

Investiture



The Investiture of

Ahmed A. Sallam, M.D., Ph.D.

recipient of the

**John W. Nutt Chair in
Ophthalmology**

Paul H. Phillips, M.D.

recipient of the

**Pat Walker Endowed
Chair in Ophthalmology**

John David Pemberton, D.O., MBA

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**Stella Boyle Smith/Gissur J. Petursson, M.D.,
Chair in Ophthalmology**

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 | 4 p.m.

Fred W. Smith Conference Center
12th floor, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Welcome**

Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA
Harry P. Ward Chancellor's Chair
Chancellor, UAMS
CEO, UAMS Health

Significance of the Endowed Chair

Susan S. Smyth, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice Chancellor, UAMS
Dean, College of Medicine
Professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine

Remarks

Ferenc Kuhn, M.D., Ph.D.
Director of Research, Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education, Birmingham, Alabama
Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Pécs Medical School, Hungary
Chairman, International Society of Ocular Trauma

Presentation of Medallion

Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA & Susan S. Smyth, M.D., Ph.D.

Response

Ahmed A. Sallam, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, Ophthalmology Resident Program
Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology
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Remarks

Col. Jeremy Wilson
Chief of Staff, 4th Infantry Division, U.S. Army

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Closing Remarks

Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA

Ahmed A. Sallam, M.D., Ph.D.



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Ahmed A. Sallam, M.D., Ph.D., who joined UAMS in 2016, is an associate professor of ophthalmology and director of uveitis services at the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute. He also serves as the director of the ophthalmology residency program and is the associate program director for the vitreoretinal and uveitis fellowship. Sallam specializes in the management of uveitis with emphasis on the use of the advanced systemic and intraocular medications. He is also a retinal specialist with extensive expertise in both surgical and medical treatments.

Sallam received advanced training in the management of uveitis and retinal disorders through four fellowships in the United Kingdom. This included two uveitis and medical retina fellowships at the world-renowned Moorfields Eye Hospital in London and two fellowships in vitreoretinal surgery at Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals NHS Trust in Gloucester and Whipps Cross University Hospital in London. He is board certified in ophthalmology through the U.K.'s Royal College of Ophthalmologists and has held appointments as a consultant ophthalmic surgeon at Gloucestershire Royal Hospitals NHS Trust. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Retina Specialists and the European Vitreoretinal Society.

Active in research and educational speaking, Sallam authored more than 125 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. He has presented at premier ophthalmology conferences and meetings and has been an investigator on numerous uveitis and retinal studies. He has a special interest in medical education and surgical simulation. He has been an educator and a trainer for residents and fellows in both Europe and the United States.

He earned his medical degree from Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University in Cairo.

John David Pemberton, D.O., MBA



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John David Pemberton, D.O., MBA, is a professor in the Department of Ophthalmology in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' College of Medicine. He joined UAMS in 2011 and sees patients at the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Arkansas Children's Hospital and the John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital. He is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, specializing in plastic surgery of the eyelids, orbital masses, orbital reconstruction, tear drainage repair and other surgeries of the structures surrounding the eye.

Pemberton received his undergraduate degree in biological sciences with a minor in theater from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, and his doctorate in medicine from Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in San Francisco. He completed a residency in ophthalmology and was the chief resident at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. He specialized further, accomplishing a 15-month fellowship in oculoplastic surgery at the Beraja Medical Institute in Coral Gables, Florida, and another 15-month fellowship in oculoplastic and orbital reconstructive surgery at the renowned Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Harvard Medical School, in Boston. While there, he saw patients at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and the Brigham and Women's Hospital — all teaching hospitals for Harvard Medical School.

Pemberton began his military career as a combat medic, which segued naturally into a career in medicine. In 2002, after completing his internship at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, he was stationed at Fort Hood as a flight surgeon for the 1st Cavalry Division of the 7th Cavalry Regiment, a famous U.S. Army unit with notable members such as Col. George Custer and Col. Harold Moore. He remained with this unit from 2002 through 2005, 13 months of which included a tour in Iraq. He received the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Golden Spurs Award and the Iraqi Expeditionary Medal for his service. Pemberton retired from the military in 2018 at the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Paul H. Phillips, M.D.



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Paul H. Phillips, M.D., is professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and the director of the Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute. He was also the inaugural recipient of the Stella Boyle Smith/Gissur J. Petursson, M.D., Chair in Ophthalmology.

Phillips joined the faculty in September 1997 and sees patients at the Arkansas Children's Eye Center and the UAMS Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute. He completed a fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus at the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He also completed a fellowship in neuro-ophthalmology at the Emory University Eye Center in Atlanta. His subspecialties include pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus, and neuro-ophthalmology.

A native of New York, Phillips graduated summa cum laude from the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Buffalo. After interning in Hartford, Connecticut, he completed an ophthalmology residency at the University of Florida Eye Center in Gainesville. He has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed publications and presented at more than 100 international meetings. At UAMS, he was director of the pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus service prior to assuming his current role as department chair. He was senior associate editor for the *Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology* and Strabismus from 2012 to 2022, and served as director of the Consortium for Pediatric Neuro-Ophthalmology from 2018 to 2020.

Phillips has been certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology since 1995. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society, the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, and numerous other organizations.

The Endowed Chair

Endowed chairs and professorships are rich with tradition. The first named chair was established in England in 1502 when Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII, established Lady Margaret Professorships of Divinity at both Cambridge and Oxford Universities. Today, five centuries later, her gift still supports a continuous line of distinguished scholars – the Margaret Professors. English settlers introduced the custom to America when the first endowed chair was established at Harvard University 50 years before the American Revolution.

Since that time, the endowed chair remains the highest academic honor that a university can bestow upon a member of its faculty. Those named to a chair at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences are among the most highly regarded scientists, physicians and professors in the academic fields. The establishment of an endowed chair at UAMS ensures the ongoing pursuit of educational excellence, world-class patient care and outstanding medical research.

Upon selection of a chair holder, a medallion is presented during a formal ceremony called an investiture. This medallion is the tangible symbol of the civic and philanthropic spirit that allows UAMS to make significant contributions to the field of medical science. Given to honor the donor(s), the memory of a loved one or the accomplishments of a scholar, an endowed chair is initiated by a single gift or group of gifts that meets a minimum threshold. The full amount is invested, and the spendable income is used to support critical activities of the inaugural and future chair holders in their pursuit of educational, scientific and clinical excellence at UAMS.

Each endowed chair at UAMS is marked by the creation of a unique medallion designed to recognize the honoree or the generosity of the person who made the chair possible and the standard of excellence possessed by the inaugural and future chair holders. The endowed chair at UAMS represents a shared vision by the donor and recipient of a better Arkansas through excellence in academic medicine.





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