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## American Academy of Optometry Announces 2017 Award Recipients

Each year the American Academy of Optometry recognizes distinguished individuals who have made countless contributions to advancing the profession of optometry.

“Serving on the Awards Committee may be the most humbling yet exhilarating Academy service I have ever had the privilege to do. This year’s nominees were wonderful examples of dedication to vision research, vision care, education, and improvement of the visual welfare of all. It was a very difficult task selecting awardees from this list of accomplished people. Every nominee represents the best of what the American Academy of Optometry and the American Academy of Optometry Foundation hope to inspire in all of us. Many thanks to those who submitted nominations, and to those who served on the awards committee,” remarked Donald O. Mutti, OD, PhD, FAAO, Awards Committee Chair.

The Academy is pleased to announce the 2017 award recipients:

**Eli Peli, MSc, OD, FAAO**

*Charles F. Prentice Medal and Lecture Award*

**Mitchell Scheiman, OD, PhD, FAAO**

*Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture  
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

**Ava K. Bittner, OD, PhD, FAAO**

*Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award*

**Luigi Bilotto, MS, OD, FAAO**

*AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding  
International Contributions to Optometry*

**C. Ellis Potter, OD, FAAO**

*Brien Holden Humanitarian Award*

**Joseph Fontenot, MD, CLVT**

*Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal Award*

**Laura Goldberg, OD, MS**

**Celia R. Gong**

*Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics  
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

**Richard Madonna, MA, OD, FAAO**  
*Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award*

**Harue J. Marsden, OD, MS, FAAO**  
*(posthumously)*  
*Eminent Service Award*

**Bert C. Corwin, OD, FAAO**  
**Avrum Richler, OD, PhD, FAAO**  
*Life Fellow Award*

**Jeffrey J. Walline, OD, PhD, FAAO, Katie L. Greiner, OD, MS, FAAO, Mary Elizabeth McVey,  
OD, MS, Lisa A. Jones-Jordan, PhD, FAAO**  
*Garland W. Clay Award*

**Lorraine Lombardi, PhD**  
*Michael G. Harris Award for Excellence in Optometric Education*  
*(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

*Awards of the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies*

**Suzanne M.J. Fleiszig, OD, PhD, FAAO**  
*Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award*

**Lynette Johns, OD, FAAO, FSLs**  
*Founders' Award*

Award winners will be recognized at the Academy 2017 Chicago Awards Ceremony on Friday, October 13, 8:00-10:00 AM, in E351 & E352 of McCormick Place. Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies award recipients will be honored at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 11 in Room E351. Information on the Public Health and Environmental Vision Section Henry B. Peters Award is forthcoming.

The American Academy of Optometry's annual meeting, Academy 2017 Chicago, will take place October 11-14, 2017, at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois. For more information, visit <http://www.aaopt.org/regsite>.

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