Dr. Douglas G. Horner Receives Research Award

Dr. Douglas G. Horner, OD PhD, has received an award to support a new collaborative effort between the Borish Center for Ophthalmic Research and the African Studies Program (ASP).

The purpose is to foster advanced training for optometry faculty and advance vision research in Ghana. Dr. Horner will collaborate with Samuel G. Obeng, Ph.D, Director of the ASP, and Todd D. Peabody, OD, of IUSO on, “Developing and Implementing 21st Century Ideas on Optometry through Area Studies Partnership. “

Dr. Horner will teach intense courses to faculty and professional students at two universities that have started optometry programs in Ghana: Cape Coast University and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. To accomplish the goal of increasing the numbers and expertise of eye care providers, Dr. Horner will also seek opportunities for Ghana faculty development.

The IUSO Graduate Program in Vision Science offers both course work and research collaborations that lead to a PhD. IU’s African Studies Program is one of the leading area studies programs for the interdisciplinary study of Africa. ASP not only has existing partnerships with several African universities, but also success in attracting funding for its innovative interdisciplinary studies and outreach programs.

This award of $10,000 for 2012 is provided through the Collaborative Research and Creative Activity competition of the Office of the Vice Provost for Research of Indiana University Bloomington.