The Twentieth Annual Ulrich Ollendorff, MD Lecture

5 p.m. | Thursday, March 9, 2017

Guest Speaker

Stephen L. Trokel, MD
Columbia University Medical Center

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

Past Ollendorff Lecturers

1998 | William Tasman, MD
1999 | Sheffer Tseng, MD, PhD
2000 | Stephen M. Drance, OC, MD
2001 | Neil R. Miller, MD
2002 | Burton J. Kushner, MD
2003 | Harry Flynn, Jr., MD
2004 | Richard K. Parrish, II, MD
2005 | Hilel Lewis, MD
2006 | Elias L. Traboulsi, MD
2007 | Bartly J. Mondino, MD
2008 | David W. Parke, II, MD
2009 | David Huang, MD, PHD
2010 | Emiliy Y. Chew, MD
2011 | William Aylward, FRCS, FRCOPHTH, MD
2012 | Paul A. Kaufman, MD
2013 | Leonard A. Levin, MD, PHD
2014 | Carmen A. Puliafito, MD, MBA
2015 | Stanley Chang, MD
2016 | Eduardo Alfonso, MD

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Ulrich Ollendorff, MD Lectureship

The Ulrich Ollendorff, MD Lectureship was established in 1997 to honor this physician’s remarkable career as an eye doctor in Washington Heights. The annual lectureship was endowed by a gift from his son, Stephen, and his daughter-in-law, Bjorg.

Dr. Ollendorff was a German refugee who came to the United States with his family in 1939 when the Nazi regime forced him to leave academia. He had graduated from Medical School and had become professor of ophthalmology at the University of Breslau (now the University of Wroclaw, Poland). After restoring his professional credentials in the United States, Dr. Ollendorff opened an Ophthalmology practice in Washington Heights that became legendary for its quality of care. He held admitting privileges at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital and at Wadsworth Hospital, where he performed eye surgery several times a week. At the time, Jewish doctors did not practice at Columbia-Presbyterian.

Dr. Ulrich Ollendorff retired in 1986 at the age of 80 after treating more than 300,000 grateful patients. Everyone in Washington Heights knew my father, recalls his son, Stephen Ollendorf, “He generated enormous respect within his community.” Dr. Ollendorff died on December 29, 1998 at the age of 92.

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Widely regarded as the first ophthalmologist to recognize the significance of the excimer laser for use in corneal refractive surgery, Dr. Stephen Trokel’s vision and exhaustive research has made laser vision correction a realistic alternative to glasses and contacts for millions worldwide. Today, he remains an innovator working with Avedro, Inc. to develop and implement new technologies to modify corneal structure using cross linking technology.

Dr. Trokel graduated from Cornell University with a BA degree in physics and subsequently received a master’s degree in radiation biology, and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Rochester. Two years of research at the National Institutes of Health were followed by an NIH fellowship at Columbia’s Edward Harkness Eye Institute. Dr. Trokel received a Doctor of Medical Science degree in Physiology and completed an Ophthalmology residency at Columbia.

Dr. Stephen Trokel is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, the American College of Surgeons, the National Board of Medical Examiners, and is a member of both the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. In 1999, he was nominated by over 30,000 of his peers as one of the 20th century most influential ophthalmologists.

PROGRAM

“Corneal Cross-Linking Past, Present and Future”

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

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

5-6 p.m.  Guest Speaker’s Presentation
            Gloria and Louis Flanzer Amphitheatre,
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