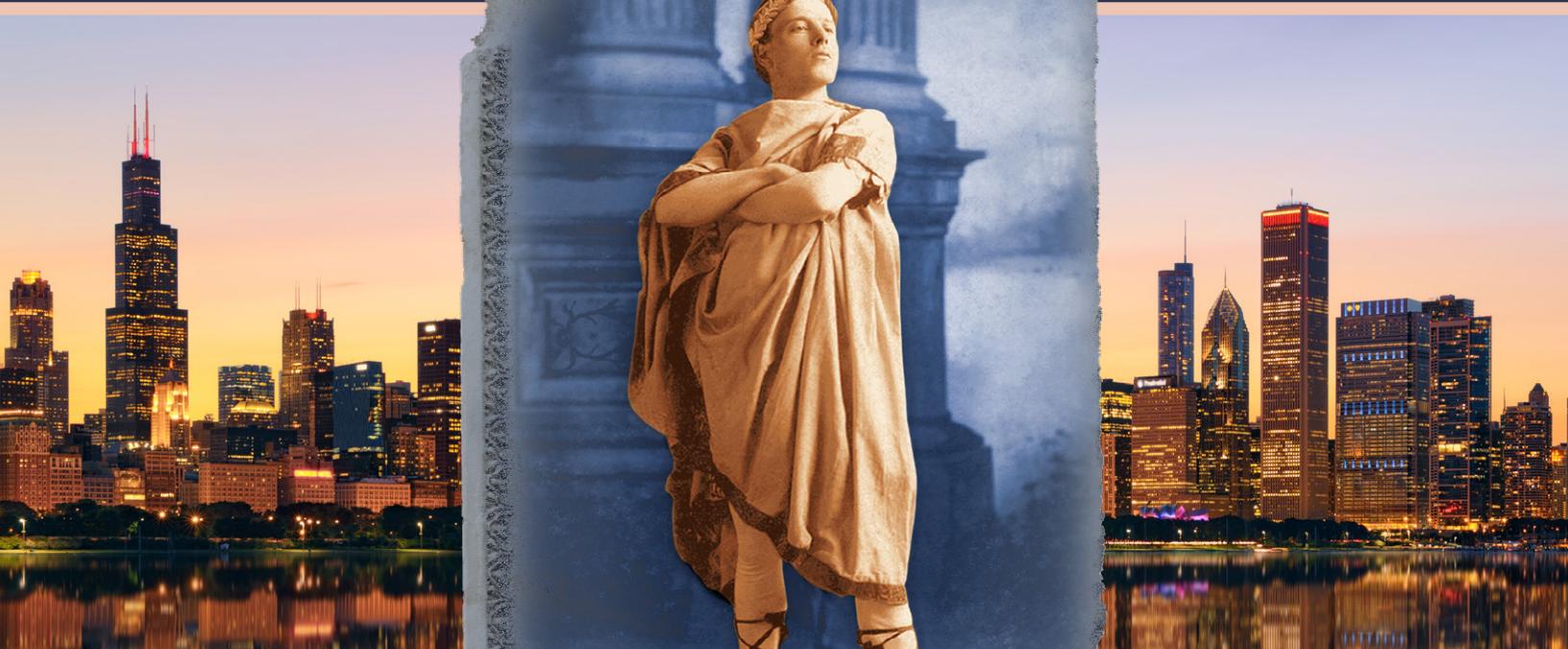


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Distinguished Guest Speaker

DEAN ELIOTT, MD, FASRS

Advice for Early Career (and Beyond...)

Saturday, January 31
11:40 AM

Dean Elliott, MD, FASRS, is the S.E. Gragoudas Professor of Ophthalmology, Director Emeritus of the Retina Service, and Director of the Retina Fellowship at Massachusetts Eye and Ear of Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Elliott received his undergraduate degree with honors from Duke University, and he received his medical degree with honors from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital, and he received his retina fellowship training at the Duke Eye Center of Duke University Medical Center. He then served as Chief Resident and retina faculty member at Duke.

Following this, Dr. Elliott was the Director of the Retina Service, Associate Professor, and Retina Fellowship Director at the Kresge Eye Institute of Wayne State University School of Medicine. Subsequently, he was the Director of the Doheny Retina Institute, Professor, and Retina Fellowship Director at the Doheny Eye Institute of the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine.

Dr. Elliott has received numerous teaching awards, including the Crystal Apple Award from the American Society of Retina Specialists and the Lifetime Mentor Award from the Vit-Buckle Society. He has participated in all of the major annual fellowship teaching conferences, including the Mass. Eye & Ear Vitrectomy Course, Fellows' Forum, the Duke Vitrectomy Course, Jump Start Retina, and Transitions into Clinical Practice. He has been a principal investigator for many clinical trials, including sustained-release drug implants, the Argus II retinal prosthesis, stem cell-derived retinal pigment epithelial cell transplants, stem cell-derived retinal progenitor cell transplants, and gene therapy studies. He is on the editorial board for several journals, and he has over 300 publications in ophthalmic journals and textbooks. Dr. Elliott has special interest in diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachment, trauma, proliferative vitreoretinopathy, and surgery for complex retina-vitreous disorders.

