CHAIR’S CORNER:
Dr. Thomas B. Dodson

We have had a busy, productive, and interesting last six months.

I want to start with the sad news of the passing of Dr. Philip Worthington (Figure 1). Dr. Worthington led the School of Dentistry’s Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) to new heights and garnered worldwide acclaim during his two-decade tenure as department chair. He died peacefully on Aug. 13 in Kirkland, Wash. He was 93.

Dr. Worthington joined the School of Dentistry faculty in 1977 as interim chair of OMS, became permanent chair three years later, and held that post until 1998. He remained on the department faculty until his retirement in 2008, when he became Professor Emeritus.

Born in Bebington in England’s northwest Cheshire County, he served in the Royal Air Force and then earned bachelor’s degrees in science, medicine, surgery, and dental surgery at the University of Liverpool. In 1965, he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. He practiced oral and maxillofacial surgery in North Wales, during which time he was involved in a hospital-based exchange program for American-trained oral and maxillofacial surgery residents.

In 1974, he was invited to be a visiting professor at the University of Washington, which led to his becoming OMS department chair. He won international recognition as a clinician, researcher, and educator, and lectured around the world. He also edited or contributed to 13 textbooks. His honors included election to the Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honorary society, selection as an extraordinary member of the German Society for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and the vice presidency of the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Dr. Worthington was one of the early adopters of dental implantology pioneered by Sweden’s Per-Ingvar Brånemark, with the University of Washington chosen to be one of the first four North American sites to employ the new technology. Dr. Worthington went on to publish extensive research on it.
After he retired, Seattle-area alumni and senior School of Dentistry faculty underscored the high regard in which he was held by creating an endowment in his name. The endowment initially supported visiting scholars but has evolved to a more ambitious goal: to establish the Worthington Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the school. Donations in Dr. Worthington’s memory may be made to the Worthington endowment at Make a gift | Give to the UW (washington.edu).

On a more upbeat note, friends and family celebrated Dr. O. Ross Beirne’s retirement, October 8th, 2022, at Sparkman Cellars in Woodinville. I first met Ross Beirne while interviewing at oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs. He was my first mentor and program director at UCSF. Despite his moving to UW, we had similar interests and found ourselves working together on various committees and task forces over the years, looking at things such as third molar outcomes, technology assessment, outpatient anesthesia, and osseointegration. I developed so much respect for him as an educator and as a scholar. He had a passion for teaching, an unrelenting drive for the truth, and a demeanor that was challenging but never threatening.

Dr. Beirne graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with distinction from Berkeley and then attended Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where he graduated with honors and was presented with the prestigious Silver Medal. He then completed a PhD in Biochemistry at UC-San Francisco before then training in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

In 1985, Dr. Beirne joined the faculty at UW as the director of the residency program. In 1993, he was promoted to full Professor, and in 1999 he became the Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, serving in that capacity for 11 years.

Dr. Beirne’s has served as a scholar and a leader at both the local level, such as working with the Seattle-King County Dental Society and the Washington State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons as well as at the national level. He was a founding member and President of the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology and has been extremely active with AAOMS, where he has served on task forces too numerous to list. Dr. Beirne served many years as an examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He has been a leader in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Research Group of the AADR. He served over a decade as the chair of the research committee for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation. And he is listed on at least 4 separate Who’s Who registries, including Who’s Who in America, in Frontier Science and Technology, in Medicine and Healthcare, and American Teachers.
Dr. Beirne received the Full Time Faculty Recognition Award from UW School of Dentistry, ADEA/AAOMS Gies Foundation Award, AAOMS Daniel Laskin Pre-doctoral Educator Award, the Bruce Rothwell Lifetime Teaching Award, and the Heidbrink Award from the American Dental Society of Anesthesia.

Dr. Beirne made a substantive contribution to our knowledge base, receiving research grants and publishing over 60 peer-reviewed studies in bone biology, pharmaceutical agents, implants, third molars, and outpatient anesthesia. But his enduring contribution is his love of teaching. In recognition of his commitment to our specialty, colleagues and peers throughout the state of Washington raised $106,000 for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation in honor of Sheryl and Ross Beirne (Figures 2-4).

The Department was honored with several awards at the AAOMS Annual Meeting held in New Orleans this last September. Dr. Jas Dillon received the ADEA/AAOMS Gies Foundation for excellence in teaching (joining her colleagues, Drs. Beirne and Dodson, as previous recipients).

