

Sunil Rao, MD Memorial Lecturer



Eve J. Higginbotham, SM, MD, ML

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Dr. Eve Higginbotham is the inaugural Vice Dean for Inclusion and Diversity of the PSOM at the University of Pennsylvania, a position she assumed on August 1, 2013. She is also a Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics and Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania. She has been a member of the NAM since 2000, serving on NASEM consensus committees, the NAM Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity. Dr. Higginbotham is a member of the Governing Board of the National Research Council. She has broad governance including serving as a Past President of the AΩA Honor Medical Society and previous membership on the Harvard Board of Overseers and the MIT Corporation. Dr. Higginbotham currently serves on the Board of Directors of Ascension, a member of the Executive and Audit Committees, and she chairs the Quality Committee for the system. Ascension is the second largest private health system in the United States, with hospitals and clinical sites in 20 states.

A graduate of MIT with S.B. and S.M. degrees in chemical engineering and Harvard Medical School, Dr. Higginbotham completed her residency in ophthalmology at LSU and fellowship training at the MEEI in Boston. In 2020, she completed a Master of Law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.

Dr. Higginbotham lists over 160 peer reviewed publications. She is a practicing glaucoma specialist and continues to remain active in scholarship related to glaucoma, ocular pharmacology, health policy, health equity, and organizational culture.

RSVP by May 10

To attend in person or virtually, please return the reply card or contact Grace Gomes: ggomes1@lifespan.org or phone 401-444-4669

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26th Annual Ophthalmology Research Forum Sunil Rao, MD Memorial Lecture

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Providence Marriott
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Annual Sunil Rao, MD Memorial Lecture



Sunil Rao, MD

Welcome to the 11th Annual Sunil Rao, MD Memorial Lecture

Sunil Rao, MD was a disciplined, dedicated, and successful young physician. Elected to Alpha Omega Alpha as a junior, he was incredibly passionate about providing the very best care to his patients, and equally passionate about educating the next generation

of great physicians. Rhode Island Hospital is proud to include Sunil as a distinguished alumnus of our residency program and was honored to have him return to join the teaching faculty. His untimely passing leaves a void difficult to fill.

The Rao family and the Department of Ophthalmology at Rhode Island Hospital established this memorial endowment in Dr. Rao's name to create a meaningful tribute to honor Sunil's legacy of extraordinary care, dedication to teaching, and friendship.

The Sunil Rao, MD Memorial Fund is an ideal mechanism to honor alumni and distinguished faculty and friends of the Department of Ophthalmology at Rhode Island Hospital. Your gifts help us to fulfill its purpose to afford the necessary resources for these important programs in perpetuity.

We are honored to have Eve J. Higginbotham, SM, MD, ML, as the 2023 Sunil Rao, MD Memorial Lecturer.

26th Annual Ophthalmology Research Forum

Michael E. Migliori, MD, FACS

Ophthalmologist-in-Chief

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Kimberly V. Miller, MD, *Residency Program Director*

Wendy Chen, MD, PhD, *Associate Program Director*

Paul Greenberg, MD, MPH, *Associate Research Coordinator*

Tatiana Bakaeva, MD, PhD, *Associate Research Coordinator*

Program Overview

This annual event has been a mainstay for providing knowledge of new techniques and new technologies for local/regional ophthalmologists. Presentations include results of research projects, new therapeutic agents and best practices for complex patient care issues or advanced disease processes.

Learning Objectives

Following this activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss the value of building evidence for risk factors for risk of a chronic disease, such as Primary Open Angle Glaucoma by performing clinical research and engaging diverse populations.
- Recognize the impact of bias in the care of patients.
- Review possible interventions for mitigating bias in health care.

Dinner

5:00–5:30 Buffet

Welcome and Opening Remarks

5:30–5:35 Michael Migliori, MD, FACS

Kimberly V. Miller, MD

First and Second Year Residents Presentations

5:35–5:43 Matthew Hogan, MD

Dermatologic lasers today, Glaucoma lasers tomorrow? A cautionary tale.

5:43–5:51 Palmer Feibelman, MD

Multiple Sclerosis Medications ARN't Perfect

5:51–6:00 Shaunt Fereshetian, MD

Sunset Glow & Vitiligo:

An Analysis and Literature Review for Early Detection of VKH

6:00–6:08 Nita Bhat, MD

You Are What You Eat: An Update on Nutritional Optic Neuropathy

6:08–6:16 Franklin Jeng, MD

Blur-lantamab: A Treatment for Relapsed Multiple Myeloma

6:16–6:24 Purvi Shah, MD

Amblyopia? There's an App for That!

Third Year Residents Presentations

6:24–6:32 Nicole Lifson, MD

MyastheNOT: A Case of Bilateral Ptosis and Eye Misalignment

6:32–6:40 Justin Pennington, MD

Systemic Hypercoagulability: A Complex Ocular Presentation

6:40–6:48 Viren Rana, DO

Spiral of Tillaux: Dead on Accurate?

Sunil Rao, MD Research Scholarship Award

6:48–7:00 Presented by Revati Rao, MD

Break

7:00–7:15

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7:15–7:20 Michael Migliori, MD

Introduction of Eve J. Higginbotham, SM, MD, ML

7:20–8:20 Eve J. Higginbotham, SM, MD, ML

Peering Beyond the Blind Spot Seeking Authentic Risk Factors: A Case Study – The Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study

8:20–8:30 Program conclusion

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Museo Archologico Nazionale di Napoli – 1st century fresco from the House of the Tragic Poet in Pompeii depicting Achilles surrendering the kidnapped Breseis to Agamemnon.

