CHAIR’S CORNER

Dr. Thomas B. Dodson

The Department continues its tradition of excellence and leadership as it enters its 60th consecutive year of residency training. Highlights of the last six months include:

1. On May 25th, the first double-degree OMS trainees in 25 years graduated with from University of Washington School of Medicine. Drs. Karen Zemplenyi, David Ludwig, and Rodney Nishimoto received their medical degrees at the School of Medicine’s graduation celebration held at Benaroya Hall in downtown Seattle (Figure 1). The trio entered OMS training in July 2015. They will move on to their general surgery internship and residency and we look forward to their coming back on service in 2019. They are expected to receive their OMS certificates in the spring of 2021.

2. With respect to honors, we have an embarrassment of riches among our faculty, residents, and students. Dr. Jasjit Dillon, OMS residency program director, received a grant from the Osteo Science Foundation to support her work to measure the role pentoxifylline and vitamin E in treating patients with MRONJ. She is actively seeking referrals with MRONJ to enroll in the study. Dr. Andrea Burke received the AAOMS Faculty Education and Development Award (FEDA) to support her research. Dr. Rodney Nishimoto received the 2018 AAOMS Resident Research Award for his paper entitled “Is the mandibular injury severity score a valid measure of mandibular injury severity? He was mentored by Dr. Melanie Lang. Dr. Lang received a grant from Laura Bush Foundation for attendance to the Sex and Gender Health Education Summit 4/8/18 – 4/10/18 in Salt Lake City, UT. Second year dental student, Ms. Kristie Cheng (Figure 2) won the Summery Research Fellowship Student Clinician Competition held January 30, 2018. Dr. Yeshwant Rawal will be taking over as the Chair of the Fellowship Examination Committee of the American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology on June 23, 2018, in addition to his now being Chair of the Virtual Microscopy Committee for both the American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology.

3. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Timothy Turvey, Professor and Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of North Carolina, will be the fifth Philip Worthington lecturer on November 7, 2018. Following the lecture, the OMS residents, full-time faculty, and major donors to the
Worthington endowment will join Dr. Turvey for a private dinner at the University of Washington Club. More details to follow.

4. **Northwest Center for Oral and Facial Surgery (NWCOPS).** The OMS faculty/resident practice celebrated its one-year anniversary after relocated from the School of Dentistry’s aged room B350 to the renovated 2nd floor of the Magnuson building located in the north end of Magnuson Park in northeast Seattle. Visit us at NWface.org.

This has been a year of many challenges. I could not be more proud of our Department’s continued commitment to excellence on all fronts of our mission: in teaching, clinical care, and research. We take serious our commitment to being a standard-bearer for academic oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Onward to the next challenge,

Thomas B. Dodson, DMD, MPH, FACS

**OMS RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

Dr. Jasjit Dillon

We are in the home stretch for 2018. You should already be aware from my last update about our out-going Chief residents’ future destinations. To recap, Scott Jones will join a practice in Eastern Washington, Akashdeep Villing returns to Vancouver BC, and Austin Gaal is heading to Oklahoma for a cleft and craniofacial fellowship with Drs. Paul Tiwana and Kevin Smith and then onwards to an academic position.

The rising chiefs are Jeffery Tsai, Tyler Boyd and Joshua Brandner and we all expect great things from them and look forward to cementing their training. Our new first year categorical residents are Leena Zurayk who is currently a non-categorical with us. Robert Johnson is from Tufts and Stuart Allyn from Creighton. The four non-categorical interns are Abby Shalaby from the University of Pacific, Alita Caldwell from Minnesota, Page Moorhead from Meharry Medical College and Jason Mah from Oregon Health Sciences University. We look forward to working with this new group of stellar residents.

Of last year’s non-categorical residents, Andre-David Kahwach matched to the double-degree program at Loma Linda. William Alvarez is spending a year focusing on research and will be doing a MPH at Boston University, and Amir Nojoumi will be doing an additional non-categorical residency year at Denver Health with Dr. Ryan Dobbs and Terri Su – both my junior residents at UCSF. I am sure this year of experience will hold all of them in good standing.

The University of Michigan held its inaugural Women’s Summit in January. We are grateful to KLS Martin and Dr. Patricia Kelly for supporting all our female residents to attend (see Figure 3 below). We even met Danielle Ploussard there (UW GPR 2016-2017 who has now matched to OHSU). This was a last minute request and it

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**Figure 1:** Dr. Dodson with Drs. Karen Zemplenyi, David Ludwig, and Rodney Nishimoto (from left to right) at Benaroya Hall for the 2108 School of Medicine graduation where the OMS residents received their MD degrees.
was wonderful that they had this important opportunity. The UW OMS program is consistently leading the way on equal opportunities and diversity in our specialty... something I could not be more proud of.

