



**American Society of Ocularists Annual Conference
The LINQ Hotel Las Vegas, Nevada
November 3-6, 2023**

Preliminary Program Schedule as of 09/12/2023

Friday, November 3, 2023

8:00am – 9:00am **Registration & Breakfast for the ASO College of Ocularistry**

9:00am - 10:00am **COO Course 1008: Pathology 2
Common Causes of Eye Removal**

**Required Course
TESTED**

Instructor: Kori Malouin, BCO, BADO

This course will discuss the numerous diseases of the eye and orbit that can lead to a prosthetic eye, a scleral shell, or other prosthetic restorations. The categories of eye disease presented will include malignancies, infections, systemic disorders, and congenital anomalies. Prior to the ocularist seeing these patients, they often involve treatments and surgery by the ophthalmologist. An understanding of the journey the patient has traveled to require this type of ocular prosthetic care will aid the ocularist in providing the best care for the patient.

10:15am - 11:15am **COO Course 3001: Impression Materials and Considerations**

**Required Course
TESTED**

Instructor: Todd Cranmore, BCO, BADO

This course will discuss the two most common impression materials, alginate and Vinylpolysiloxane (VPS). The ocularist must be familiar with both materials and understand which circumstances each is appropriate for use. Each material has its pros and cons and we will discuss tips and tricks to get these impression materials to perform their best. This course will be followed by a workshop at the next meeting.

11:15am - 12:45pm **Lunch on Own**

12:45pm - 1:45pm	<p>COO Course 2001: Fitting 1 Methods, Impression, Modified Impression, Empirical</p>
<p>Required Course TESTED</p>	<p>Instructor: David LeGrand, BCO, BADO, FASO <i>This course will cover the core fitting methods for an ocular prosthesis or scleral shell. It's important for the ocularist to be familiar with all methods because one method may be best suited for certain circumstances over another. The methods covered are modified impression, empirical, and empirical impression. This course will describe each one and the pros and cons of each. We will also identify which approach is best in different circumstances.</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>COO Course 5002: Tools, Stone, Waxes and Buffs Laboratory Skills</p>
<p>Required Course TESTED</p>	<p>Instructor: Kurt Jahrling, BCO, BADO, FASO <i>The ocularist has a variety of materials and tools they can use in their profession. This course will discuss various kinds of waxes, their qualities and best uses. It will also cover different ways to create shapes whether it be wax or acrylic and the tools the ocularist uses to carve and shape them. The ocularist also needs to be familiar with casting materials and methods. This course will also cover polishing agents and tools and their best uses. In order to have the most effective process possible the highly qualified ocularist needs to be familiar and proficient with a variety of tools, materials and methods.</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:00pm	<p>ASO Board of Directors Meeting</p>
2:30pm - 5:30pm	<p>Continuing Education Committee Meeting</p>
3:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>ASO General Registration</p>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Fellow Committee Meeting</p>
6:00pm - 7:30pm	<p>ASO Welcome Reception sponsored by OCuSOFT®</p>

NEBO course credits noted are proposed and may not reflect actual credits assigned by the National Examining Board of Ocularists.

Saturday, November 4, 2023 – 16 NEBO w/o workshop project; 28 NEBO w/ workshop project

8:00am – 9:00pm	Breakfast	
9:00am - 9:10am	Welcome Remarks ASO President David Gougelmann, BCO, BADO ASO Program Chair: Michelle Bullard, BCO, BADO	
9:10am - 10:10am	Course 700: Oculoplastic Surgery and the Ocular Prosthesis Steven Leibowitz, MD	4 NEBO
10:10am - 10:30am	Break	
10:30am - 11:00am	Workshop 781 Lecture: VPS – What in the World is This? Todd Cranmore, BCO, BADO	2 NEBO
11:00am - 11:20am	Break	
11:20am - 12:20pm	Workshop 781W: Hands-On Participation: VPS – What in the World is This? Todd Cranmore, BCO, BADO	4 NEBO (no-project) 16 NEBO (completed project)
12:20pm - 1:30pm	Lunch on Own	
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Course 830: Student Lecture Workshop Moderators: COO Deans Monica Erickson, BCO, BADO & Jean Thompson, BCO, BADO, FASO	6 NEBO
3:00pm -	Afternoon & Evening Off	
3:00pm - 5:00pm	ASO Board of Directors Meeting	

