

Fight For Sight 2010 Annual Report

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Norman Kleiman, PhD
President, Board of Directors

Dear Friends, Supporters, Alumni and Mentors:

We are pleased to present **Fight for Sight's** 2010 annual report.

Despite a challenging world economy, **Fight for Sight** has stayed focused on its core mission of identifying, supporting and nurturing the next generation of academic ophthalmologists and eye and vision researchers. Through your generosity we provided 35 grants to promising scientists, many of whom, we are confident, will make a significant impact on eye and vision care, treatment and research in the years ahead.

We funded twenty-three Summer Student Fellowships, 7 Post-Doctoral Awards and 5 Grants-in-Aid. **Fight for Sight's** 2010 grantees worked in a number of important areas that affect the vision of millions of individuals, including glaucoma, macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, aniridia, cataracts, dry eye and amblyopia. You can read about their exciting work and accomplishments in the pages that follow.

To leverage the value of your financial support, we continue to establish new partnerships between **Fight for Sight** and other organizations that share our commitment to vision research. In doing so, we maximize your donations and our own grant dollars.

Specific 2010 collaborations included:

A partnership between **Fight for Sight** and the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society (NANOS) to fund a research project examining drug delivery systems for optic nerve disease.

A co-sponsorship between **Fight for Sight** and WomensEyeHealth.org to support a Summer Student Fellowship for the study of gender disparities in eye disease.

In the year ahead we plan additional partnerships with the **American Uveitis Society**, with joint funding for research into this serious and potentially blinding disorder and the **Eye Bank for Sight Restoration**, to jointly sponsor research into corneal disease.

We will celebrate our 65th Anniversary in 2011. It is the passion, determination and plain old hard work of our Founder, Mildred Weisenfeld, and those who followed in her footsteps that has allowed **Fight for Sight** to provide over 20 million dollars in grants to more than 3,000 investigators. We are proud that many of our grantees have gone on to leadership roles in academic research, clinical care and industry.

I thank you for your past, present and future support personally, on behalf of **Fight for Sight's** Board of Directors, for the young scientists we fund – and for the millions of people whose improved vision is the result of our shared belief in Mildred's passion.

Sincerely yours,

Norman J. Kleiman, PhD
President, Board of Directors



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The Scientific Review Committee (SRC) is charged with reviewing and evaluating grant applications for Summer Student Fellowships, Post-Doctoral Awards and Grants-in-Aid. It is composed of prominent research scientists, academic ophthalmologists and clinician scientists representing a broad range of disciplines in ophthalmology, vision and eye research. Many received a FFS grant earlier in their career and/or have served as FFS mentors to the next generation of awardees.

FFS strives to create a diverse group of reviewers representing many of the best academic and clinical institutions across the country, who help us choose the best and brightest young students and scientists for our awards. Our review process is modeled on the peer review system utilized by the National Institutes of Health, which evaluate and rank each application on scientific merit, strength of institutional resources and clinical relevance.

Each year, the SRC meets in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) to review award applications in roundtable discussions among its members. The SRC is one of Fight for Sight's greatest assets and we are extremely grateful for their assistance, dedication and hard work.

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The SRC at work during ARVO, May, 2011

Scientific Review Committee (SRC)

SRC 2010 continued

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Linda L. Kusner, PhD

Assistant Research Professor of Ophthalmology
St. Louis University

**Contribution of classical complement cascade
to ocular myasthenia gravis**

● MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

Grants-in-Aid are intended to fund pilot projects and generate preliminary results for investigators who have limited or no other research funding. Grants-in-Aid are awarded to junior faculty members who are developing their independent scientific skills. A majority of Grant-in-Aid recipients go on to successfully compete for larger, multi-year awards from the NIH or other governmental and private sources utilizing preliminary results generated by their FFS funded GIA award

“The Fight for Sight grant has allowed me to progress in the scientific investigation into ocular myasthenia gravis. The award has resulted in preliminary work that will be presented at the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America scientific session as well as used to seek funding for future clinical studies.”



