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## EDUCATION

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*Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago IL*  
**DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY** 1985  
Honors: Graduated *cum laude*  
Externship: Low Vision, Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind

*Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago IL*  
**B.S. in Visual Science** 1983

*Indiana University, Bloomington IN*  
**B.A Double Major** 1976

College of Arts and Sciences  
Majors: Biological Sciences and Chemistry  
Minor: Psychology

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## AWARDS

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- Air Force Meritorious Service Medal  
**2014**
- Air Force Achievement Award, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster 2012
- US Africa Command SHARED ACCORD 2011 Certificate of Appreciation 2011
- 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force, PACIFIC ANGEL 2010 Certificate of Appreciation 2010
- Air Force Longevity Award  
**2010**
- Air Force Achievement Award, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster 2008

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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*Board Certified, National Board of Examiners in Optometry* 2014-Present  
*Diplomate, American Board of Optometry* 2012-2024  
*CAQH Registered* Current  
*Electronic Health Record Competency* since 2004

*Optometrist, locum tenens and short-term relief* 2016-Present

**AB Staffing Solutions, contractor for BA-IHS CSU** October 2020-February 2021  
Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital  
P.O. Box 9  
Crow Agency, Montana 59022 Supervisor: Capt. Barbara Cohn, OD  
Main: (406) 638-3500

**Fish River Rural Health** April 2018-Present  
Fort Kent Clinic  
12 Bolduc Avenue, Fort Kent, Maine, 04743

**Several locations in Evansville IN, and Phoenix, Mesa, and Glendale AZ**

*Optometrist, Independent Contractor, Salvat* **Optometry, Inc.** 2015-Present

**Eye Mart, 5405 Pearl** Dr, Ste #4, Evansville IN 47712 2015-Nov 2016

<i>Adjunct Professor</i> <b>Indiana University School of Optometry</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
<i>Advanced Competency in Medical Optometry</i> <b>Certified by Examination</b>	<b>2011</b>
<i>Department of Veterans Affairs, Evansville Health Care Center</i> <b>Senior Optometrist</b> Implemented expanded Eye Department in New Evansville Health Care Center Implemented new TBI/ABI clinic and Low Vision clinic	<b>2004-2014</b>
<b>Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, AFRC, BSC</b> International Health Specialist, Air Force Reserve Command Chief, Optometry Flight, 445 <sup>th</sup> AMDS, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH Officer in Charge, PACIFIC ANGEL, 13 <sup>th</sup> Air Force, Hickam AFB, HI – plan and execute Medical Civic Assistance Programs (MEDCAP) and Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) in SE Asia Cross-train squadron medics to function in Optometry clinic	<b>2005-2014</b>
<b>Clinical Skills Examiner</b> – National Board of Examiners of Optometry Clinical and Injection Skills Examiner	<b>2005-Present</b>
<b>Optometry Expert for Legal Consultation</b> Tort claims case reviewer, Department of Veteran Affairs Expert witness for Optometric litigation, for both prosecution and defense	<b>2010-Present</b> <b>2014-Present</b>
<b>Lecturer</b> “Diabetes and your Eyes” – monthly presentation to Diabetes Education Classes, EHCC “Allergy and the Eyes” – in-service CME to medical staff, EHCC	<b>2004-2014</b>

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**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

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<i>See World, Mesilla Park, NM</i> <b>President of Corporation</b> Private practice in Las Cruces, NM – primary care therapeutic optometry  Independent Doctor of Optometry, separate-door leases in four retail locations, southern New Mexico	<b>1996-2004</b>
<i>Employee, ophthalmology practice, Dr. Stephen A.D. Schuster, El Paso, TX</i> Primary care therapeutic optometry  Pre- and post-op ophthalmic surgical care	<b>1997</b>
<i>Associate, ophthalmology practice, Drs. Cesarz, Nassif and Associates, Wauwatosa, WI</i> Primary care therapeutic optometry  Pre- and post-op ophthalmic surgical care Advanced contact lens care Nursing home consultant to six Milwaukee- area nursing homes	<b>1989-1996</b>

*Associate, optometry practice, Dr. Roman Steininger, Milwaukee, WI*

Primary care therapeutic optometry

**1985-1989**

Advanced contact lens care

Binocular dysfunction and vision therapy

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#### **PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

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- "Preventing reactivation of ocular histoplasmosis: Guidance for patients at risk"
- Optometry – Journal of the American Optometric Association, January 2006 (Vol. 77, Issue 1, Pages 10-16)

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#### **LANGUAGES**

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- English – native language
- Spanish – speak, read and write with high proficiency

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#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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- Arizona Optometric Association
- Southeast Indiana Optometric Society
- Indiana Optometric Association
- American Optometric Association
- National Board of Examiners in Optometry