Dr. John Evans was awarded the Laskin Award for Outstanding Predoctoral Educator. I received the OMS Foundation Research Recognition Award. Also at this meeting, Dr. Mark Egbert was elected Vice-President of AAOMS, putting him in line to become president at the meeting next fall (Figures 5,6). Drs. Burke, Dillon, and Dodson delivered invited lectures. The Department held an alumni reception (Figure 7) and looks forward to your joining us next September 21 when the AAOMS meeting is once again on the “best coast”—in San Diego!

On November 3, 2022, the Department hosted Dr. Gary Bouloux as the 2022 invited Worthington Lecturer. Dr. Bouloux presented on the topic of decision-making in the operative management of temporomandibular joint disease. It was our first Worthington lecture delivered to a live audience since 2019. Following the presentation, Dr. Bouloux had dinner with the OMS residents, full-time faculty, and major donors to the Worthington fund at Ivar’s Seafood Restaurant (see Figure 8).

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the rehiring of Dr. Dale Bloomquist’s as OMS faculty and his return to the School’s OMS faculty practice based at the Northwest Center for Oral and Facial Surgery in August 2022. Dr. Bloomquist has been a long-time member of the OMS faculty and most recently in private practice. He will be an active member of the OMS faculty practice and will concentrate his practice, and teaching research efforts in orthognathic surgery.

Thomas B. Dodson, DMD, MPH, FACS
Professor and Chairman
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Figure 7 – AAOMS Alumni Reception 2022, New Orleans, LA

Figure 8 – Residents and Dr. Bouloux at Ivar’s Seafood Restaurant, following the Worthington Lecture

Front row: Jessica Van, Taylor Ellingsen, Rachel Lim, Trey Foy, Dr. Bouloux, Charlie Smith, Julia Higgins, Chris Benson, Bobby Johnson

Back Row: Dr. Dodson, Kanvar Panesar, Michael Snow, Aaron Hui, Saif Shah, Joshua Alumbaugh, Jason Khatra, Thomas Beckstrom
OMS RESIDENCY PROGRAM
Dr. Jasjit Dillon

We had another good showing at the AAOMS annual meeting. Several of our residents attended. This year our abstracts were virtual, these were by Onyi Esonu and Thomas Beckstrom. Of our current 3 graduating chief residents, Onyi is currently interviewing for jobs. She is open to anywhere in the country as long as it’s the right fit. Kanvar Panesar successfully matched to the University of Alabama for a 1 year head and neck fellowship. Rachel Lim has matched to a cosmetics fellowship in Bellevue WA.

Talking of Rachel, I am delighted that I have 2 of my residents who are expecting. As we know, we cannot predict these, but Rachel’s due date has been timed perfectly – 1 day after graduation! Jessica Van will be having her baby while in medical school. Please congratulate them. As a program with a strong focus on parity and equality, I have been waiting to announce that one of the female residents was expecting. For dental students and prospective OMS candidates – yes you can have it all.

Joshua Alumbaugh and Michael Snow have joined medical school. Brian Bhaskar, Aparna Bhat and Gaby Moen are due to return to service. Our next chiefs are Stuart Allyn, Robert (Bobby) Johnson and Leena Zurayk. The match day is January 23rd. We interviewed 40 candidates who were all fantastic. We look forward to the results. I will be interviewing for the four non-categorical intern positions in the coming days.

Finally, a special thank you to Susan Lael the residency program manager without whom the program would flounder. Her countless hours and attention to detail have kept us afloat these many years and I am very grateful to have her at my side.

As always thank you all for the tireless support especially our affiliate faculty who take call for us. Jesse Han joined the group this January.

GPR PROGRAM
Dr. Ryan O’Connor

General Practice Residency Program Updates

The GPRs recently capped off another round of successful interviews. While the total number of applicants were down, we still had many high-quality applicants. We interviewed 25 applicants over Zoom and I’m looking forward to a great Match Day.

I want to introduce and welcome Dr. Ivy Lin as a new faculty attending. She attended McGill University for her DDS program and graduated from the UW GPR Program in 2018. She recently completed her MPH at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She is now an Acting Assistant Professor and will have large roles in managing the UWMC Inpatient Service, UWMC Call, and working and teaching residents in the UW Dentistry Campus Dental Center. She was a fantastic resident and I know she will perform equally well as faculty.

I also want to welcome Lani Jodlowski to the UW. She is working to take over the reins from Susan Lael as GPR Program Coordinator. She comes from a background of clinical dentistry and is doing great learning the ropes of the academic world. She has been a pleasure to work with so far and we are all glad to have her on our team.

Many thanks to all who interface with the GPR Program, and I wish you a Happy New Year!