Krysten M. Farjo, PhD

Assistant Professor of Research
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Development of a novel non-retinoid based visual cycle inhibitor as a potential therapeutic for dry age-related macular degeneration and Stargardt’s disease

● **AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION (AMD)**



Pedram Hamrah, MD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, Harvard University

In vivo imaging of leukocyte trafficking in corneal transplantation—mechanisms and consequences

● **CORNEAL TRANSPLANTATION**



Martin J. Heur, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
University of Southern California

Anatomical analysis of the critical period: Characterizing retinal ganglion cell projections to the brain

● **VISUAL PROCESSING**



Simon Kaja, PhD

Research Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
University of Missouri Kansas City

Lacrimal gland dysfunction: A first step towards pharmacotherapy of dry-eye disease

● **DRY EYE**

Post-Doctoral Awards support individuals with a doctorate (PhD, MD, DrPH, OD or DVM) who are interested in academic careers in basic or clinical research in ophthalmology, vision or related sciences. Awardees typically spend a year or more engaged in vision and eye research under the supervision of a senior scientist/clinician mentor.



“With the support of Fight for Sight, I have worked to better our understanding of the development of muscles that move our eyes and allow us to have depth perception...this lays the ground work for potentially developing new approaches for treating strabismus, preventing amblyopia (“lazy eye”) in children, and treating double vision in adults.”

Brenda L. Bohnsack, MD, PhD

University of Michigan

Mentor: Alon Kahana, MD, PhD

The role of insulin-like growth factor signaling in zebrafish orbital development and extraocular muscle organization

● **STRABISMUS**

2010 Post-Doctoral Fellowships



Ethan D. Buhr, PhD

University of Washington

Mentor: Russell N. Van Gelder, MD, PhD

Changes in transcriptional oscillations in the retina and brain in response to changing seasons: Role of ocular melanopsin in seasonal photoperiodism

● **CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS/SLEEP DISORDERS**



Shoujun Chen, PhD

University of South Florida

Mentor: David E. Birk, PhD

The novel role of decorin in corneal structural organization: A transgenic mouse model of human congenital stromal corneal dystrophy

● **CORNEAL DISEASE**



David S. Hammond, PhD

University of California Berkeley

Mentor: Christine F. Wildsoet, OD, PhD

Long term effect of experimentally induced myopia on IGF expression in chick retinal pigment epithelium and implications for protection against diabetic retinopathy

● **DIABETIC RETINOPATHY**



Yanhua Lin, PhD

John. A. Moran Eye Center

Mentor: Robert E. Marc, PhD

The role of retinoic acid signaling in neuritogenesis of retinal degenerative disease

● **RETINAL DEGENERATION**



Mallika Palamoor, PhD

University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Mentor: Monica M. Jablonski, PhD

Development of a nanoparticle drug delivery system for AMD

● **AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION (AMD)**



Qing Zhang, MD

Emory University School of Medicine

Mentor: Hans E. Grossniklaus, MD, MBA

Small molecular HIF inhibitor KCN1 for the control of uveal melanoma in vitro and in vivo eye cancer

● **OCULAR MELANOMA**

Summer Student Fellowships are awarded to undergraduates, graduate and medical students interested in pursuing eye-related clinical or basic research. For most students, this is their first exposure to eye or vision research and the experience has helped influence many students to choose academic ophthalmology or eye and vision research as a full-time career.



Ximena A. Arata

New York Eye and Ear Infirmary

Mentor: Robert Ritch, MD, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary
Estimating the prevalence of central visual field defects in normal tension glaucoma patients with achromatic perimetric loss

● **GLAUCOMA**



Alexander Barsam

Washington University, St. Louis

Mentor: Susan M. Culican, MD, PhD, Washington University (St. Louis)
Anatomical analysis of the critical period: Characterizing retinal ganglion cell projections to the brain

● **AMBLYOPIA**



Emilie Chan

Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University

Mentor: Pradeep Y. Ramulu, MD, PhD, MHS, Wilmer Eye Institute, JHU
Risk factors and family history in primary angle closure glaucoma

● **GLAUCOMA**



Maryam Dosani

University of British Columbia, Canada

Mentor: Jason J. S. Barton, MD, PhD, University of British Columbia, Canada
The effects of adaptation on discrimination of facial expression

