

## **Mary Bartuccio, OD, FAAO**

Dr. Mary Bartuccio received her Bachelor of Science in Vision Science Degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1995 and her Doctor of Optometry Degree from Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry in 1997. Following graduation, she received a Residency certificate in Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy at Pennsylvania College of Optometry. Thereafter, Dr. Bartuccio joined a Pediatric and Vision Therapy practice in West Palm Beach, Florida. She was an active member of the Palm Beach Optometric Society where she served as a board member for 4 years. She also was chair of the Palm Beach Optometric Society Scholarship committee for 2 years. In addition, she played a key role on the legislative committee which involved educating our legislators on the optometric issues involving co-management care for our patients.

In June 2003, Dr. Bartuccio joined Nova Southeastern University as a full-time faculty member. During her service as a faculty member at NSU College of Optometry, Dr. Bartuccio has served in the pediatric and Binocular Vision clinic, and in the primary care clinics at Davie, North Miami Beach, and Fort Lauderdale. In addition, during her clinical service, Dr. Bartuccio continues to evaluate and manage patients with special needs, vision related learning problems, strabismus and amblyopia and infants.

While at the College of Optometry, Dr. Bartuccio has been Chair of the Quality Assurance committee, as well as Chair of the Student Affairs committee. She is a member of the American Optometric Association (AOA) and a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO). In addition, she is an Associate member of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and the Optometric Extension Program. Dr. Bartuccio continues to be actively involved with the Florida Optometric Membership and Children Service Committees.

Dr. Bartuccio is the instructor of the second year Anomalies in Binocular Vision 1 Laboratory where her primary teaching focus is to educate the students about Vision Therapy. She also is the instructor for the Pediatric Case conference class, where the fourth year students are taught the knowledge to be better pediatric clinicians.

In addition to her clinical participation, Dr. Bartuccio was a site coordinator and vision therapist for the Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Trial (CITT) at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry and has participated in other clinical studies as well as chart reviews. In May 2005, she published a featured article on *How to Care for the Pregnant Patient in Review of Optometry* and has since published other articles for *Review* - most recently as a co-author for an article on Topical Treatments for our most vulnerable patients. She has also published many articles on the topic of examining the Special Population Patient in *Optometry Today* as well as authored or co-authored multiple posters for the American Academy of Optometry (AAO). Dr. Bartuccio has presented continuing education locally and regionally on the examination of the Special Population Patient and the Pregnant and Nursing patients.