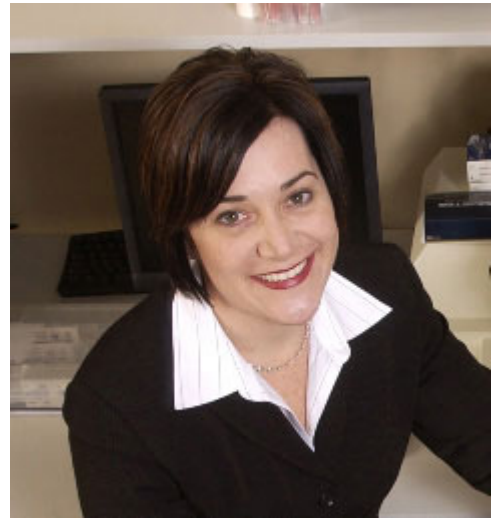


Dr. Kelly Nichols has been named Dean of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry. Dr. Nichols had been a Professor at the University of Houston since 2011, where she co-founded The Ocular Surface Institute, a translational research institute focused on bench-to-bedside research in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

Dr. 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.



*Dr. Kelly Nichols*