

PROFILE

Compassionate and devoted healthcare professional with broad-based experience and strong qualifications in medical teaching as well as clinical practice of general ophthalmology and medicine. Immediately advanced career in the healthcare industry through professionalism, willingness to accept new challenges and contributions to the development of innovative programs. Exceptional conversationalist and good listener; comfortable at interfacing with doctors, specialized support services, pharmacists, patients and visiting families to ensure efficient patient care. Maintain composure and able to provide sound decisions in fast-paced, unpredictable and stressful environments.

EDUCATION

- 2008-Present **UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS EYE INSTITUTE RESIDENCY PROGRAM, CASE WESTERN RESERVE**
University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH
- 2007-2008 **METROHEALTH MEDICAL CENTER INTERNAL MEDICINE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**
[University](#), Cleveland, OH
- 2003-2007 **DOCTOR OF MEDICINE**
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (CWRUSOM), Cleveland, OH
- 1999-2003 **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOCHEMISTRY, MINOR IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (*magna cum laude*)**
College of Wooster, Wooster, OH
- 2001 **COURSE TITLE** (Language, Arts, History, and General / Medical Societies)
Kanda University, Tokyo, Japan

CAREER SYNOPSIS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (CWRUSOM), Cleveland, OH

- 2006-Present **Curriculum Developer / Implementer**, Scholars Collaboration on Teaching/Learning
- 2006 **Instructor**, Physical Diagnosis Course
- 2004-2005 **Tutor**, Biochemistry
- 2003-2005 **Tour Guide Coordinator**

LEADERSHIP

- 2007 **AOA Honor Society Co-President**, CWRUSOM, Cleveland, OH
- 2004-2005 **Choral Director**, Docappella (a medical student acappella chorus), Cleveland, OH
- 2000-2003 **Chapter President**, American Chemical Society (Student Affiliates), Wooster, OH

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2009 **Volunteer**, Medworks Clinic, Cleveland, OH
- 2009, 2008 **Team Captain**, Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland Swim for Diabetes, Cleveland, OH
- 2009 **Vision and Glaucoma Screening Volunteer**, Community Health Fairs, Cleveland, OH
- 2006-2007 **Ophthalmology Clinic Volunteer**, The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, OH
- 2004-2005 **HIV Interventional Specialist**, The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, OH
- 2004-2005 **Biochemistry Tutor**, CWRUSOM, Cleveland, OH
- 2000-2003 **Mentor and Volunteer**, Wayne County Children Services, Wooster, OH
- 2001 **Medical Aid**, Makuhari No Sato (Healthcare Center for Elderly), Tokyo, Japan

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2009 Ocular Immunology and Uveitis Foundation Travel Grant
- 2007 AOA Medical Honor Society
- 2006, 2004 Scholars Collaboration in Teaching and Learning
- 2005 Irwin Lepow Medical Student Research Day Award
- 2003 William Z. Bennett Prize in Chemistry
- Joseph E. Weber Premedical Scholarship Award
- G. Julian Lathrop Memorial Award / Memorial Scholarship
- 1999-2003 Academic and Achievement Award
- 2002 James K. Cunningham Memorial Prize / Medical Scholarship

RESEARCH

- Jun 2008-Present **INNATE IMMUNITY OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS KERATITIS**
Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science: Case Western Reserve University School, Cleveland, OH
Primary Investigator: Eric Pearlman, Ph.D.
- May 2007 **SCHOLARS COLLABORATION ON TEACHING AND LEARNING: *Self Directed Learning Program for Teaching Direct Ophthalmoscopy to Non-Ophthalmologists***
Case Western Reserve University School, Cleveland, OH
Co-collaborator: David Bardenstein, M.D.
- Month 2005 **SCHOLARS COLLABORATION ON TEACHING AND LEARNING: *Communicating to Patients, Peers, and Community***
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH
Co-collaborators: Lily Pien, M.D. and Daila Pravs, M.D.
- Aug 2004 **UNIVERSITY MEMORY AND AGING CENTER AT FAIRHILL, *Caregiver Core***
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine/University Hospitals of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH
Supervisor: Kathleen Smyth, Ph.D.
- Month 2003 **HONORS THESIS, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**
College of Wooster, Wooster, OH
Supervisor: Mark Snider, Ph.D.
- Month 2002 **CORNEA PRESERVATION RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**
College of Wooster, Wooster, OH
Supervisor: Theodore Williams, Ph.D.

PRESENTATIONS

- May 2009 **Utz, V.**, Sun Y., Platt S., Ramadan R., and E. Pearlman. *Staphylococcus aureus keratitis is Mediated by the IL-1R1 and MyD88, but not TLR2 and MAL*, Paper Presentation, May 2009, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- May 2007 **Utz, V** and D, Bardestein. *Development of a Novel Eye Model to Teach Direct Ophthalmoscopy*, Poster Presentation, May 2007, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Nov 2006 **Miraldi, V.** Mucci, J, Galor, A, and B. Jeng. *Recurrence Rates of Herpes Simplex Virus Keratitis in Contact Lens Wearers Compared to Non-Contact Lens Wearers*, Paper Presentation, Nov 2006, Ocular Microbiology and Immunology Group, Las Vegas, NV
- Oct 2005 **Miraldi V.** and L. Pien. *Doc Talk: Communicating to Patients, Peers, and Community*, Paper Presentation, Oct 2005, AAPP International Conference on Communication in Healthcare, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL
- Mar 2005 **Miraldi, V** and K. Smith. *The Relationship of Religiosity to Depression and Perceived Stress in Caregivers of Persons with Alzheimer's Disease*. Oral and Poster Presentation, Mar 2005, Irwin Lepow Research Day 2004, Case Western Reserve, University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH
- Mar 2004 Buckley, R. **Miraldi, V**, and M.J. Snider. *Rate of Spontaneous Phosphoryl Transfer Between ATP and Creatine*, Mar 2004, 227th American Chemical Society National Meeting, Anaheim, CA

PUBLICATIONS

- 2009 J. Mucci; **V. Utz**; A. Galor; and B. Jeng. *RECURRENCE Rates of Herpes Simplex Virus Keratitis in Contact Lens Wearers: Manuscript accepted in Eye and Contact Lens*, 2009
- 2008 **V. Utz** and R. Krueger. *Management of Irregular Astigmatism Following Rotationally Disoriented Free Cap After LASIK*: J Refract Surgery, 2008; 24: 383-391.
- 2007 **V. Miraldi**; A. Singh; and B. Jeng. *"The Whites of My Eyes are Blue!"* Academy of Ophthalmology EyeNet Magazine, "Morning Rounds," 2007.