

## **2012-2014 Fellow**



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Currently I am an assistant professor of optometry at the New England College of Optometry where I lecture in the low vision rehabilitation course, supervise clinic interns in low vision clinic, and also have continued my low vision research with my colleagues and graduate students. This past year I initiated a new course at the college entitled, "*Advanced topics in low vision rehabilitation*", suited to students seeking to explore a residency or fellowship in low vision.

The Lions low vision rehabilitation fellowship allowed me not only to learn to practice low vision rehabilitation at a high level, but also to question and to consider how to move the field as a whole forward. My fellow, "Fellows" have routinely lectured at the American Academy of Optometry, participated in the low vision sections at major conferences and have contributed to some of the latest research that has changed and defined practice patterns in our field. It is a pleasure to con-

tinue to engage and to continue to work with those from the Lions Fellowship program on a national level year after year. It is a life long fellowship.

Dr. Ross has accomplished much as she pursues her goals. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Specialty and Advanced Care. Her clinical area of expertise is in low vision rehabilitation. She is a clinical instructor for optometry interns in low vision at New England Eye Commonwealth, and Perkins School for the blind. At the college, Dr. Ross is an instructor for the following courses: Low Vision Rehabilitation throughout the Life Span and Principle and Practice of Optometry I and II.

She matriculated from the New England College of Optometry dual degree OD / MSc program achieving honors with distinction in both degrees. She conducted her dissertation work in low vision research at Schepens Eye Research Institute, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. Dr. Ross was presented with the 2009 Atwell Award in low vision at the annual ARVO meeting for this work. She then completed her residency in vision rehabilitation at Ohio State University where she also supervised and participated in the clinical teaching of student interns.

Dr. Ross' research focuses on evaluating outcomes of low vision rehabilitation care and low vision aid device development.