>	

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11:30 am	<b>Deliberate Calm in Cataract Surgery: Minimize Interference!</b> <b>Jeffrey McMahon, MD</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University</i>	
11:45 am	<b>Cornea Case Presentations</b> <b>Michael Bivona, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine 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 4:</b>	<b>Retina</b>	
2:00 pm	<b>Annular Array B-Scan</b> <b>Yale Fisher, MD</b> <i>Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology (Voluntary Staff)</i> <i>NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center</i> <i>Bascom Palmer Eye Institute</i>	
2:15 pm	<b>Spiking the Punch: What's on Tap with Intravitreal Injections?</b> <b>Steve Ryder, MD</b> <i>Vitreoretinal Surgeon</i> <i>Horizon Eye Care, North Carolina</i>	
2:30 pm	<b>20/Happy: A Retina Guy's take on Lenses</b> <b>Colin Prensky, MD</b> <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine</i>	
2:45 pm	<b>Retina Case Presentations</b> <b>Mohammad Ali Sadiq, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Ophthalmology</i>	
<b>Session 5:</b>	<b>Oculoplastics</b>	
3:00 pm	<b>Corneal Neurotization: Do You Have the Nerve?</b> <b>Anne Barmettler, MD</b> <i>Associate Professor of Ophthalmology</i> <i>Associate Professor of Surgery</i> <i>Albert Einstein College of Medicine</i> <i>Montefiore Medical Center</i>	
3:15 pm	<b>Current Concepts in Oculoplastic Surgery</b> <b>Maria de Lourdes Garcia, MD</b> <i>Instructor in Ophthalmology</i> <i>Weill Cornell Medicine Ophthalmology</i>	
3:30 pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>	

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4:00 pm	<b>McLean Medal Lecture—The Unique Position of an Ophthalmologist Dean: Providing Vision to Medical School Leadership</b> <b>Mark I. Rosenblatt MD, PhD, MBA, MHA</b> <i>Executive Dean, University of Illinois College of Medicine</i> <i>Associate Vice Chancellor for Physician Affairs, UI Health</i> <i>Illinois Lions/Charles I. Young Chair in Ocular Research</i> <i>Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences</i>	
5:00 pm	<b>Audience Q&amp;A</b>	
5:15 pm	<b>Evaluations Distributed and Collected</b>	
6:00 pm	<b>Dinner Reception</b>	<b>Columbus Citizen Foundation</b> <b>8 East 69th Street</b> <b>New York, NY 10021</b>



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