

Dr. Lori L. Grover named Dean of Salus University's Pennsylvania College of Optometry

Elkins Park, PA (June 8, 2014) – Salus University provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, Janice Scharre OD, MA, FAAO has announced the appointment of Lori L. Grover, OD, PhD to the position of dean of Salus University's Pennsylvania College of Optometry. Dr. Grover, who joins Salus from her leadership position at Arizona State University, is highly regarded for her extensive experience in optometric education, clinical care of chronic vision impairment, curricular programming, interprofessional education and clinical research in the areas of low vision and health services research.

Dr. Grover previously served at Arizona State University as director of the Center for Translational Health Science and associate professor in the Department of Health Solutions. As a member of the leadership teams for the president and the deans of the College of Nursing and Health Innovation and the College of Health Solutions, she provided strategic, academic and operational direction as well as research and planning recommendations to advance the overall mission of the colleges and university.

Dr. Grover's distinguished 23-year academic career includes numerous accomplishments, including being among the first faculty members at Johns Hopkins University to complete the leadership training program in the Office of Women in Science and Medicine. She has held faculty appointments in the Department of Ophthalmology at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Southern California College of Optometry.

A thought leader in optometric professional education and health care policy planning, Dr. Grover currently serves as a Diplomate of the Public Health and Environmental Vision Section of the American Academy of Optometry, past chair of the AOA Vision Rehabilitation Section and a member of the Governor's Office on Health Care Reform, HCRCC and Essential Health Benefits Advisory Committee for the State of Maryland,

"Dr. Grover is an outstanding addition to the leadership team at Salus University and will be a significant asset as we positively influence optometric professional education and the changing face of healthcare in our country," said Dr. Scharre.

Dr. Grover said, "I am honored to be joining President Michael Mittelman, Dr. Scharre and their extraordinarily dedicated team of educators, clinicians and leaders. This is a truly great opportunity to continue to educate and develop outstanding professionals and enhance the role of Salus University's Pennsylvania College of Optometry as an integral component of the area's formidable primary healthcare delivery network."

Dr. Grover is a graduate of Illinois College of Optometry and The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.