UABSO Names New Dean

Dr. Kelly Nichols has been named Dean of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry. Dr. Nichols had been a Professor at the University of Houston since 2011, where she co-founded The Ocular Surface Institute, a translational research institute focused on bench-to-bedside research in ocular surface conditions. From 2000 to 2011, she was a faculty member at The Ohio State University.



Dr. Kelly Nichols

Dr. Nichols has been extensively involved in professional organizations, including the American Optometric Association and the American Academy of Optometry. She is a medical adviser to the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation, an executive board member for the Tear Film and Ocular Surface Society, and a founding member of Ocular Surface Society of Optometry.