Dr. Leena Zurayk is busy working on the MRONJ and PENTO trial with me and Robert Johnson will join the project at the principal site having been one of the original team members as the AAOMS clinical trials where I started this research project. We are now recruiting and will have 6 patients enrolled by graduation. Thanks to everyone for the referrals.

Drs. Jeffery Tsai and David Ludwig both attended the AAOMS clinical trials methods course in Chicago this year and also benefited from both the didactics and creating a clinical trial from scratch. It is my hope to consistently send 1-2 residents to this meeting. Research and innovation as you all know is the life blood of our specialty and our future.

Along that line... on June 10th, Drs. David Ludwig, Michael Tsai, Jessie Han, Lucas Lai, and Joshua Brandner ran the 'Rock n Roll' marathon series and raised almost $2000 for the OMS Foundation (see right).

Despite all the challenges the School faces, I believe we are making slow but steady progress in the right direction. The UW OMS program continues to grow in strength and national accolade. We continue to work toward a better and brighter specialty.

Finally, a special thank you to Susan Lael who is the rock of the program. The complexity of 23 residents moving in and out of medical school, general surgery, and back again would be overwhelming for most. She manages to do it effortlessly.

See you all at graduation and thanks as always for your generosity, loyalty and support!
GPR PROGRAM
Dr. Ryan O’Connor

I am happy to congratulate the current residents who are finishing the General Practice Residency Program: Iain Hart, Ivy Lin, Valerie Liebhaber, Josh Machone, Yvonne Sondy, Matthew Dean, and Viet Le. We are overjoyed that Elizabeth Stanko is continuing on as an R2. I saw much growth, both personal and professional, in each resident and I know they will be successful in their careers to come. Thank you to all of the residents for your hard work and congrats!

I am also happy to report a new faculty addition to the GPR Program and AGD Clinic, Dr. Kavita Sainanee. Dr. Sainanee went to UCLA School of Dentistry and is a UW GPR alum as well. She has been working in private practice recently, and will join the UW SOD in a 50 percent capacity. She has a thoughtful and calm demeanor, and I know she will be an excellent educator and asset to our program. Welcome Kavita!

PRE-DOCTORAL ACTIVITIES
Dr. John Evans

The Oral Surgery Clerkship continues to be well received by third year dental students as we begin the fourth year of the new curriculum. Our students continue to score in the top 5% nationally on part 2 of the National Board Examination in all disciplines and even higher in the surgical sciences.

Augmentation and revision of the didactic component of the clerkship is ongoing. We are adding material on implants and bone grafting as the Curriculum Committee continues its efforts to keep the curriculum up to date.

To that end, the Curriculum Committee has converted a popular oral surgery elective into a required part of the fourth year curriculum. For many years, we offered students an extra quarter or two of clinical experience in the pre-doctoral surgery clinic. Most students requested the experience. We were unable to meet the demand unless we added fourth year students to the third year surgery clinic. Starting this June, all students will be required to participate in eight to ten more oral surgery clinic sessions as part of their fourth year general practice courses. Faculty from our department will of course, supervise this activity.

Reports from affiliate faculty supervising our students off campus are favorable with regard to our student’s surgical skills. UW students are making a contribution as they treat underserved urban and rural populations in Federally Qualified Health Centers in both eastern and western Washington.

As we begin our twenty-fifth iteration of the now famous oral surgery clerkship, we would like to thank our generous affiliate faculty for the kind donation of their time and expertise. We would be unable to fulfill our mission without them. We always have room for more affiliate faculty, especially in the summer. Please let us know if you are inclined to join us. One half day a month is a meaningful contribution.

Patient Comments

“This is the best healthcare I have ever received! I had the impression from newspaper stories that this was a sort of “Bedlam” for poor people... I am not exaggerating about the quality of care... I have been a patient of gold plated care at Swedish and you are superior: everyone is! - the doctor, nurses, receptionists and overall organization. I have never bothered filling out a survey for a hospital before... I do so now with pleasure and gratitude!”

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PUBLICATIONS


FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

1. Dr. Dillon. How can intraoperative navigation assist in maxillofacial surgery? 2 hours CDE. ACOMS/FACES Feb 23 2018
2. Dr. Dillon. Management of complex facial trauma: what have we learned and where are we now? 2 hours CDE ACOMS/FACES Feb 23 2018
3. Dr. Dillon. Lecture to the Oral and Maxillofacial Student Interest group on women in OMS and UW OMS. March 27 2018
4. Dr. Dillon. Maxillofacial trauma – where are we now? Tacoma CDE 3 hours May 18th 2018
5. Dr. Dillon. Clinical trials Methods course – Pathology group faculty leader May 9-11 2018
7. Dr. Dodson – How safe is safe enough? And Preparing a patient-oriented manuscript. Invited to lecture at Oregon Health Sciences University Department of OMS Resident Graduation. Portland, OR, June, 2018.

WORTHINGTON LECTURE:
November 7, 2018
Dr. Timothy Turvey
Professor and Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, School of Dentistry,
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

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