● **VISUAL PROCESSING**



William D. Ferrell

University of Utah, John A. Moran Eye Center

Mentor: Robert E. Marc, PhD, John A. Moran Eye Center
Metabolic markers of photoreceptor light induced damage

● **RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA, AMD**



Kara Fields

Basil V. Worgul Lens Research Fellowship

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Mentor: Norman J. Kleiman, PhD, Columbia University
Radiation cataract as a model for genetic determinants of response to DNA damaging environmental stress

● **CATARACT**

Summer Student Fellowships



Sandeep Gopalakrishnan

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Mentor: Janis Thane Eells, PhD, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Evaluation of the therapeutic potential of photobiomodulation in a rodent model of retinitis pigmentosa

● RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA



Katie Hallahan

Cleveland Clinic

Mentor: William J. Dupps, Jr, MD, PhD, Cleveland Clinic
Corneal optical coherence elastography for screening and simulation-based surgery

● REFRACTIVE SURGERY



Siya Huo

Cleveland Clinic

Sponsored by the Walter and Adi Blum Foundation

Mentor: Peter Kazuo Kaiser, MD, Cleveland Clinic

Use of enhanced depth imaging optical coherence tomography to measure changes in choroidal thickness in glaucomatous eyes

● GLAUCOMA



Christopher K. Hwang

Emory University

Mentor: P. Michael Iuvone, PhD, Emory University

NQ02: A novel target to reduce oxidative stress in retinal pigment epithelium

● AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION (AMD)

"Fight for Sight allowed me to work full time on an independent research project that increased my awareness of the significant impact of vision related disorders on patients, and use modern lab techniques to carry out research to develop new therapies. I will carry the valuable lessons for the rest of my career, the value of a Fight for Sight grant is immeasurable."



Dan S. Kasprick

University of Michigan

Mentor: Alon Kahana, MD, PhD,
University of Michigan

Development and regeneration of extraocular muscles in zebrafish

● STRABISMUS



Nikisha Kothari

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami

Mentor: Abigail S. Hackam, PhD, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami

The role of galectin-3 in regulating the neuroprotective wnt signaling pathway: A potential link to AMD

● **AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION (AMD)**



Michaela A. Minichello

University of Dayton

Mentor: Amit Singh, PhD, University of Dayton

Drosophila eye model to understand the genetic basis of aniridia, a birth defect of the eye

● **ANIRIDIA**



Joshua D. Pratt

University of Houston

Mentor: Harold E. Bedell, PhD, University of Houston

Reading speed in normal subjects with simulated central scotomas that vary in visibility and information content

● **AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION (AMD)**



Ananth Sastry

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami

Mentor: Jeffrey L. Goldberg, MD, PhD, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami

The role of ankyrin B in corneal endothelial cells

● **CORNEA/FUCH'S DYSTROPHY**



Tyler J. Schroeder

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Mentor: De-Ann M. Pillers, MD, PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Does mutant kir7.1 channel render a dominant negative function in snowflake vitreoretinal degeneration

● **HEREDITARY EYE DISEASE**

"I am ecstatic to have received this grant. Without it, my project would have slowed to a halt soon after the collection of our preliminary results. With it, I have been able to design and conduct an experiment I believe to be worthy of publication."



Andrew J. McClellan

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SUMMER STUDENT FELLOWSHIP**

Baylor College of Medicine

Mentor: Stephen C. Pflugfelder, MD, Baylor College of Medicine

The Effect of Gender on Spontaneous, Age-Related Dry Eye Disease

● **DRY EYE**

Summer Student Fellowships



Jesse D. Sengillo

University of Rochester

Mentor: Stephen Tsang, Columbia University

Absolute autofluorescent imaging of retinas with inherited dystrophies

● **RETINAL DEGENERATION**



Marc D. Succi

Harvard Medical School

Mentor: Alexander K. Ball, PhD, Schepens Eye Research Institute, Harvard University,

Changes in the expression of tenascin-X in the rat retina and optic nerve: Insight into neural scarring

● **GLAUCOMA**



Paul M. Titchenell

Penn State University

Mentor: David A. Antonetti, PhD, Penn State University

Targeting atypical protein kinase C isoforms for the treatment of macular edema

● **DIABETIC RETINOPATHY**



Guadalupe G. Villarreal Jr.