Sunday, November 5, 2023 – 16 NEBO

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast	
9:00am - 10:30am	Course 714: Panel Discussion: Difficulties Encountered with Pediatrics Moderator: Bridget Kinneer	6 NEBO

10:30am - 10:45am	Break	
10:30am - 11:30am	COO Course 9007: COO Open Group Discussion Workshop <i>This session is an open group discussion where interns can bring up challenges they currently face in their education of ocularistry. Interns are given the opportunity to discuss with each other and with the College faculty any topic or situation where they need help or guidance. This could be anything from technical questions about fitting or fabrication techniques to practice issue such as suggestions on dealing with challenging patient personalities. Please bring your questions and ideas to the table! If an intern has a specific case, they can bring photos or even duplicate shapes and molds to share with the group and brainstorm solutions. This is an open forum group discussion to give interns free time that is focused on discussing the nuances of ocularistry.</i>	
10:45am - 11:45am	Course 745: Achieving Your Desired Colors Nelson Hughes, Diplomate	4 NEBO
11:20am - 12:20pm	COO Interns: One-on-one academic appointments with the Deans <i>By appointment only</i>	
11:45am - 1:30pm	Lunch on your Own	
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Course 790: John J. Kelley, Sr. Mini Max Moderator: Nicole Walker, BCO, BADO	6 NEBO
	1. Breaking Down the Meaning & Consequences of Antitrust Tina Schott, ASO Executive Director	
	2. Making the Transition: Alginate to Polyvinyl Siloxane Jonathan Brett, BCO, BADO	
	3. Finding the Correct Iris Size Kylie Brown, BCO, BADO	
	4. In the Hands of Angels: Safely Hold and Restrain Infants and Toddlers Cameran Hadlock, BCO, BADO	
	5. Novelty Eyes Christina Leitzel, BCO, BADO	

6. Creating an Immersive Collaborative Learning Experience

Monica Erickson, BCO, BADO

- 3:00pm - 3:20pm **ASO Annual Business Meeting
Registration Sign In**
- 3:20pm - 5:20pm **ASO Annual Business Meeting & Elections**
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm **ASO Reception & Opening
of Silent Auction**
- 7:30pm - 10:00pm **ASO Annual Banquet**

Monday, November 6, 2023 – 8 NEBO

- 8:30am - 9:30am **Breakfast**
- 8:00am - 9:30am **ASO New Board of Directors Meeting**
- 9:30am - 10:30am **Course 909: Introduction to Digital Technologies with a Focus on the Ocularist** **4 NEBO**
Andrew Etheridge, MFA, CFo, CFm, C.Ped,
CCA & Co-Instructor Tim Currence
This two-hour course is intended to introduce 3D technologies and concepts to the ocularist. The lecture portion of the course will define various aspects of digital scanning, 3D modeling, 3D printing, and theories of digital/AI workflows. The content for the workshop will include digital iris capture and painting, 3D facial scanning, and digital sculpture utilizing Z-Brush & Meshmixer. Demonstrations will be performed for participants in the workshop and they will have the opportunity to scan a face, digitally capture/digitally paint an iris, and 3D model an object for print. As computers will be limited, it is encouraged that participants bring personal laptops for the course. If bringing your own computer, please download Meshmixer (free 3D modeling software) (Photoshop or Procreate are optional).
<https://meshmixer.com> (Download Link)
- 10:30am - 10:45am **Break**

10:45am - 11:45am

Course 909: Introduction to Digital Technologies with a Focus on the Ocularist (continued)

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ASO Fall 2023 Annual Conference NEBO Credit Projection

	Live with 1 workshop project	Live w/out workshop project	Online Conference
Friday	0	0	0
Saturday	28	16	16
Sunday	16	16	16
Monday	8	8	8
Total	52	40	40