

# **GRACE TRAN CHI, O.D., F.A.A.O.**

## **EDUCATION**

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### **American Academy of Optometry**

- *Candidate, Low Vision Clinical Diplomate Program*
- *Fellowship of the American Academy of Optometry, Meeting in San Francisco, CA, November 2010*

### **Board Certification, American Board of Optometry**

*Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry, June 2011*

### **State University of New York College of Optometry and Lighthouse International, New York, NY**

*Residency in Low Vision Rehabilitation, July 2008 - June 2009*

### **Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL**

*Doctorate of Optometry, May 2008*

### **University of California Irvine, Irvine, CA**

*Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Art History, June 2003*

### **Universität Krankenhaus Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany**

*International Opportunities Program, June 2002 - September 2002*

### **University of East Anglia, Norwich, England**

*Education Abroad Program, September 2001 - June 2002*

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTED**

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### ***Low Vision / Vision Rehabilitation Optometry***

- Provided comprehensive low vision/vision rehabilitation care for patients of all age groups
- Expanded clinical service to provide optimal care to pediatric patients and special population patients
- Co-managed with colleagues, occupational therapists, certified low vision therapists, orientation and mobility instructors, social workers, teachers of visually impaired and other service referrals
- Assessed, prescribed, and trained visually impaired patients with optical and non-optical aids
- Contributed to interdisciplinary care for patients alongside Blind Rehabilitation Services, Visual Impairment Service Teams (VIST) and Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Specialists (BROS)

### ***Primary Care Optometry***

- Provided full-scope and acute primary care examinations, follow-up care, and practice management
- Performed comprehensive eye examinations on all age groups including pediatric and adult special population, infants, and children at Pre-School and Head Start Programs
- Diagnosed, treated, and managed anterior and posterior disease, including patient care in glaucoma, retina, and neuro-ophthalmology, and cornea/external disease specialty clinics
- Managed patients with traumatic brain injury
- Assessed binocular vision disorders and employed program for vision therapy patients
- Co-managed patients for refractive correction and cataract extraction
- Performed contact lens fits and evaluations

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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### **Diamond Vision Eye Center, Pasadena, CA**

*Co-founder and Partner, Low Vision Optometrist, September 2019 – present*

### **Diamond Vision Optometry, Pasadena, CA**

*Low Vision Optometrist, November 2014 – present*

### **Retina Institute of California / Acuity Eye Group, Westchester and Pasadena, CA**

*Medical Optometrist, December 2014 – September 2019*

### **Veterans Administration Long Beach Healthcare System – Optometry Service, Long Beach, CA**

*Staff Optometrist, Major Charles Robert Soltes, Jr., OD Blind Rehabilitation Center – Optometry Service/Low Vision/Traumatic Brain Injury, April 2013 – October 2014*

### **Oregon Health and Science University - Department of Ophthalmology - Casey Eye Institute, Portland, OR**

*Clinical Instructor in Ophthalmology, Evelyn L. Jones Vision Rehabilitation Center, May 2010 – March 2013*

### **North Star Vision Group, New York, NY**

*Consultant Optometrist, December 2009 – present*

### **Complete Vision Care, Oak Lawn, IL**

*Associate Optometrist, November 2009 – March 2010*

### **ID Modern, Chicago, IL**

*Associate Optometrist, October 2009 – March 2010*

### **Smart Optical, Chicago, IL**

*Associate Optometrist, June 2009 – January 2010*

### **State University of New York College of Optometry and Lighthouse International, New York, NY**

*Assistant Clinical Instructor, July 2008 - June 2009*

## **CLINICAL EXTERNSHIPS**

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### **Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilmington, DE**

*Primary Care, February 2008 - May 2008*

### **Illinois Eye Institute, Chicago, IL**

*Advanced Care, November 2007 - February 2008*

### **Illinois Eye Institute, Chicago, IL**

*Pediatric and Binocular Vision, November 2007 - February 2008*

### **Victor C. Neumann Association, Chicago, IL**

*Developmental Disability Clinic, November 2007 - January 2008*

### **Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System - Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center, West Haven, CT**

