#### Kourosh Zakeri

Curriculum Vitae

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#### **EDUCATION**

### **The University of Houston**

**Doctor of Optometry** 

Concentration: Neuro-optometry

Interests: Papilledema, Post-Stroke, Horner's Syndrome, Diabetic Retinopathy Myasthenia Gravis, Pseudotumor Cerebri, Specialty Contact Lens, Dry Eye

## The University of Texas at Dallas

Aug 2005 – Aug 2009

Exp Grad: May, 2017

Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

Honors Thesis: The Effect of Rapamycin on GFAP Protein Levels in a Mouse Model of Alexander Disease

### The University of Pennsylvania

July 2010 – July 2011

Post-Baccalaureate Research Scholar

Advisor: Jean Boyer, PhD

Neural Mechanism of Decision Making

# Yale University

Aug 2009 – July 2010

Post-Baccalaureate Research

Principal Investigator: Marc Potenza MD., Ph.D.

Neuropsychopharmacology of Pathological Gambling

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Intern June 2015 – Present

Rosa Tang MD, Neuro-Ophthalmology of TX

Assisted with full workup on patients and a couple research projects.

Optician Aug 2012 – Present

LensCrafters, NorthPark Center (Dallas) & Deerbrook Mall (Humble)

Assisted in repair, orders and sales of glasses. Ranked among the top 25 employees fr sales in the nation.

Staff Writer 2015

The Daily Cougar, University of Houston Student Newspaper

Wrote articles on topics ranging from health to campus policy.

Research Assistant Aug 2009 – July 2010

Yale University, School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

Department of Psychiatry

Investigated the neural correlates of addiction through the use of fMRI and neuropsychological testing of subjects.

## **Patient Care Technician**

July 2007- July 2008

UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

Department of Psychiatry

Assisted patients with activities of daily living, ran group talks, engaged patients in therapeutic behavior, took vitals/ht/wt etc., and reported patient behavior to clinicians as necessary.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

American Board of Opticianry Certified	2013 - Present
HIPAA Compliance Training	2007 - Present
CPR/First Aid	2003 - Present

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Allergan Pathways in Medical Optometry Grant Recipient	2016
Excellence in Neuro-Ophthalmology Clinic Award/Scholarship	2016
Student Fellow, American Academy of Optometry	2015-Present
UHCO AOSA \$200 Travel Grant	2015
UH Sustainability Proposal Winner	2015
UTSW Medical School St. Paul Auxiliary Scholarship	2009-2010
University of Texas at Dallas Dean's List	2008-2009
UTSW Medical School St. Paul Auxiliary Scholarship	2008-2009
1st in Nation – Biomedical Debate Team	2007-2008
Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society Member of Year	2007-2008
Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award	2007-2008
Barbara James Service Award	2007-2008

# **LEADERSHIP**

UH College of Optometry – Incoming Class Student Interviewer	2016
Optometry Senator – UH Student Government Association	2015
Volunteer Coordinator – Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society	2008-2009
President – Health Occupations Students of America	2005-2007
Volunteer & Research Coordinator – Neuroscience Student Association	2007-2008

# **CAMPUS POLICY/REFORM**

HIPAA: Patient Privacy/Records Management	2015-Present
Sustainability: Reduction Of Printing/Increase Recycling in Classrooms	2015-Present
Sustainability: Increase of Recycle Bins/Signage at TDECU Stadium	2015-Present
FERPA/Grade Privacy	2013-2015

# **VOLUNTEER WORK**

Odyssey of the Mind (K-12 Problem Solving Tournament) Head Judge	2016-Present
Houston Food Bank/ CT Church	2016-Present
Student Public Health Vision Care Association	2016-Present
UH Student Program Board	2015-Present
Wags to Whiskers of Texas (cat adoptions)	2015-Present

ApolloCon, SciFi Writer's Conference	2014-Present
UH Community Garden	2013-2015
The Beacon Soup Kitchen	2013-2015
UH Mars Rover Judge	2013-2014
Special Olympics Clinic	2013

### **INTERNSHIPS**

Integrated Biological Sciences Summer Research Program

Summer 2009

Advisor: Christine Daniels, PhD & Albee Messing, VMD PhD

The University of Wisconsin - Madison

Rapamycin effects on GFAP expression in a mouse model

of Alexander disease

Undergraduate Research Intern

Aug 2008 - Jan 2009

Advisor: Fanpei Gloria Yang, PhD

The University of Texas at Dallas Center for Brain Health Semantic Memory and Learning Lab Research Intern

Undergraduate Directed Research

Summer 2008

Advisor: Christa McIntyre, PhD

The University of Texas at Dallas Neuroscience Department

Immediate Early Gene Arc Expression in the Hippocampus and Amygdala as a Biomarker of Learning and Memory

Clinical Rotations Program Student

Aug 2004 - May 2005

Medical Center of Plano and Presbyterian Plano

Rotations in radiology, pathology, surgery, and geriatrics

### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Zakeri, K.,** Potenza, Marc. The Neuropsychopharmacology of Pathological Gambling. Curr Psychiatry Rev. 2012 Feb 1I 8(1).

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

UHCO Annual Research Showcase	Jan, 2016
Graduate Research And Scholarship Projects (GRaSP) Day	Nov, 2015
University of Pennsylvania	Spring, 2010
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	Summer, 2009
University of Wisconsin – Madison	Summer, 2009
Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco	March, 2009