

## OSSC Meeting "College of Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona 50 Years of Excellence"

**James C. Wyant, Professor Emeritus**  
College of Optical Sciences, University of Arizona



Aden B. Meinel established the University of Arizona Optical Sciences Center (OSC), now known as the College of Optical Sciences, in 1964 to fulfill a national need for more highly trained engineers and physicists in the optical sciences. Throughout its 50-year history, OSC has grown and evolved in response to industrial demand. It now includes a world-class faculty and an international student body, and its academic programs offer more than 100 graduate and undergraduate courses, an ABET-accredited undergraduate optical sciences and engineering degree program, and outstanding M.S. and Ph.D. graduate programs with extensive distance learning options. Its graduates are in great demand and are employed by national and international governments, businesses, and universities. This talk will describe the history of OSC and its current education and research programs.



**About our speaker:** James C. Wyant is professor emeritus at the College of Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona, where he was Director (1999-2005), Dean (2005-2012), and a faculty member since 1974. He received a B.S. in physics from Case Western Reserve University and M.S. and Ph.D. in optics from the University of Rochester. He was a founder of WYKO Corporation and served as its president and board chairman from 1984 to 1997 and he was a founder of the 4D Technology Corporation and currently serves as its board chairman. Wyant is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a Fellow of OSA, SPIE, and the Optical Society of India, an honorary member of the Optical Society of Korea, and former editor-in-chief of the OSA journal Applied Optics. He was the 2010 president of OSA and the 1986 president of SPIE. Wyant has received several awards for his technical work, including the OSA Joseph Fraunhofer Award; SPIE Gold Medal; SPIE Technology Achievement Award; SPIE Chandra Vikram Award; and four R&D 100 awards. For his entrepreneurial activities, Wyant has received several awards, including Arizona's "Innovator of the Year" Product Award; the Tom Brown Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award; the University of Arizona Technology Innovation Award; and the Arizona Technology Council William F. McWhortor Award.



**Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

**Reception: 6:00; Dinner: 7:00; Talk: 8:00**

**Cost: \$25. After April 5 - \$30**

**OSSC Student Members: free. \$10 after April 5**

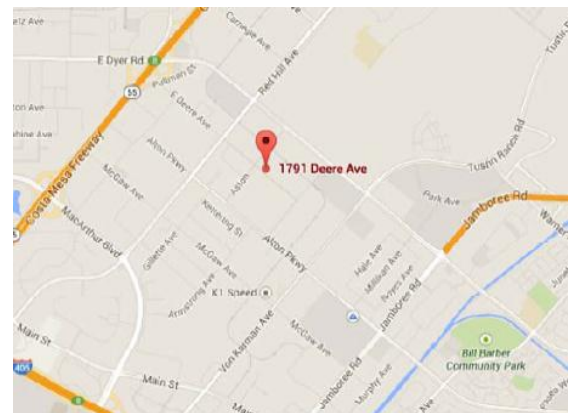
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