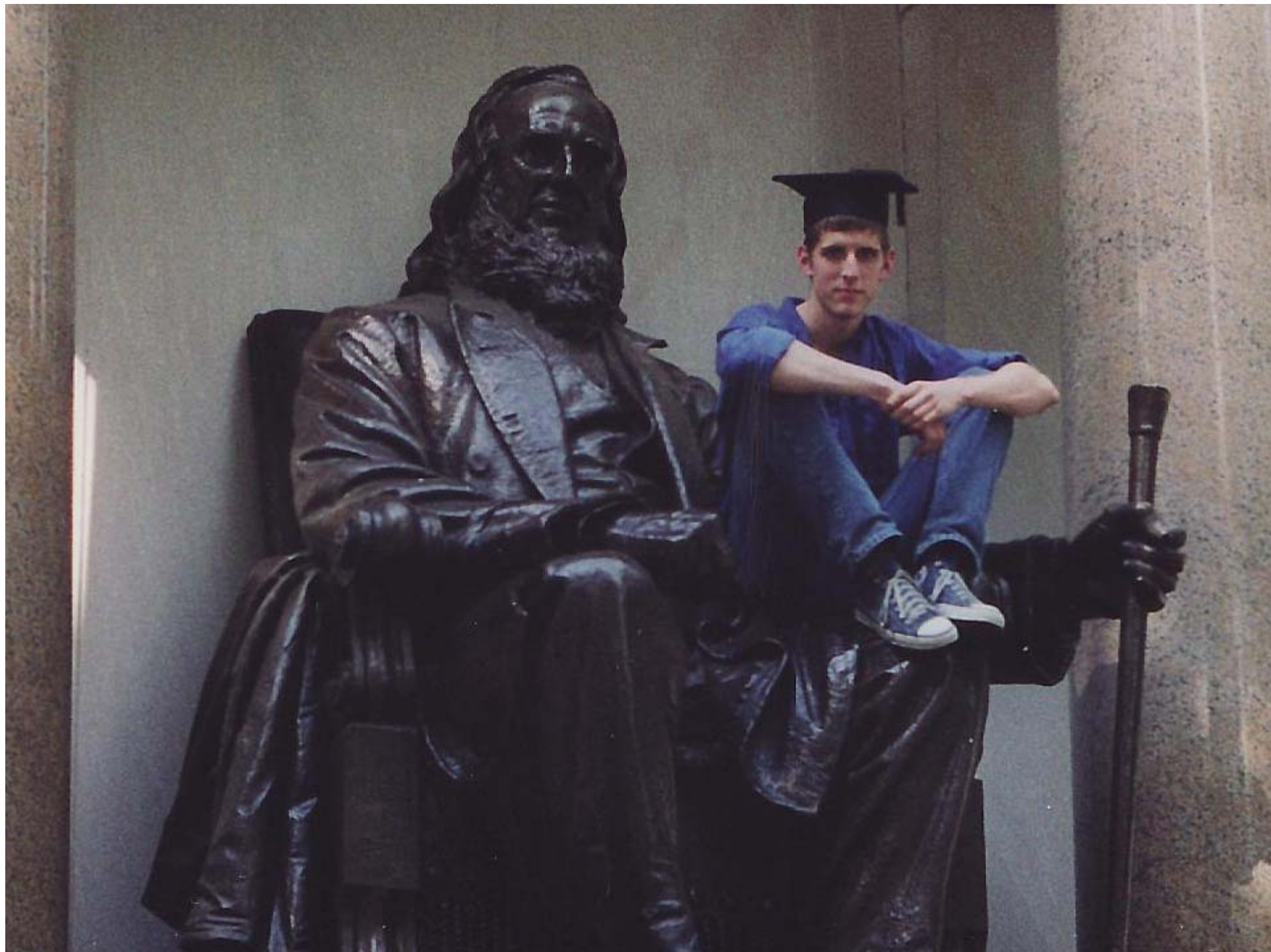


# Colin Dorrian's Lasik Story

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# Colin Dorrian before LASIK

- Successful, outgoing, ambitious, confident
- No history of mental health issues
- No use of illegal/recreational drugs
- Seldom drank alcohol



# Prior to Surgery

- Had become intolerant of contact lenses prior to surgery because of dry eyes
- +8 mm pupils
- -5.75 in left (dominant) eye, -6.75 in right
- -.75 astigmatism in both eyes.
- Vision with contacts was 20/15

# Pre-Op Assessment

- Colin was told that glare and halos would be "no worse than with contacts"
- Informed consent document shows estimate "0.5% chance" that glare and halos would be worse than contacts

# Surgery

- Chiron 217
- 6mm zone
- Blend zone to 9mm
- No problems reported during surgery

# Post Surgery

- Huge starbursts & halos at night
- Overlapping triple images
- Ghosting off white objects in low light
- “Worst of all is the washed out loss of contrast in darkness”





# My observations:

- It is not enough to promote the benefits of Lasik for the majority. LASIK practitioners must take ownership of their failures as well as their successes.
- A patient satisfaction survey, in any form, will not address issues faced by patients damaged by LASIK.
- Colin said that his High Order Aberrations impacted how he thought and how he processed information.
- Preliminary results from a study of corneal donors indicated that people who have had LASIK are 4 times more likely to commit suicide. Closing this study has created the appearance of a cover-up.

# **In conclusion the FDA should consider the following step:**

- Considering that there is no medical reason for LASIK the FDA should declare a moratorium on this procedure until its impact on the mental health of damaged patients is studied and understood.
  - This study should be led by mental health practitioners including psychiatrists, psychologists, neuro-ophthalmologists, and suicidologists as these experts are best prepared to assess the condition of patients damaged by LASIK surgery. The expertise available should not be limited to ophthalmologists and optometrists.
  - No one with a conflict of interest should be involved in this study.