

# SPEAKERS



## **Marc Bloomenstein, OD**

Dr. Marc Bloomenstein is a 1990 graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles with a degree in Biology. He received his optometric degree from the New England College of Optometry in 1994. After graduation, Dr. Bloomenstein finished a residency in secondary ophthalmic care at the Barnet Dulaney Eye Center in

Phoenix, Arizona. He received his fellowship from the American Academy of Optometry in December 1998.

Currently, Dr. Bloomenstein is the Director of Optometric Services at the Schwartz Laser Eye Center in Scottsdale, Arizona and President of MRB Eye Consultants. Dr. Bloomenstein is on the editorial board of Primary Care of Optometry News, Review of Optometry, Optometry Times, Modern Optometry, Optometric Management and a frequent contributor to other various optometric journals. Dr. Bloomenstein served as the Chairman of the AOA Continuing Education Committee and served on the board of the Ocular Surface Society of Optometry (OSSO), as well as a founding member of the Optometric Cornea, Cataract, and Refractive Society (OCCRS). Dr. Bloomenstein has served as President of the Arizona Optometric Association, Legislation Chair and President of the Board of the Arizona Optometric Charitable Foundation. Dr. Bloomenstein has delivered over 1500 invited lectures worldwide and serves as a consultant to numerous industry-leading pharmaceutical, biomedical and information technology companies.

## **Andrew Morgenstern, OD, FFAO, FNAP**

Andrew Morgenstern, OD FFAO FNAP is the Director and Methodologist of the American Optometric Association (AOA) Clinical Resources Group that develops the AOA Evidence Based Clinical Practice Guidelines. Additionally, he is a contract Optometric Subject Matter Expert for the United States Department of Defense (DoD)/Defense Health Agency (DHA) Research and Development (J9) Directorate-Vision Center of Excellence (VCE) located at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Dr. Morgenstern is a credentialed clinician at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Department of Surgery/Ophthalmology, Medical Evaluation Treatment Team and Optometry services.

Dr. Morgenstern is the Co-Founder and President of the International Keratoconus Academy of Eye Care Professionals (IKA), Past President of the Optometric Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Society (OCCRS), Past President of the Maryland Optometric Association, and Chief Medical Editor Emeritus of Advanced Ocular Care and Collaborative Eye. He is currently adjunct clinical faculty at the Uniformed Services University (US Military Medical School) and the Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry. Dr. Morgenstern has served as the Co-Chair of the *Ophthalmologic Disease Management Clinical Subcommittee for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) Episode-Based Resource Use Measures* and has been an invited lecturer at the United States National Academy of Sciences Engineering and Medicine



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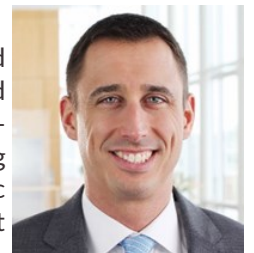
He is a graduate of Boston University (B.S.), Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry (O.D., Clinical Honors) and completed his training at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute (BPEI) at the University of Miami School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology. He is board certified by the American Board of Optometry, a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a Distinguished Practitioner of the National Academies of Practice. Dr. Morgenstern has special clinical interest in corneal refractive surgery and refractive solutions; artificial intelligence and machine learning in telemedicine; corneal ectatic disease and treatment; acute eye injury and visual dysfunction associated with traumatic brain injury and diabetic eye disease.

### Awards and Honors:

- 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient Boston University
- 2012 Dean's Advisory Board Appointment Boston University
- 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry
- 2015 Maryland Optometric Association (MOA) Optometrist of the Year
- 2015 American Optometric Association (AOA) Presidential Award
- 2019 Distinguished Practitioner and Fellow of the National Academies of Practice (NAP)
- 2019 Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS) Orion Award Recipient

## **Justin Schweitzer, OD**

Dr. Justin Schweitzer specializes in advanced glaucoma, refractive surgical clinical care, and anterior segment pathology at Vance Thompson Vision. He received his professional training and Doctor of Optometry degree from Pacific University College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Oregon.



In 2012, he pursued his dream to focus on glaucoma, advanced anterior segment surgery care and pathology, joining Vance Thompson Vision in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He earned Fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry in 2013, is the Optometric Externship Director at Vance Thompson Vision, Associate Optometric Residency Director, and Adjunct Clinical Professor of the Illinois College of Optometry and Kentucky College of Optometry.

Dr. Schweitzer regularly lectures on glaucoma, anterior segment pathology, refractive surgical clinical care, and surgical management at state, regional, and national meetings. He is currently the Chief Medical Editor for Modern Optometry and has contributed book chapters, journal articles, and case studies in peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed journals including Review of Optometry, Optometry Times, Primary Care Optometry News, Optometric Management, The Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Clinical Ophthalmology, and The Journal of Glaucoma. He has research interests in minimally invasive glaucoma surgery and biomechanical properties of the cornea as it relates to glaucoma. Dr. Schweitzer is an advocate of an integrated eye care delivery model and is currently serving as President for the South Dakota Optometric Society.