*Low Vision and Primary Care, August 2007 - November 2007*

### **Cheyenne Vision Clinic, Cheyenne, WY**

*Contact Lens and Primary Care, May 2007- August 2007*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **North Star Vision Group (NSVG), New York, NY and Good-Lite Company, Elgin, IL**

*December 2009 - present*

- Counsel on collaborative project to deliver cost-effective professional training in vision loss/vision rehabilitation of children and adults, primarily for international audiences
- Advise on curriculum development and course delivery
- NSVG Associate at the 24th Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress (a joint meeting with the American Academy of Ophthalmology), Beijing, China, September 16 - 20, 2010
  - Presented poster: "Creating Early Intervention Services in Developing Countries"
  - Developed and conducted workshop: "Early Intervention Services in Developing Countries"

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**Oregon Health and Science University Department of Ophthalmology - Casey Eye Institute, Portland, OR**  
*May 2010 – March 2013*

- Attending Physician to first-year ophthalmology residents and fourth-year medical students
- Course Director for Low Vision Rehabilitation curriculum
- Ophthalmic Optics Course/Laboratory and Refraction Course, Faculty to first-year ophthalmology residents
- Third-year Medical Student Ophthalmology Curriculum Lab Clinical Faculty
- Developed supplemental curriculum for first-year ophthalmology resident clinical rotation such as a Visual Field Mini-Lab module and resource tour of diabetes education center
- Lectures to Physician Assistant and Radiologist Students, Family Practice Residents

**State University of New York College of Optometry and Lighthouse International, New York, NY**  
*July 2008 - June 2009*

- Assistant Clinical Instructor to fourth-year optometry students in low vision and glaucoma clinic
- Low Vision Rehabilitation Laboratory Instructor for all third-year optometry students
- Led and presented topics for weekly grand rounds to colleagues, occupational therapists, nurses, administrators, and researchers. Topics included case presentations about ocular pathology and low vision rehabilitation.
- Lectures to colleagues and nurse practitioner program

**INVITED LECTURES**

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4-hour COPE-approved lectures in low vision rehabilitation to optometrist and paraoptometric colleagues  
*October 2014, EastWest Eye Conference, Cleveland, OH*

“Olde Books, e-books, and Audio Books: New and Familiar Ways to Keep on Reading,” part of education series for Understanding and Living with Macular Degeneration, *May 2013*

- Public seminar for Macular Degeneration and Low Vision Expo, *Casey Eye Institute, Portland, OR*

Staff Awareness and Support for Patients with Vision Impairment, *January 2013*

- Educated and trained group in strategies/tools to better prepare in interactions with patients that have vision impairment, *Managers’ Meeting, Casey Eye Institute, Portland, OR*

“Low Vision: What Is It and What Now?” *community education lecture*

- *September 2012, Lake Oswego Adult Community Center, Lake Oswego, OR*
- *April 2012, Mirabella Retirement Community, Portland, OR*
- *November 2010, Canterbury Park Senior Community, Longview, WA*

2-hour lecture in low vision rehabilitation to optometrist colleagues

*July 2012, Oregon Optometric Physicians Association Summer Continuing Education, Stevenson, WA*

“Macular Degeneration and Low Vision Rehabilitation,” *May 2012, community public education series, Milwaukie Center, Milwaukie, OR*

“Reading, Driving, and Living Well with Low Vision,” *October 2011*

- Public seminar, *Macular Degeneration and Low Vision Expo, Portland, OR*

“Vision Rehabilitation – Aging and Vision Loss,” *October 19, 2011*

- Interview for *The OHSU Effect: Inside Health and Science with Lacey Evans KXL 101.1 FM News Radio Show, Show #108, Portland, OR*

“Old Books and e-Books: The New World of Vision Rehabilitation,” *June 2011, ophthalmic technicians at Oregon Ophthalmology Alumni Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR*

“A Discussion: Living with Low Vision,” *May 2011, community education and low vision support group, Country Meadow Assisted Living, Woodburn, OR*

“Panel Discussion: Moving Forward after Vision Loss,” *November 2010, public seminar, Macular Degeneration Center, Portland, OR*

