

**RANDALL T. JOSE, O.D., F.A.A.O.**  
(Introductory Information)

**Dr. Randy Jose** is a Diplomate of the Low Vision Section of the American Academy of Optometry. He is the founding chairman of the Diplomate Program. He also served as a member of the Academy's Executive Council from 1987 to 1991. He received his Professional Doctorate of Optometry from UC Berkley/School of Optometry in 1969. Dr. Jose has taught at the University of California School of Optometry, the University of Alabama School of Optometry and the Pennsylvania College of Optometry before coming to the University of Houston-College of Optometry in 1980. He was awarded tenure in 1982. He was Tract Coordinator for Rehabilitative Optometry at the college and Director of Clinical Services at the Lighthouse of Houston during this time. In 1989 he had the opportunity to become the Director of Clinical Services for the Low Vision Center of Tulsa, a new concept in the delivery of low vision services in the private sector. During this time he was an adjunct Clinical Professor at Northeastern State University-College of Optometry in Tahlequah, OK. In 1991 he returned to the University of Houston as a tenured Associate Professor and presently serves in the capacity as Director of Clinical Services for the University of Houston Center for Sight Enhancement.

He has authored more than fifty articles on subjects related to low vision; participated in a multitude of workshops for his optometric colleagues and professional in rehabilitation and education. He authored a text on low vision. **Understanding Low Vision**, which received the prestigious **Bledsoe Award** from the American Association of Workers for the Blind (now AERBVI). He is the co-author of a best selling book on low vision with Dr. Paul Freeman, **The Art and Practice of Low Vision** with a second expanded edition published in 1997. He has contributed chapters to three other texts; organized and developed an on-going column for the **Optometric Weekly** in the 1970's; was Technical Editor for the **Review on Optometry** from 1976 to 1980; and he was the founding editor of the specialty journal, **Journal of Low Vision & Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation**, published by Westport Publications (served as executive editor of this internationally distributed journal until June 2000). **In 1998 he was appointed State Optometric Consultant for the Texas Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired** and continues to serve in that capacity. He is a member of the State Board of Directors for **Prevent Blindness of Texas**.

Dr. Jose was the recipient in 1990 of the **McFarland Award** from the low vision division of AERBVI. He received the **Texas Chapter Award** for his outstanding contributions to the visually impaired of Texas in 1986 and in 1993 he was given the **Vision Care Award** by the low vision section of the American Optometric Association. He received the **Division VII AER award for "Outstanding Lifetime of Meritorious Services and Contributions to Individuals with Low Vision"** in July of 1998. In February 2001 the Texas Optometric Association awarded him the **Outstanding Educator of the Year Recognition**.