

BOARD MEMBER FEATURE:

Sarah Salim, O.D.

PROFILE

Dr. Salim was born in Coney Island, NY, and grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, specifically Lakewood, Ohio. She graduated from Benedictine University for Undergraduate and Indiana University for Optometry. She is a Fellow at the American Academy of Optometry and specializes in Scleral Contact Lenses. Dr. Salim was most influenced to join the profession because several of her friends were enrolled in Optometry school and loved it. She also had a "fascination with the anatomy of the eye; therefore, the field really resonated" with her. She chose to practice in Illinois because of her employer. "My employer really drew me in, a fantastic collaboration between Ophthalmologists and Optometrists."

WHAT SHE LOVES MOST ABOUT HER JOB

"My patients!"

UNUSUAL OR SURPRISING DIAGNOSIS

"I frequently diagnose diabetes/hypertension and it's always rewarding to be able to get the patient on the right track, as well as retinal tear with no symptoms, it's always great to help prevent a retinal detachment and preserve a patient's vision."

ADVICE FOR NEW OPTOMETRISTS

"Take your time picking your first job, there is no rush. Also, take some time off before you start working."

HOBBIES

"I enjoy traveling and working out. I spend a lot of time with my family and our family cat, Bisbis."

INTERESTING FACT

Dr. Salim was born with Duane's Type 1.