Friday

January 30

9:00 – 11:00 AM
Satellite Event: Wet Lab
(fellows and faculty only)

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Apellis Pharmaceuticals

11:05 AM – 12:00 PM
STRENGTH THAT ENDURES
in the Treatment of wAMD,
DME, and MEfRVO
(fellows and faculty only)

Ehsan Rahimy, MD
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Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Registration

12:00 – 12:30 PM
Lunch (open to all registrants)

12:30 – 1:30 PM
Susvimo: the Power of
Continuous Delivery
(fellows and faculty only)

Peter Y. Chang, MD, FACS &
Gregory D. Lee, MD
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1:30 – 2:00 PM
Break

1:30 – 10:00 PM
Exhibits

2:00 – 2:15 PM
Introduction
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

2:15 – 3:30 PM
Surgical Video Panel
David R. Chow, MD, FASRS

3:30 – 4:15 PM
Emerging Therapies
for AMD Panel
Adrienne W. Scott, MD, FASRS

4:15 – 4:38 PM
SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS

4:15 – 4:22 PM
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4:22 – 4:26 PM
AbbVie

4:26 – 4:30 PM
Bausch + Lomb

4:30 – 4:34 PM
EyeCare Partners

4:34 – 4:38 PM
Harrow, Inc.

4:38 – 5:00 PM
The Retina Games:
Audience and Panel Participation
Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

5:00 – 5:30 PM
Break

5:30 – 5:40 PM
Announcements
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

5:40 – 6:10 PM
Surgical Management of AMD
Emmanuel Y. Chang, MD, PhD

6:10 – 6:48 PM
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6:10 – 6:17 PM
Apellis Pharmaceuticals

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Regeneron
Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

6:24 – 6:28 PM
Amgen

6:28 – 6:32 PM
EyePoint, Inc.

6:32 – 6:36 PM
Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals

6:36 – 6:40 PM
MedOne Surgical, Inc.

6:40 – 6:44 PM
OCULUS Surgical, Inc.

6:44 – 6:48 PM
REGENXBIO, Inc.

6:48 – 7:18 PM
FELLOWS' CASE PRESENTATIONS

Moderators:
Margaret A. Chang, MD, MS, FASRS &
Yewlin E. Chee, MD

6:48 – 6:50 PM
Introduction

6:50 – 6:57 PM
Retrieval of a Glass IOFB
Joseph C. Giacalone, MD, PhD
Mayo Clinic

6:57 – 7:04 PM
Repair of Complex Post-Globe
Injury Total Retinal Detachment
Jonathan Lin, MD, PhD
Stanford University

7:04 – 7:11 PM
Bungee Cord Injury
Prithvi R. Bomdica, MD, MBA
The Retina Institute

7:11 – 7:18 PM
Modified Technique
for Sutured IOL
Rui Wang, MD
The Retina Institute

7:18 – 7:40 PM
Panel Discussion of
Audience Questions
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

7:40 – 7:50 PM
Announcements
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

7:50 – 10:00 PM
Welcome Dinner

Saturday

January 31

6:45 – 7:30 AM
Breakfast

6:45 AM – 4:00 PM
Exhibits

7:30 – 7:45 AM
Introduction
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS
The Retina Games:
Audience and Panel Participation
Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

7:45 – 8:30 AM
Avoiding and Managing
Surgical Complications Panel
Aleksandra V. Rachitskaya, MD, FASRS

8:30 – 9:12 AM
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8:30 – 8:37 AM
Astellas

8:37 – 8:44 AM
Retina Consultants of America

8:44 – 8:48 AM
4DMT

8:48 – 8:52 AM
Annexon Biosciences

8:52 – 8:56 AM
Keeler USA

8:56 – 9:00 AM
Norlase

9:00 – 9:04 AM
Samsara Vision

9:04 – 9:08 AM
Vortex Surgical

9:08 – 9:12 AM
ZEISS

9:12 – 9:42 AM
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9:12 – 9:14 AM
Introduction

9:14 – 9:21 AM
Turn Back the Clot
Caroline C. Awh, MD
Massachusetts Eye and Ear

9:21 – 9:28 AM
Vitreoretinal Biopsy for
Intraocular Lymphoma
Patrick Hughes, MD
NYU Langone

9:28 – 9:35 AM
Combined Tractional/
Exudative Retinal Detachment
from Hemangioblastoma
Yuxi Zheng, MD
Duke Eye Center

9:35 – 9:42 AM
Pre-Vitrectomy Pneumatic
Retinopexy for RD Repair
Abdulrahman Alotaibi, MD
University of Ottawa

9:42 – 10:15 AM
Break

10:15 – 10:40 AM
Trauma
Yewlin E. Chee, MD

10:40 – 11:15 AM
Surgical Management
of Diabetic Retinopathy
Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

11:15 – 11:35 AM
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11:35 – 11:40 AM
Introduction of
Dean Elliott, MD, FASRS
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

11:40 AM – 12:20 PM
Advice for Early Career
(and Beyond...)
Distinguished Guest Speaker:
Dean Elliott, MD, FASRS

12:20 – 1:30 PM
Lunch and Faculty
Discussion Tables

1:30 – 1:45 PM
The Retina Games:
Audience and Panel Participation
Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

1:45 – 2:20 PM
Billing, Buying, and Balance
Sheets:
The Business of Retina Panel
Margaret A. Chang, MD, MS, FASRS

2:20 – 3:30 PM
Surgical Case Panel
Sunir J. Garg, MD, FASRS

3:30 – 4:00 PM
Break

4:00 – 4:10 PM
Relocate to the Astor Room

4:10 – 4:20 PM
The Retina Games:
Audience and Panel Participation
Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

4:20 – 6:20 PM
Starting Your Career:
The Real World
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

6:20 – 6:30 PM
Wrap Up

7:20 PM
Depart for 10Pin Bowling
Lounge from Hotel Lobby

7:30 – 11:00 PM
Closing Dinner and
Awards at 10Pin
20th Annual Fellows Forum
Bowling Tournament

Sunday

February 1

7:30 – 9:00 AM
Breakfast
Hotel Lobby

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