

# ENVISION

LSU School of Medicine - Department of Ophthalmology

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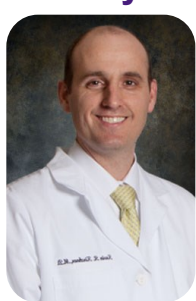


LSU Ophthalmology continues to grow. For the first time since Hurricane Katrina, every ophthalmology subspecialty is now available at our New Orleans office on 3700 St Charles Avenue. Next month with the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting

returning to New Orleans, we look forward to seeing our friends at the LSU Ophthalmology alumni celebration being held at one of New Orleans iconic restaurants, Mother's Restaurant and connecting with many of you over Cajun food and Mardi Gras entertainment! Hope to see you there—RSVP details are included in a separate email

- Jayne S. Weiss, MD

## Faculty News:



Welcome to Kevin Kirchner MD, an ophthalmic plastics and neuro ophthalmologist, who recently joined the LSU Department of Ophthalmology. Dr. Kirchner completed his undergraduate studies at Duke University, medical school at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, ophthalmology residency at Tulane University School of Medicine and Oculoplastic, Orbital and Neuro ophthalmology surgery fellowship with Dr. Thomas Spoor at St John Hospital in Michigan.

## Faculty Honors:

Dr. Bruce Barron was appointed as the Viola and Charles Lacoste Senior Endowed Professor.

Dr. Maria Bernal and Dr. Jayne S. Weiss were two of only five New Orleans ophthalmologists to be named Best Doctor 2017 in New Orleans Magazine.

Dr. Lisa Dang was interviewed on [WWL-TV](#) about the solar eclipse.

Dr. Aravinda Rao was selected as a member of the prestigious AAMC leadership program.

Dr. Jayne S. Weiss was named as a member of the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Ophthalmology and Programs Committee of the American Ophthalmology Society.

## Alumni Spotlight:

Dr. Herbert Kaufman, former Chair of LSU Ophthalmology has been named the 2017 Jones/Smolin Lecturer and will be presenting this prestigious lecture on Monday, November 13 at the [American Academy of Ophthalmology in New Orleans 2017](#).

## Residency & Fellow News:

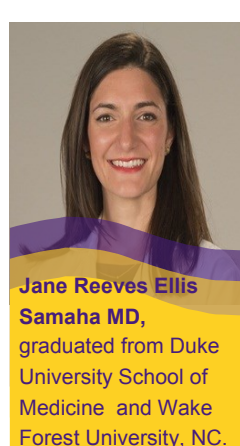
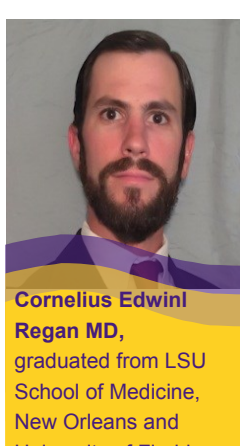
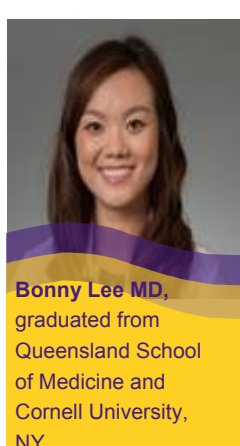
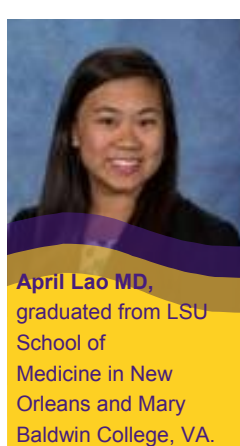
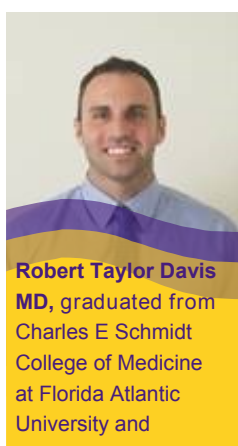
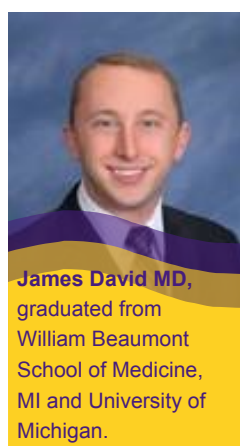
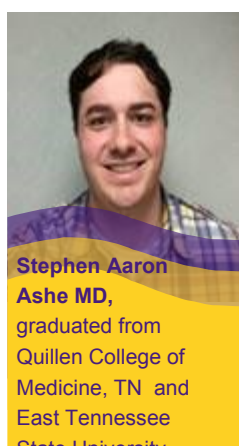
### June 2017 Residents Day



Dr. Jim Tsai, a noted glaucoma subspecialist and President of New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and Chair of Mount Sinai School of Medicine, presented the Henry J.L. Van Dyk, MD Memorial Lecture entitled "Glaucoma Drainage Implants: Personal Experiences From Resident to the Present."

## MEET OUR NEW RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS!

### Residents:



### Retina Fellow:



**Brain Savoie MD**, graduated from New York Medical College, then completed his intern year at Roger William Medical Center-Boston University, and completed his Ophthalmology Residency at Northwell Health-Hofstra School of Medicine, NY.

## Research News:

### LSU Eye Center is chosen as a site for the multi center National Eye Institute funded Zoster Eye Disease Study (ZEDS)

LSU Department of Ophthalmology in New Orleans has been chosen as one of the first sites nationally to enroll patients in the multi center double blind, placebo controlled, national NIH supported clinical trial of the Zoster Eye Disease Study (ZES) to investigate whether long term treatment with Valacyclovir helps reduce eye disease and/or chronic pain in patients with shingles. Patients who have had a rash from shingles over the eye, zoster keratitis within the prior year and are 18 and older may qualify. Contact Study Coordinator Cara Rowe, [cjoh26@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:cjoh26@lsuhsc.edu) for further information.

We anticipate to begin enrollment in October 2017 and qualified participants will receive either valacyclovir or placebo free of charge.

## Upcoming Events:

**Ophthalmology Alumni Celebration—November 11 @ Mother's Restaurant!**

**MAKE A GIFT!**