

ASOPRS Spring 2009 New Members



Michael H. Boyle, MD

Michael H. Boyle, MD attended Saint Xavier University in Chicago where he graduated *Summa Cum Laude*. He went on to the University of Illinois, Chicago for medical school. His internship and ophthalmology residency were done at Indiana University in Indianapolis. After residency, he completed his ASOPRS fellowship under John Long, MD and

Matthew Vicinanza, MD at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Upon finishing his training, he relocated to Michigan, where he joined Grand Rapids Ophthalmology. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Michigan State University. He lives with his wife Jennifer and their 14-month-old son Liam.



Eli L. Chang, MD

Eli L. Chang, MD is currently the Director of Ophthalmic Plastic, Orbital & Reconstructive Surgery at Doheny Eye Institute at the University of Southern California. Dr. Chang completed his fellowship at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, his Residency at Cornell School of Medicine / The New York Presbyterian Hospital and his Internship

at Charity Hospital of Louisiana. He is a graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine and received his undergraduate degree from UCLA. Dr. Chang currently resides in Seal Beach, CA with wife Eugenia & 3 children. He maintains an active lifestyle traveling the world to find perfect waves to surf or competing in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tournaments.



Melanie H. Erb, MD

Dr. Melanie Ho Erb earned her BA from UCLA and obtained her MD from the University of California at Irvine. She completed both her General Surgery internship and her Ophthalmology residency at University of California at Irvine, as well. She received her fellowship training in Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

at Eyesthetica in Santa Monica, mentored by program director, Steven C. Dresner, MD, and faculty, Michael A. Burnstine, MD. Dr. Erb taught and supervised ophthalmology residents at both UC Irvine and University of Southern California (USC). She is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at UC Irvine. Prior to her medical career, Dr. Erb had a previous business career as a Certified Public Accountant at KPMG Peat Marwick and as a Controller in Real Estate Development. After fellowship, Dr. Erb was fortunate to join Drs. Dresner and Burnstine in practice.



Nadia A. Kazim, MD

Board-Certified Ophthalmologist Nadia A. Kazim, MD, is an eyelid and facial cosmetic surgeon at Florida Eye Health in Fort Myers, FL. Dr. Kazim received her Bachelor of Science in Biology and her Medical Degree from Howard University in Washington, DC. She completed her Ophthalmology

Residency at Kresge Eye Institute in Detroit, MI and her Ophthalmic and Plastic Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship with Dr. Frank Nesi at Consultants in Ophthalmic & Facial Plastic Surgery in Southfield, MI. Dr. Kazim is the Director of Oculoplastic Surgery at the Aesthetic & Cosmetic Laser Center at Florida Eye Health, and specializes primarily in eyelid surgery and facial cosmetic procedures. She has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors and was involved in several research projects during her residency at Kresge Eye Institute. She has co-authored articles in such national journals as the American Journal of Ophthalmology, Ophthalmic Plastic Reconstructive Surgery, and Ocular Surgery News. Dr. Kazim was selected by the Consumers' Research Council of America for inclusion in the 2009 Guide to America's Top Ophthalmologists. In addition to her membership in the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Dr. Kazim is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Medical Association, and the American Medical Women's Association. Dr. Kazim sees patients in all of the offices of Florida Eye Health with locations in Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Punta Gorda, Lehigh Acres and Naples.



Brett S. Kotlus, MD, MS

Brett S. Kotlus, MD, MS was born in New York City. He received his medical degree from the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University. He completed his residency in Ophthalmology at the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. He received his Master's

degree in Genetics at the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Kotlus completed a two year accredited fellowship in oculofacial plastic surgery and cosmetic surgery with Dr. Robert Dryden. Recently, Dr. Kotlus took part in a medical mission to Mongolia to share his oculoplastic knowledge. In 2007, he was the first recipient of two Cosmetic Surgery Foundation research grants. He currently practices in Shelby Township, Michigan, at Allure Medical Spa. 95% of his practice consists of cosmetic procedures. In his free time, Dr. Kotlus enjoys kitesurfing, running, and snowboarding.



