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Florence Epstein Teicher Lecture

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GUEST SPEAKER
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Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute
Gloria and Louis Flanzer Amphitheatre, 7th Floor

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The Florence Epstein Teicher Lectureship was established in 2005 by Mr. Milton S. Teicher in memory of his wife, Mrs. Florence Epstein Teicher. She looked upon life as a learning process and devoted her philanthropic energies to cultural and humanitarian causes. Mr. Teicher created this lectureship with the goal of disseminating new knowledge to physicians who are treating patients with blinding diseases such as open angle glaucoma, a condition from which Mrs. Teicher suffered.

After earning a MFA degree from Wellesley College, Mrs. Teicher and a friend organized an advertising and marketing business enterprise in New York City. She eventually left this venture to travel the world and spent much time in India. She served on the Advisory Board of Human Rights Watch and was active in Amnesty International and the Anti-Defamation League. She was a sculptor and drew her artistic inspiration from a strong emotional affinity with nature. Her medium was marble, and consistent with her philosophy, she worked only by hand and without power tools. Her work was exhibited in various museums and the Weintraub Gallery in New York City.

Mrs. Teicher passed away in February, 2005 at the age of 89. She and her husband were the guiding members of Epstein Teicher Philanthropies, a family foundation dedicated to the support of cultural and humanitarian causes. Mr. Teicher continued the Foundation’s work until his death in 2012 at the age of 97.

PROGRAM

“Why Are So Many Blind? Solutions to Global Blindness”

4-4:30p.m.  Refreshments
            John M. Wheeler Library,
            Eye Institute, 8th floor

4:30-5p.m.  Resident Case Presentations
            Gloria and Louis Flanzer Amphitheatre,
            Eye Institute, 7th Floor

5-6p.m.    Guest Speaker’s Presentation
            Gloria and Louis Flanzer Amphitheatre,
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Dr. Friedman is the recipient of clinician scientist awards from the NIH, Research to Prevent Blindness and the American Geriatric Society. Since joining the Wilmer faculty in 1996 he has had continuous funding from the NIH, as well as numerous other funding organizations. He co-edited a definitive book on angle-closure glaucoma and has published nearly 300 peer-reviewed articles. He has served on the editorial boards of Ophthalmology, the Cochrane Collaboration, and the Journal of Glaucoma, and plays a leadership role in the World Glaucoma Association and the American Glaucoma Society. He also is the Senior Ophthalmologist for Helen Keller International, a large non-profit organization dedicated to alleviating blindness worldwide and is a Board member of Orbis International. He currently leads a CDC-funded program to identify novel approaches to screen underserved populations for eye diseases, especially glaucoma.

Dr. Friedman is world renown for his contributions to the study of the mechanisms, epidemiology and prevention of angle-closure glaucoma. Over the last 20 years he has worked closely with researchers in Singapore, Guangzhou, Beijing and south India on this research. He identified novel dynamic risk factors for angle closure. This work formed the foundation for two seminal studies of angle closure glaucoma treatment including the EAGLE Trial and the Zhongshan Angle Closure Prevention (ZAP) Study. Dr. Friedman was a key member of the EAGLE Trial study team, a pivotal research study that demonstrated that early laser iridotomy is effective at preventing angle-closure glaucoma. He is the co-principal investigator of the ZAP study which screened over 10,000 individuals in order to determine if prophylactic laser iridotomy is effective at preventing angle closure glaucoma. That study has completed seven years of follow-up and final results will be reported shortly. Dr. Friedman is a member of the Glaucoma Research Society (limited to the 100 leading glaucoma researchers) and the Alcon Research Institute (composed of the top 6 researchers in ophthalmology each year).

Dr. Friedman also helps lead a program funded by the Hilton Foundation to increase the quality and quantity of cataract surgeries performed in Sub-Saharan Africa, partnering with hospitals in Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia and Zambia in collaboration with Aravind Eye Hospital.

In addition to his research, Dr. Friedman has been selected for the Power 100 list of leading ophthalmologists globally, and by Best Doctors as a leading glaucoma specialist. Dr. Friedman also trains glaucoma fellows as well as residents. His dedication to teaching extends to the medical school where he is a co-director of the Scholarly Concentration program.