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Deborah Amster O.D., F.A.A.O., F.C.O.V.D. graduated with the Doctor of Optometry degree from the New England College of Optometry in 2001. She went on to practice as an independent Doctor of Optometry in Long Island, NY until 2002. Dr Amster then completed a residency in Pediatric Optometry and Binocular Vision at the NSU College of Optometry in 2003. She is currently a full time faculty member at Nova Southeastern University and holds the rank of Assistant Professor.

Dr. Amster's publications include several posters presented at the AAO, AOA and SECO, as well as articles in the Journal of Behavioral Optometry and Review of Optometry http://www.revoptom.com/content/d/vision_therapy/i/1564/c/29363/ She has been an active participant on the CITT and CITT-RS studies, and is currently the Principal Investigator of an HPD funded study entitled: "The Inheritance of Congenital Stationary Night Blindness and Ocular Albinism in One Family". She is also a co-investigator on the CICADA study at Nova. In addition, she authored a chapter entitled 'Diagnosis and treatment of vision information processing disorders' in the book Visual Diagnosis and Care of the Special Needs Patient.

Dr. Amster is a fellow of both the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and The American Academy of Optometry. She is currently the Co-Chair of the Associate-to-Fellowship Committee of COVD. She is also NSU's COVD faculty liaison. Dr. Amster's particular areas of interest include visual perceptual dysfunction and learning related vision disorders, preschool vision screening and exams, and vision training.

Her current teaching responsibilities at NSU's College of Optometry include: instructor of record for Pediatric Optometry and Learning Related Vision Problems Laboratory, guest lecturer for Pediatric Optometry and Learning Related Vision Problems Lecture, and clinical preceptor for 3rd and 4th year interns at the NSU Eye Clinics.

Dr. Amster was awarded the Faculty Golden Apple Teaching award for Pediatrics & Binocular Vision by NSU College of Optometry's 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008 graduating classes.