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The Fourth Annual  
**Stanley Chang, MD Lectureship**

Thursday, September 3rd, 2015  
Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute,  
7th Floor Amphitheater  
5:00 PM

Columbia University Medical Center  
Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute  
635 West 165th Street  
New York, NY 10032
The Stanley Chang, M.D. Lectureship was established in 2011 in honor of this outstanding physician, surgeon, teacher, and researcher. Hilel Lewis, M.D., an internationally renowned ophthalmologist and colleague of Dr. Stanley Chang, provided the initial funding through the Hilel Lewis Macular Research Fund. The purpose was to invite a national or international clinician-scientist in the field of retinal vision to give a presentation as part of the annual Lecture Program for the Department of Ophthalmology at Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC).

Stanley Chang, M.D. became the Edward S. Harkness Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at CUMC in 1995 and served as chairman for 17 years until 2012. He remains an active faculty member as the K.K. Tse and Ku Teh Ying Professor. Dr. Chang has pioneered several revolutionary surgical approaches to treat complicated forms of retinal detachment, improving outcomes for patients worldwide. Additionally, in collaboration with Avi Grinblat, he developed a panoramic viewing system and led in the worldwide adaptation by retina surgeons to this technique. His leadership elevated the Department to its current status as one of the world’s leading eye institutes. During his tenure, he recruited an outstanding group of full-time faculty, both clinicians and scientists, and expanded the number of endowed professorships from 2 to 12. Clinical operations, vision science, and educational programs grew to prominence. Dr. Chang has been the recipient of many honors. He has been most recently recognized by the ARVO Foundation as a clinician-researcher who has made significant contributions to ophthalmic science throughout his prolific career. He is beloved by his patients and friends, and this lectureship exists to honor his major contributions to the Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute at Columbia and to the field of Ophthalmology.

Hilel Lewis, M.D., an internationally recognized ophthalmologist, was founding Chairman of the Cole Eye Institute at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. After a 15-year tenure, he stepped down in 2008 and relocated to New York, where he joined the faculty of Columbia Ophthalmology remaining until fall 2011. Dr. Lewis maintains an active role in healthcare affairs and ophthalmology.

The Stanley Chang, M.D. Lectureship, while at first solely a gift from Dr. Lewis, became a joint gift with additional funding in 2011 from the Annenberg Foundation, a family foundation. Steven Ames, nephew of Mr. Annenberg, expressed gratitude for the care he received by initiating this generous gift.

Gary W. Abrams, M.D. is Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at Wayne State University School of Medicine (1994-present) and Clinical Professor of Biomedical Sciences at the Eye Research Institute at Oakland University (1992-present). He served as the Department Chair from 1994-2011. Dr. Abrams founded, and is Director of, the Ligon Research Center of Vision where he currently investigates optogenetic strategies for vision restoration. From 1980-1992, Dr. Abrams was a faculty member in the Department of Ophthalmology at the Medical College of Wisconsin serving as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor and Director of the Retina Service. As Director, he established a reputation as an expert in the treatment and repair of complicated retinal detachments. Prior to that appointment, Dr. Abrams was Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.

In 1978, Dr. Abrams received training in ophthalmic ultrasound at the University of Iowa and Columbia University Medical Center, where he trained with D. Jackson Coleman, M.D. He completed a fellowship in vitreoretinal surgery at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute (1976-1978) and was Chief Resident at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he undertook his residency training in ophthalmology (1973-1976). Dr. Abrams completed an internship at the University of Oregon Hospitals and Clinics (1968-1969). He received his medical degree from the University of Oklahoma Medical School (1968).

Dr. Abrams is most proud of the more than 60 vitreoretinal fellows he has instructed over his career, and he continues to teach at Wayne State. His ongoing research and clinical work focuses on the management of complex vitreoretinal diseases. He has published over 200 articles and book chapters in the field of vitreoretinal surgery and has been the Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator for over 30 research projects. He has received many honors and awards, including the 2015 Pyron Award in Retina Research. The American Academy of Ophthalmology has recognized Dr. Abrams’s contributions to ophthalmic medicine with the Honor Award (1973), the Senior Honor Award (1997), the Secretariat Award (2006), the Life Achievement Honor Award (2008), and the Life Fellow Award (2014).

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