Harvard Medical School

Mentor: Douglas J. Rhee, MD, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard Medical School

Involvement of the microRNA-29 family in the coordinated regulation of extracellular matrix genes by TGF- β in the trabecular meshwork

● **GLAUCOMA**



Frank Yang

University of California, Berkeley

Mentor: Christine F. Wildsoet, OD, PhD, University of California Berkeley

UV lighting effects on experimental emmetropization using young chicks and implications for the protective effect of outdoors on human myopia

● **MYOPIA**

“It is a privilege to receive this honor and the support of both Fight for Sight and NANOS. Under the committed mentorship of Dr. Louise Mawn, I am pursuing this project with enthusiasm as well as with tremendous gratitude.”

Karen E. Schmitt, MD

FIGHT FOR SIGHT / NANOS AWARD

Vanderbilt Eye Institute

Mentor: Lousie Mawn, MD

Novel Nanosponge Delivery System for Optic Nerve Disease

● **OPTIC NEUROPATHY**



Did You Know?

- Fight for Sight has awarded over \$20 million for eye research and children's eye clinics since 1946.

- Fight for Sight supported these notable leaders early in their careers: Harold Scheie, MD (1950), founder of the Scheie Eye Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, Arthur Jampolsky, MD (1952), whose efforts led to the creation of the Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute, A. Edward Maumenee, MD (1958) former director of the Wilmer Eye Institute, founder of the Eye Bank Association of America and a potent force behind the creation of the National Eye Institute, Carl Kupfer, MD (1961), Director of the NEI for 30 years, Paul Sieving, MD, PhD, current Director of the National Eye Institute, László Bitó, PhD (1965), who developed the glaucoma drug Xalatan, and Robert Machemer, MD (1966) the "father" of modern retinal surgery.

- Fight for Sight has contributed directly or indirectly to major advances in ophthalmology and vision research, including development of the Intraocular Lens (IOL), donor cornea preservation, various use of ophthalmic lasers, glaucoma therapies, and stem cell research.

- Fight for Sight supporters have included Bob Hope, Sammy Davis, Jr., Stevie Wonder, Barbara Streisand and Nancy Kerrigan as well as many other notable celebrities.

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Mildred Weisenfeld Society

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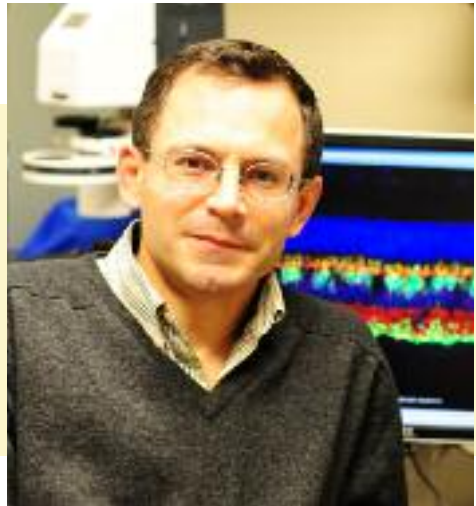
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In 2011, Fight for Sight will celebrate its 65th anniversary. During the year we have planned a series of events to honor and recognize the contributions of our remarkable founder Mildred Weisenfeld, who started FFS in 1946 after losing her sight to retinitis pigmentosa. During the next decades, Mildred almost single-handedly drove the campaign to create awareness of the need for more eye research funding.

"A Fight for Sight Nowak family grant which I was awarded a few years ago was instrumental in supporting some of the initial studies that led to the successful rescue of photoreceptors by corrective gene therapy in two canine models of X-linked retinitis pigmentosa".