“Age-Related Macular Degeneration: Adjusting to Your Diagnosis & Benefits of Rehabilitation,” *September 8, 2010, community education lecture, collaboration with Casey Eye Institute Social Worker, Oswego Springs Assisted Living Facility, Portland, OR*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Low Vision Rehabilitation Outcome Study

Portland, OR, June 2010 - February 2011

- Collaborative Investigator in nationwide multi-site study organized by Wilmer Eye Institute Johns Hopkins University of Medicine – Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center

### Contrast Sensitivity and Visual Acuity in Low Vision Patients through Hybrid-Diffractive Lenses

New York, NY, December 2008 - November 2009

- First author and Principal Investigator in collaboration with Dr. A. Arditi and Dr. L. Chan-O'Connell
- Presented paper at American Academy of Optometry Meeting, November 11 - 14, 2009

### Distance Perception in the Fellow Eye of Amblyopes

Chicago, IL, May 2007 - October 2008

- First Author under the guidance of Dr. S. Kelly
- Presented poster at American Academy of Optometry Meeting, October 22 - 25, 2008

### Effects of Monocular Vision on Spatial Compression

Chicago, IL, May 2007 - October 2008

- Principal Investigator under the guidance of Dr. S. Kelly
- Initiated, designed, and collaborated on new project from previous study

### Spatial Compression of a Stationary Low Vision Telescope

New York, NY, June 2005 - August 2005

- Received National Eye Institute grant to do research at State University of New York Optometry School
- Designed and executed project on visual perception under the guidance of Dr. H. A. Sedgwick
- Prepared poster presentation for Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society, May 5 - May 10, 2006

### Effect of Fetal Calf Serum from Different Companies on Porcine and Human Corneal Endothelial Cells

Hamburg, Germany, June 2002 - September 2002

- Participant in International Opportunities Program
- Led project, implemented data collection and analysis for existing study under the guidance of Dr. J. Bednarz
- Presented at small group discussion for Cornea Bank of Eye Clinic

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Tran, G.** The Low Vision Exam: Integrating a Functional Approach, *Advanced Ocular Care*, May/June 2013: 28-30.

In Low Vision Research Network Study Group. Baseline Traits of Low Vision Patients Served by Private Outpatient Clinical Centers in the United States, *Arch Ophthalmology* 2012; 130: 1028-1037.

**Tran, G.** Old Books and e-Books: The New World of Vision Rehabilitation, *Ophthalmology International* 2012; 7: 29-30.

**Tran, G.** "Viewing the World a Little Differently: Using Your Side Vision." *Macular Degeneration Center - Insight Newsletter*, Spring/Summer 2011.

**Tran, G.** "A Special Tour at the Portland Art Museum." *Casey Eye Institute - Casey Commons*, February 2011.

**Tran, G.** "Do Your Patient's Deserve Low Vision Rehabilitation?" *American Optometric Association - Vision Rehabilitation Section Quarterly Newsletter*, July 2010.

**Tran, G.** Sedgwick, HA. Spatial Compression of a Stationary Low Vision Telescope, *Optometry Vision Science* 2008;85:54-62.

## LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

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American Association of University Women (AAUW) Long Beach Chapter - Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Career Conference

- Invited speaker to STEM career conference for middle-school girls, *February 2014*

Oregon Commission for the Blind (OCB)

- Created, managed, and launched a survey to acquire comprehensive list of medical providers practicing vision rehabilitation in Oregon. Leading collaboration between OCB, Oregon Optometric Physicians Association (OOPA), and Oregon Ophthalmology Association (OAO).
- Developed strategies to improve communication of patient referrals and outcomes
- Spearheaded three-prong collaborative initiative for Casey Eye Institute, OHSU Diabetes Education Center, and OCB – lead creator of educational seminar and training to improve Diabetes Management/Education for visually impaired, conducted at OCB All Staff Meeting, *November 2012*
- Invited participant of Training Center Challenge Course with OCB students, *April 2012*

Oregon Health and Science University – Rehabilitation Services at the Center for Health and Healing

- Developed and strategized team approach in vision rehabilitation model with Occupational Therapy
- Trained Occupational Therapy in Vision Rehabilitation

Oregon Health and Science University – Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center

