



David W. Parke, M.D. Lectureship

The Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians is proud to announce our first named lectureship after CSEP past president, AAO Humanitarian Award recipient, and CSMS Paul K. Maloney, Jr. Distinguished Service Award recipient, David W. Parke, MD. The recipient of the David W. Parke Lecture is recognized as an individual who embodies the qualities that distinguish the professional character and life service of David W. Parke, MD.

Dr. Parke exemplifies the highest standard of patient care, teaching, community service and professional achievement in the specialty of Ophthalmology. With a professional and non-professional career hallmarked by numerous accomplishments, David W. Parke, MD exemplifies the physician as humanitarian. We are deeply indebted to him for his lifelong journey of excellence, a journey that has benefited and continues to benefit thousands of patients, students of medicine, colleagues and the profession of Ophthalmology, and that will serve as a gold standard for future generations to come.

David W. Parke, M.D. Lectureship 2014

Recipient - David W. Parke, II, M.D.

Named Charity - Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology



David W. Parke, M.D. Lectureship 2015

Recipient - Douglas D. Koch, M.D.

Named Charity - World Wildlife Fund



David W. Parke, M.D.

Dr. Parke completed medical school at Ohio State University and residency training at the Wilmer Institute of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He then was a Fellow in Ophthalmic Pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. Following completion of training he moved back home to Connecticut where he maintained an active comprehensive ophthalmology practice from 1956 until 1993. After a brief “retirement” during which time he retrained himself in Low Vision, he returned to devote his life to promoting Low Vision Rehabilitation. Throughout his entire career he has enjoyed a continuous and deep involvement in community service.

One focus of Dr. Parke’s energy has been the Lions Clubs. He served as President of his local club and has been the recipient of numerous District Governor’s Appreciation Awards, and was named a Melvin Jones Fellow—the highest recognition bestowed by the Lions Club International Foundation. He was also subsequently awarded the Lions International President’s Certificate of Appreciation for his work in Low Vision rehabilitation and community service.

In 1990 Dr. Parke assumed the role of President of the Lions Low Vision Center. As a direct result of his vision and continued support, the Lions Low Vision Centers in Connecticut grew from one center in 1990 to eight centers within ten years. They currently provide services to over 1500 clients each year. Dr. Parke frequently purchases low vision devices for those in need using his personal funds.

Since 1996, Dr. Parke has directed Low Vision Rehabilitation services as a member of the faculty of Yale University School of Medicine, teaching Low Vision Rehabilitation to the ophthalmology residents and providing direct patient care. He initially utilized his own personal funds to equip the Center.

Dr. Parke’s other significant community activities in and around his Meriden, Connecticut home include serving for over two decades as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Curtis Home (a large not-for-profit assisted living and nursing facility). For thirty years he has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Bradley Home for the Aged. He chaired his city’s Police and Fire Commission for four years. Dr. Parke has been a Director of the regional United Way and for twenty years a Director of the Salvation Army. This fall he will be inducted as a member of the Meriden Hall of Fame.

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David W. Parke, M.D. (con't)

Dr. Parke served as Chief of Ophthalmology at Meriden-Wallingford Hospital (now Mid-State Medical Center) for 27 years and as Chief of the Medical Staff for 12 years. For 25 years he served as a member of that hospital's Board of Directors and as Secretary of the Board for 19 years. In 1993 he was also awarded (with his wife, Joyce) the Crystal Obelisk Award from the Meriden-Wallingford Hospital "in recognition of distinguished contribution to the advancement of health care delivery systems in the community". This award has been presented on only three occasions.

Dr. Parke has served the citizens of Connecticut well as an advocate for access to health care. From 1992-2006 he was Consulting Ophthalmologist for the Connecticut Board of Education and Services for the Blind. He has been a member of the Subcommittee on Access of the State of Connecticut's Medicaid Managed Care Program and served on the Committee on Access to Care of Uninsured and Underinsured of the State of Connecticut.

In the State of Connecticut, Dr. Parke has served on the Editorial Board of "Connecticut Medicine" from 1989 until the present. For six years he chaired the Board of Censors and Peer Review of the New Haven County Medical Association and served as President of the same group. He served two terms as a trustee of the Connecticut Hospital Association. Dr. Parke has served as an advocate for physicians and their patients as Chair of the Committee on Legislation of the New Haven County Medical Society and as Chair of the same committee for the Connecticut State Medical Society. On three separate occasions he was elected as President of the Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians. That organization honored him by naming the David Parke Leadership Award which is presented at its annual meeting to an individual who has contributed to the advancement of ophthalmology in the State.

At the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Dr. Parke spent six years as a member of the Council from 1987 to 1993. He chaired the Committee on State Affairs from 1981 to 1986. For the last ten years he has been a member of the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Senior Ophthalmologists Group. He is currently the Editor of Scope : The Senior Ophthalmologist Newsletter of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. In 1992, Dr. Parke received the Honor Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. In 2002 he received its Humanitarian Award, given to only two ophthalmologists annually from throughout the world. In 2008 he was one of three special Guests of Honor at the Academy's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2011 he received the Academy's EnergEYES award. This award was created to recognize and honor an ophthalmologist "who demonstrates exemplary leadership skills by energizing others to improve ophthalmology. This individual is one who mentors young ophthalmologists, serves as a strong role model, and displays high energy that motivates them to get involved."