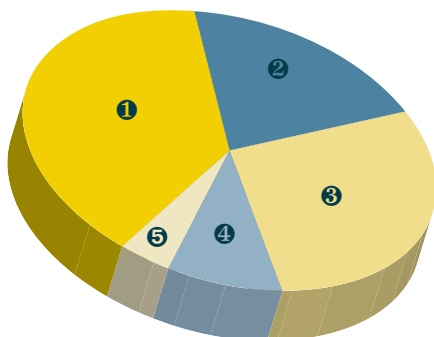
William A. Beltran, DVM, PhD, Dip. ECVO
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology



"I have spent my career in vision as the administrator of the Department of Ophthalmology, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. Therefore, I understand, better than most, the critical importance of Fight for Sight's support to young scientists. Now, as a Fight for Sight Board member, I also know the critical importance of individual, foundation and corporate philanthropy in assisting us to fulfill our mission. I am a Fight for Sight donor and I encourage you to become one too."

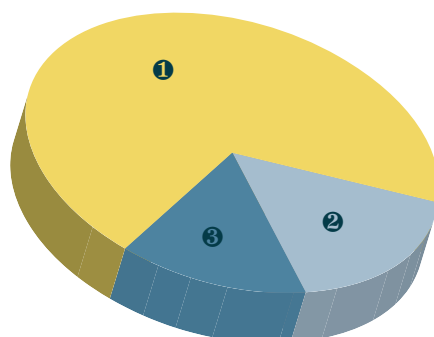
Gaby Kressly
Secretary & Treasurer
Fight for Sight Board of Directors

Financial Highlights



SUPPORT AND REVENUE 2010*

① Public Support and Revenue	39%
② Legacies and Bequests	19%
③ Interest and Dividends	29%
④ Other Revenue	9%
⑤ Change in Value of Beneficial Trust	4%



EXPENSES 2010*

① Program Services	68%
② Fundraising	14%
③ Administration	18%

REVENUE

	Fiscal Period Jan 1, 2010- December 31, 2010
Public Support and Revenue	\$ 68,512
Legacies and Bequests	\$ 33,378
Interest and Dividends	\$ 52,268
Other Revenue	\$ 15,986
Change in Value of Beneficial Trust	\$ 6,434

Total Public Support and Revenue \$ 176,568

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 501,300
Administration	\$ 130,488
Fundraising	\$ 106,494

TOTAL \$ 738,282

Change in New Assets	\$ (561,704)
Investment Activities	\$ 239,490
Net Change	\$ (322,214)

Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 3,453,612
Net Assets End of Year	\$ 3,131,398



David H. Abramson, MD, FACS,
Chief, Ophthalmic Oncology Service,
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer
Center. 1979 Grant-In-Aid, Cornell
University Medical Center.

A Fight For Sight Success Story

"Fight for Sight gave me my first grant over 30 years ago. That support and encouragement profoundly influenced my professional path and steered me into a life of academic ophthalmology. I recently received the Alcon Research Institute Award and without the initial support from FFS I doubt that I could have ever achieved that."

David H. Abramson, MD



How Can You Help Fight for Sight?

For over six decades Fight for Sight has been dependent on individuals, the scientific and medical communities, foundations and corporations for support advancing our mission to *support and inspire eye and vision research by funding promising scientists early in their careers*. Today we need your help more than ever. Here are some very specific ways for you to help us:

- Make a donation to *Fight for Sight* on our website **www.fightforsight.org**. You can also mail your contribution to Fight for Sight, 381 Park Avenue South, Suite 809, New York, NY 10016. If you, your spouse or significant other work for an employer with a matching gift program, your gift could be doubled.
- Consider joining the *Mildred Weisenfeld Society*, a group of individuals who have included *Fight for Sight* in their estate plans. For specific information about membership in the *Mildred Weisenfeld Society*, or to discuss other planned gift options, please contact our Executive Director at (212) 679-6060.
- If you are a past *Fight for Sight* grantee, consider becoming part of our Scientific Review Committee. Membership applications for this critical group of scientist/educators are available on our website, **www.fightforsight.org**. Go to the About Us tab, then to the *Scientific Review Committee* section.
- Past *Fight for Sight* grant recipients are the best mentors for future awardees. Your best and brightest younger colleagues may be eligible for our grants. Encourage them to apply.
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