- Systematized diabetes management tools for visually impaired patients with OHSU Pharmacy Department and Diabetes Health Center
- Assessed and initiated referral strategies for patient compliance and access of services
- Developed collaboration and created access for diabetic education to be tailored to visually impaired patients
- Organized and coordinated presentation for Diabetes Health Center to Casey Eye Institute Staff and Faculty

Oregon Health and Science University – Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitative Services - Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC) and Doernbecher Children's Hospital

- "Vision Rehabilitation: Building the Team", invited educational speaker
- Developed referral strategies between Occupational Therapy Services and Vision Rehabilitation Service
- Initiated collegial exchange of expertise between disciplines for improved vision care for pediatric patients and children with multiple handicaps

Portland Art Museum – Blind and Visually Impaired Tours

- Invited Advisor to docents for revising program and expanding community development, *November 2011*
- Invited Focus Group participant for program and community development, *February 2011*

Pacific Northwest Diabetes Summit

- Oregon Health and Science University – Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center, *Volunteer, November 2011*

Intel Corporation

- Educated, analyzed and advised on low vision research for pre-product development, *September - October 2011*

Special Olympics

- Southern California – Long Beach, CA, *Volunteer Clinician, June 2011*

Oregon Health and Science University – Casey Eye Institute - Elks Children's Eye Center

- Elks Pre-School Vision Screening Program, *Volunteer Clinician, February 2012*
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt, *Volunteer, April 2011*

Oregon Health and Science University – Casey Eye Institute - Medical Contact Lens Service

- Optometric Fellowship Selection Committee, *February 2011, January - February 2012*

Oregon Health and Science University – Macular Degeneration Center

- Advisor/Faculty Physician for Macular Degeneration Center & Low Vision Expo, *2011 - 2013*

"Get Going Oregon"

- Casey Eye Institute Outreach – Diabetes Screening, *Volunteer Faculty Clinician, October 2011*
- Casey Eye Institute – Adult Vision Screening, *Volunteer Faculty Clinician, July 2010*

National Association for Visually Handicapped Community Resource Fair

- Represent the State University of New York College of Optometry - Low Vision Clinic, *Volunteer, May 2009*

Illinois College of Optometry Student Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry, Member since 2004

- *President, 2007 - 2008*
- *Vice President, 2006 - 2007*
- *Class Representative, 2005 - 2006*

Illinois College of Optometry Student Association, Member since 2004

- *Class Representative, 2004 - 2005*

Illinois College of Optometry Student Volunteers in Optometric Services for Humanities, Member 2004 - 2007

- *Student volunteer for mission to Puerto Cortes, Honduras, Central America, February 2007*
- *Class Representative, 2006 - 2007*

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

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Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) and Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE)

- *COPE Reviewer, January 2013 - present*

Accreditation Council on Optometric Education

- *Consultant Optometrist, December 2011 - present*

American Optometric Association, Member since 2004

- Vision Rehabilitation Section, Member since 2005
  - *Vice Chair, 2014 – 2015*
  - *Council Secretary, 2013 – 2014*
  - *Council Member-at-Large, 2012 – 2013*
  - *Newsletter Co-Editor, 2012 to 2014*

Oregon Optometric Physicians Association, Member since 2010

- *Public Health Committee – Low Vision Subcommittee, 2012 - 2014*
- *Invited attendee to Annual Leadership Retreat, August 2011*

Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society, Lifetime Member

- *Elected officer, 2007 - 2008*

American Academy of Optometry, Member since 2004

- *Illinois State Chapter Student Liaison, 2007 – 2008*

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

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- *Vistakon Student Travel Fellowship to attend American Academy of Optometry Meeting, November 2009*
- *William Feinbloom Low Vision Award, May 2008*
- *Richard J. O'Brien II Memorial – Optometric Residency Award, May 2008*
- *American Academy of Optometry Travel Award, December 2006 and October 2007*
- *National Eye Institute Fellowship to do research at State University of New York Optometry, Summer 2005*
- *Wildermuth Foundation Leadership Scholarship, August 2005*

## **SKILLS AND LICENSURE**

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### ***Licensed***

- California, Illinois, New York, Oregon

### ***Languages***

- Mandarin and Cantonese, fluent
- Spanish, basic optometric

## **INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**

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- Biking, painting, photography, and stationery design