Student extern director

Bill Denton, OD

**Hometown:** Sault Ste. Marie, MI (Yes, that's in the Upper Peninsula!)

**Optometry School:** Michigan College of Optometry

**Residency:** WJB Dorn VAMC – Columbia, SC (Primary Care)

**Previous Job:** Chief of Low Vision at WJB Dorn VAMC

**Accomplishments:**
- Fellowship in American Academy of Optometry (AAO)
- Fellowship in Optometric Retina Society (ORS)
- Fellowship in Scleral Lens Education Society (SLS)
- Member of the NBEO PAM Part II Council
- Membership Committee Chair for ORS
- Former Member of the AAO Admittance Committee
Residency supervisor

**Optometry School:** University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Optometry
- OD and MS in Physiological Optics

**Residency:** University of Houston School of Optometry
- Low Vision/Rehabilitative Optometry

**Previous Positions:**
- Physician liaison for Medflow EHR
- Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Medical University of SC

**Accomplishments:**
- Private practice owner x 10+ years
- Speaker to national optometry/ophthalmology audiences regarding Meaningful Use and other government healthcare regulations
- Former Director of Low Vision services at the Medical University of South Carolina Storm Eye Institute

**Hobbies:** dragon boating, cycling, and traveling

Kelly Singleton, OD, MS
Why choose the RHJ VA?

**Dedication**

- Two full time optometrists with 25+ years’ experience in both VA and private practice
- Strong partnership with ophthalmology
- Attending docs = Mentors
  - Positive approach to teaching
  - Engaged in your success – individualized growth plan for each student
  - Assist you in finding your residency and/or future job
  - Offer suggestions for housing
  - Flexibility for time off when needed
Why choose the RHJ VA?

**Experience**
- High volume of complex ocular disease patients; preparation for Part II
- Expect 8-12 patients a day; prepare your efficiency for life after optometry school
- Gain confidence in ordering labs and imaging
- Coding and billing will be emphasized, which is how you get paid in practice
- Guided *autonomy* is encouraged for determining assessment and treatment plan as well as patient education
- Encourage independent thinking; we want to see you grow from thinking like a student to thinking like the doctor.
RHJ VA Residents
A day in the life at RHJ

**Glaucoma**
- treat IOP of 50

**Blebitis**
- gtt around the clock

**Horseshoe retinal tear**

**Traumatic aniridia**
- prosthetic CL

**New hemianopsia**
- discuss driving

**Bilateral uveitis**
- order labs

**Dislocated IOL**
- pt education

**Central K ulcer**
- culture

**Vitreous hemorrhage**
- B scan

**Corneal transplant**
- scleral

...more **GLAUCOMA**
**Opportunities - you can choose what interests you**

- Various clinic opportunities
  - *Ocular disease*
  - Specialty contact lenses – scleral lenses, RGP, and medically necessary soft lenses
  - Low vision including Parkinson / TBI
  - Acute care triage from Emergency Department
- Shadowing ophthalmology sub-specialties in clinic and **surgery**
  - Retina
  - Glaucoma
  - Cornea
  - Oculoplastics
  - Cataract surgery and immediate post-operative care
  - Strabismus (MUSC)
- Shadow other medical specialties
  - Neurology
  - Infectious Disease
  - Vestibular/Balance clinic
  - Interdisciplinary team evaluations; inpatient and outpatient
Grand Rounds

- Weekly grand rounds presentations from ophthalmology residents
- Weekly morning lectures with optometry Attendings, resident and guest speakers
- Monthly journal club
- Student case presentations encouraged, optional

NBEO Part III

- In close proximity to Charlotte, NC
- Our Nurse Education Department will work with you to teach/review injections on a practice arm in our Simulation Lab prior to your test
State of the Art Testing Equipment

Optos California
Optos Silverstone (OCT)
Keratograph - *meibomography*
Pentacam
Anterior segment photography
Humphrey VF with Liquid Lens (2)
OCT 6000 (4)
Tear Lab
B-scan (2)
Things to do
Palmetto trail: 500-mile foot and mountain bike trail across SC for recreational hiking, biking, backpacking, and horseback riding.

Swamp Fox Passage

Trail Activity:

Length:

47.2 miles
THINGS TO DO
Strengths of our program

- GLAUCOMA
- Imaging and testing interpretation
- Plus cylinder refractions
- Billing and coding
- Surgery shadowing
- ... it’s Charleston!
Location, Location, Location!
Charleston voted the South’s Best City
QUESTIONS?

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