Dr. Parke, who will be ninety in 2014 continues to care for the low vision patients in our State (an underserved population) and teach Yale residents. He also serves as an advisor to the leaders of the Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians. This past spring he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters and was the commencement speaker at his alma mater, Aurora University.



2014

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David W. Parke, II, M.D.

Dr. Parke is executive vice president and CEO of the Academy, the world's largest ophthalmology organization, with 30,000 members and offices in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. It is the principal source of educational materials and programs for ophthalmologists as well as the profession's voice from Washington to the World Health Organization.

Prior to assuming this role, Dr. Parke served for 17 years as president and CEO of the Dean McGee Eye Institute and Edward L. Gaylord professor and chair of the department of ophthalmology in the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. The McGee Eye Institute has more than 300 faculty and staff and consistently ranks among the top institutions nationally in terms of NIH vision research grant support.

A practicing ophthalmologist with subspecialty focus in retina/vitreous, Dr. Parke served as president of the Academy in 2008. He is a fellow of the Academy and received its Honor Award in 1989, its Senior Achievement Award in 1998 and its Life Achievement Honor Award in 2009.

A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Stanford University and an AOA graduate of the Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Parke completed residency training at Baylor College of Medicine, serving as chief resident. He then completed two years of fellowship training in diseases and surgery of the retina and vitreous. His professional and scholarly activities have focused on that subspecialty and on medical education and biomedical organizational leadership and development.

Dr. Parke has held leadership positions on multiple professional boards. He is a founding member of MedEncentive, a company integrating evidence-based medicine into a pay-for-performance structure. He also serves on the board of directors of the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company and previously chaired the board of directors of the Academic Physicians Insurance Company and of Medem, Inc., a San Francisco-based Internet health care company. Dr. Parke's other past medical leadership positions have included serving as president of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology and director of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

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David W. Parke, II, M.D. (con't)

He has served on the editorial board of two ophthalmic journals and was executive editor of the American Journal of Ophthalmology. He has received numerous biomedical research grants and was awarded the Dean's Award for Distinguished Medical Service at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Parke has lectured widely on topics in retinal diseases and surgery, academic professional development, medical liability insurance and medical organizational leadership and management. He is recognized in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World and Best Doctors in America. In 2009, he was elected to Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis, an international body limited to 60 active members committed to global vision research, education and service.

Community activities included board member of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, of the Oklahoma Economic Development Foundation and of Casady School. Dr. Parke served as vice president of the board of trustees of the Oklahoma Health Center Foundation and for 10 years on the board of the Presbyterian Health Foundation.

Dr. Parke's wife, Julie T. Parke, MD, is a pediatric neurologist who served as Presbyterian Health Foundation Professor in the Department of Neurology at University of Oklahoma and director of the Section of Child Neurology. The Parkes have three children: Will, a vitreoretinal fellow at the University of Miami's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute; Laura, of Treasury Wine Group in Napa, Calif.; and Lindsey, an attorney in San Francisco.



2015

David W. Parke, M.D. Lectureship Recipient

Douglas D. Koch, M.D.

Dr. Koch was born and raised in Port Huron, Michigan. He graduated summa cum laude from Amherst College (PBK) and the Harvard Medical School (AOA). He completed residency training in ophthalmology at the Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine and fellowship training in refractive and cataract surgery at Moorfields Eye Hospital in the United Kingdom and in the U.S. under Drs. David McIntyre, James Rowsey, and Clifford Terry, after which he joined the department of ophthalmology at The Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine. In 1999, he received The Allen, Mosbacher, and Law Chair in Ophthalmology. Dr. Koch's clinical and research interests are in cataract and refractive surgery, including astigmatism, corneal topography, wavefront technology, surgical techniques and prevention of complications, intraocular lens calculations, and surgical instrument design. He has authored over 200 articles and book chapters on the topics of cataract and refractive surgery.

Dr. Koch has given over twenty named lectures, including the Kelman, Binkhorst, and Barraquer Lectures at the American Academy of Ophthalmology Annual Meeting; the Charles Kelman Innovators Lecture at the annual meeting of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons; the Binkhorst Medal Lecture at the annual meeting of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons; the Lans Lecture at the International Society of Refractive Surgery Annual Meeting, the Ronald G. Michels Memorial Lecture at Johns Hopkins University; the Jules Stein Lecture at UCLA; the Arthur Lim Lecture at the Asia-Pacific Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery; and the First Gold Medal Lecture at the Australian Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery in Queensland, Australia, and the Leslie Dana Gold Medal from the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Dr. Koch has served as associate editor and co-chief editor of the Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. He is the past President of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, the American Ophthalmological Society, and the International Intraocular Implant Club.

Dr. Koch is married to Marcia Donlea Murphey, and they have one son, Malcolm, who resides in New York City with daughter Violette. Dr. Koch's hobbies are trumpet playing, photography, and hiking. Dr. Koch is the president of the Bach Society Houston and a member of the advisory board of the Holocaust Museum Houston.