Best,
Ryan O’Connor
Program Director, General Practice Residency
PRE-DOCTORAL ACTIVITIES
Dr. John Evans

As we approach Winter quarter, the pre-doctoral teaching program is running smoothly. The Oral and Maxillofacial Clerkship continues to function as a referral clinic treating the surgical needs of the patients of record in the School of Dentistry as well as limited-care patients from the community.

We are now back open to all patients who do not have current COVID-related signs and symptoms on the day of their appointment. We still recommend N-95 masks and the usual barriers for aerosol-producing procedures and level III surgical masks for clinic in general.

We are about to begin a school-wide self-study to prepare for the next site visit from the Committee on Dental Accreditation (CODA). This is a lengthy process ongoing for the next year.

Our students are doing well on the new combined national board examination. We only get pass/fail information back with regard to how they are doing in comparison to other dental schools. So far, we have not had any failures.

Our surgical curriculum now takes two years to complete—years three and four of the dental curriculum. It includes, as always, both simple and surgical extractions, alveoplasty and other pre-prosthetic procedures. In addition, our students are required to rotate to a community clinic somewhere in the northwest for at least six weeks during their fourth year. If you add it all up, they are getting an excellent education in basic dentoalveolar surgery.

With regard to the future, Ross Beirne and I will be teaching the second iteration of a new course for fourth-year students. Ross takes them through the basics of conscious oral sedation including medical evaluation pre-operatively and I present a review of basic pharmacology that Ross does not include like psychoactive medications, the MRONJ drugs and the legal and illegal recreational drugs seen all too frequently in our patient population.

We are intent on maintaining the curriculum we have with the addition of timely topics as the needs of our patients change. As always, we are most grateful to colleagues who support our clinical teaching efforts. Especially the MP3 group—Doctors Kim, Wahan, Altmann, and Brady who hold down our Monday afternoon clinic, and Dr. Henry Rowshan our Tuesday guy.

We are always interested in adding to our distinguished group of affiliate faculty. Email me drjohn@uw.edu if you are interested.

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

1. **Dodson TB.** Department of OMS Grand Rounds. "Safety in the office-based anesthesia setting. What it is and is it enough? Seattle, July 6, 2022.
2. **Dodson TB.** “Teaching critical thinking to residents.” AAOMS Annual meeting. New Orleans September 15, 2022
4. **Dodson TB.** "Principles of patient-oriented research.” Virtual presentation. OMS Research Collaborative. Hosted by University of Pennsylvania and University of Texas-Houston Departments of OMS. November 17, 2022.
5. **Dodson TB.** How to do patient-oriented research. OMS Research Collaborative sponsored by Departments of OMS at University of Pennsylvania and University of Texas-Houston. Virtual presentation. November 17, 2022.
15. Susarla SM. “Introduction to Craniomaxillofacial Surgery” Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA. October 5, 2022
18. Dillon JK. “Finding the Right Mentor’s and Sponsors Regionally, Nationally and Internationally.” Faculty preconference. AAOMS annual meeting. New Orleans Sept. 14th, 2022
20. Dillon JK. “Surgical management of post-traumatic trigeminal neuralgia: Case report and review of the literature.” Nerve injury clinical interest group. AAOMS annual meeting. New Orleans Sept. 16th 2022
22. Dillon JK. “The comprehensive assessment of trigeminal nerve injuries.” Lohiya Women in Dentistry study club. October 2nd Los Angeles
23. Dillon JK. “Keep the lawyers away! Everything you need to know about trigeminal nerve injuries.” Seattle King County Dental Society. October 6th 2022
24. Dillon JK. "Medication related osteonecrosis of the jaws.” Webinar hosted by Osteosence (300 registrants) October 18th
25. Dillon JK. "Keep the lawyers away!” A pot-pourri of hot topics. 6 hour CE to Midatlantic Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons [MSSOMS] Nov 2nd 2022. (155 attendees)
26. Dillon JK. "Keep the lawyers away!! Everything you need to know about trigeminal nerve injuries." MASOMS 11/22/2022
27. Dillon JK. “Do we really need antibiotics for what we do?” MASOMS 11/22/2022
28. Dillon JK. “65 F on Zolendronate referred for implant # 19…” A comprehensive review and update of MRONJ. MASOMS
29. Dillon JK. “Think You Know Everything About Red and White Lesions? Think Again!” MASOMS 11/22/2022

PUBLICATIONS


**BOOK CHAPTERS AND EDITORIALS**

HONORS/AWARDS/POSITIONS


3. **Lin I**. University of Washington School of Dentistry Dental Alumni Faculty Award and has been inducted as a fellow of both the Pierre-Fauchard Academy and the Academy of General Dentistry.

4. **Dillon JK**. William J Gies Foundation award – October 2022

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