Gary J. Lelli, Jr., MD

Gary J. Lelli, Jr. is an Assistant Professor in the Weill Cornell Department of Ophthalmology of New York Presbyterian Hospital, where he oversees the Division of Oculoplastic Surgery. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and his medical degree from the Mount Sinai School of

Medicine. He completed ophthalmology residency at the W.K. Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan Medical Center, where he served as chief resident. His ASOPRS fellowship was completed under the direction of Drs. Richard Lisman, Mike Kazim, Beth Maher and Jim Milite at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, New York University Hospital, Bellevue Medical Center, Columbia University and the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary.



Ronald Mancini, MD

Ronald Mancini, MD, is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA. He received his MD in Boston, MA at Tufts University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at Medical College of Wisconsin where he was selected as Chief Resident. In addition to ASOPRS

fellowship training at UCLA in oculofacial and orbital surgery he completed an additional one year fellowship in cosmetic facial surgery and rhinoplasty in Santa Monica, CA. He is also a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery. Dr. Mancini's research interests include: fat transfer and grafting techniques, for which his research is funded by the Cosmetic Surgery Foundation, and face lift surgery techniques. Dr. Mancini has published over 60 abstracts and peer reviewed publications. Dr. Mancini is the 2008 recipient of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Webster Paper Award. Dr. Mancini is actively involved in humanitarian work and is a member of the CRISP Foundation surgical team with which he travels biannually to Guatemala where he performs eyelid and orbital reconstructive surgery and cleft lip and palate surgery.



Jasmine Mohadjer, MD

Dr. Mohadjer is a Fellowship Trained, Board Certified Ophthalmologist strictly specializing in Cosmetic & Reconstructive Oculofacial Plastic surgery. Dr. Mohadjer is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Medicine and completed her ophthalmology residency at Saint Louis Univeristy Hospital. She then completed

a 2-year ASOPRS fellowship with Dr. John B. Holds in private practice and Dr. Philip L. Custer at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. She is now in full time practice as an oculofacial surgeon at the Eye Institute of West Florida in Tampa Bay, Florida where she is enjoying the warm weather and the sandy beaches.



Jeremiah P. Tao, MD

Jeremiah Tao, MD is an Assistant Professor and the Director of Oculofacial Plastic and Orbital Surgery at the University of California, Irvine – Gavin Herbert Eye Institute. He also serves as Ophthalmology Residency Program Director. Outside UC Irvine in Orange County CA, Jeremiah has been active with

charitable endeavors both here and abroad. Most recently, and along with Sonny McCord and John Shore, he completed an oculoplastic surgery mission at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center in Tanzania, East Africa. Jeremiah is the recipient of the 2008 ASOPRS Research Award. He completed his ASOPRS accredited fellowship with Bill Nunery at Indiana University. A Duke University graduate, Jeremiah was also an NCAA national finalist and letter-winner on the Duke varsity soccer team.



M. Reza Vagefi, MD

M. Reza Vagefi, MD is an assistant professor of ophthalmology with the Scheie Eye Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the oculofacial plastic and orbital surgery service after completing a fellowship with Richard L. Anderson, MD and John D. McCann, MD, PhD at the Center for Facial Appearances in Salt Lake City,

Utah. He is also currently the director of the oculoplastic service at the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Medical Center. Dr. Vagefi completed residency training at the University of California, San Francisco and internship at Stanford University. He is a graduate of Yale University School of Medicine and received an undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Vagefi's research interests include the anophthalmic socket, blepharospasm, and facial nerve injury. During his free time, he enjoys being with his wife and their dog.

Other 2009 Inductees:

Ebby Elahi, MD

Marsha C. Kavanagh, MD

Cari E. Lyle, MD