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CHAIR'S CORNER:

Dr. Thomas B. Dodson

On June 14th, 2024, we celebrated the 4th class of graduating, dually qualified oral and maxillofacial surgeons, Drs. Leena Zurayk, Stuart Allyn, and Bobby Johnson (see Figure 1). These three have endured remote WWAMI states, OR closures, pandemic lockdowns, and 3 million, 153 thousand, 6 hundred minutes of intense training. They are well-trained and ready for prime time as oral and maxillofacial surgeons.



Figure 1
2024 Graduating Chief Residents
L-R – Drs. Jas Dillon (program director), Bobby Johnson, Stuart Allyn, Leena Zurayk, Thomas Dodson (chair).

OMS Grand Rounds Lectures

The Grand Rounds Lecture Series takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The lectures are held from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Grand Rounds will be held via Zoom.

To participate, use this Zoom link:

<https://washington.zoom.us/j/92298364908>

Meeting ID: 922 9836 4908

Visit our website listed in the appendix of our newsletter or click [here](#) for the OMS Grand Rounds calendar.

August 7th: Utilization of Implants in Head and Neck Reconstruction - Extraoral Applications - Dr. Alan J. Sutton

August 21st: A Difficult Case Report – How to Correct the FACE, AIRWAY, and BITE and Maintain the Correction Long Term - Dr. William Arnett

September 4th: 50 Years of TMJ Surgery, The Past, Present, and Future! - Dr. M. Franklin Dolwick

September 18th: Eyelid Reconstruction – Dr. Christopher Chambers

October 2nd: It's Been a Hell of a Ride
1) My Mentors 2) My goals 3) My experience 4) My advice – Dr. Dale Bloomquist



This past spring in our Journal, we had a series of impassioned articles and letters to the editor making excuses for why fewer and fewer residents are choosing academic careers. Then, I look at our distinguished faculty here and see the commitment to leadership and service, the clinical excellence, the diversity of interests, and the humanist qualities and think where in the world can you find a better group of colleagues or a better environment for being the best version of yourself?

First, we are honored to have with us our own Dr. Mark Egbert, who is serving as the current AAOMS President, our esteemed professional society that serves as a beacon for our specialty and helps us to maintain our clinical, professional, legal, and political footing in a complex convergence of specialties and industries. Mark's role is the culmination of many years of service, and we thank him for all he has done and continues to do for our specialty. Dr. Jas Dillon, our residency program director, continues her national leadership roles serving on the Board of Directors of the OMS Foundation and as a member of the executive committee of the American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial

Surgeons. She is also the Pathology Section Editor for JOMS.

Dr. Melanie Lang continues her service to the WSDA Board, as Seattle-King County Dental Society delegate to the WSDA House of Delegates, and as vice president of the Western Society of OMS.

Dr. Andrea Burke serves on the AAOMS Committee on Research Planning and Technology Advancement and the Women in OMS Special Interest Group, sponsored by AAOMS. She has been the recipient of numerous awards at national meetings, including AAOMS, for her mentorship of dental students.

Dr. Dale Bloomquist, who recently moved his private practice into our faculty group, continues to give our residents exposure to high efficiency in orthognathic surgery. Dr. Bloomquist's has been a welcome presence among our faculty. Alas, we must say adieu at the end of this year as he transitions to a well-deserved life of retirement.

Dr. Austin Gall is now a viable faculty member with a 60% appointment providing trauma and congenital reconstruction care to patients at Harborview Medical Center, regional cleft care serving on the Yakima Valley Cleft team, and participates in internation missions to deliver care in Mexico and Boliva. His experiences were recently detailed on the UW School of Dentistry website that can be accessed at: [Dr. Austin Gaal spreads cleft care expertise, treatment at home and abroad - UW School of Dentistry \(washington.edu\)](http://www.uw.edu/school-of-dentistry). In his "free time" he has started a program to earn his Master of Public Health degree from the UW School of Public Health.

Dr. Zahid Lalani – our newest full-time faculty member has adapted well to academic oral surgery practice after a long career in private practice. He was recently appointed to be a member of the examination committee of ABOMS and was also appointed as affiliate faculty to the Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal India.

And then there's the research. The School of Dentistry publishes around 100 papers each year. Our department, composed primarily of clinicians, accounts for roughly 25% of the school's total output of published research. When national rankings of Dental Schools are published, the major drivers of those rankings are the body of research published and the citations driven from those papers

As I begin my 12th year at the helm, I couldn't be prouder of what this department has become. I dare anyone to find a stronger oral and maxillofacial surgery department anywhere in the US, whether it's in clinical expertise, research output, quality of training, or national leadership. It has been a long and sometimes bumpy road, and I am most grateful to the faculty, the affiliates, the residents, and particularly the alumni, for the trust and unwavering support you have given us. (see Figure 2)



Thomas B. Dodson, DMD, MPH, FACS
Philip Worthington Professor and Chair
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Figure 2

OMS Faculty and Residents – 2024 Graduation

Front Row – L-R. Drs. Mark Egbert, Zahid Lalani, Jessica Van, Austin Gaal, Dale Bloomquist, Jasjit Dillon, Bobby Johnson, Leena Zurayk, Aparna Bhat, Gabby Moen, Melanie Lang, Taylor Ellingsen, Benjamin Leung, Trayvon Foy,

Back row – L-R – Joshua Alumbaugh, Mark Stivers, Gabriel Gonzales-Colon, Fred Roing, Stuart Allyn, Charlie Smith, Michael Snow, Christopher Ma, Guillermo Chacon, Thomas Dodson, Brian Bhaskar, Jordan Ozcan

OMS RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Dr. Jasjit Dillon

Our graduation was held at the Palisades (Seattle restaurant) this year. Many alumni joined for a fun event.

Of the three graduating chief residents, Robert (Bobby) Johnson has joined Dr Tom Maring and Leena Zurayk joined Dr Seung Yu (UW OMS alumni class of 2014). Stuart Allyn has joined Dr John Holtzen in Missoula Montana.

Our new chief residents, Brian Bhaskar will be joining his father's practice in California, Aparna Bhat will be going to Florida to complete a cleft and craniofacial fellowship and Gaby Moen who just got engaged is looking at opportunities.

Drs. Charlie Smith, Aaron Hui, and Thomas Beckstrom are now back on service. They each noted that general surgery experience was tough, rewarding but they missed us and are glad to be back.

Our new year started with almost no hiccups – credit to Susan Lael the OMS program manager for getting everyone ready.

Introducing our new interns – (R1s) and non-categorical interns (See Figure 3)

Dr. Jiaxin Douglas Yuan, graduated from University at Buffalo school of dental medicine. Fun fact, he recently learned how to ride a motorbike over the summer. After 2 weeks on call at Harborview he abandoned his new calling!

Dr. Kevin Yu, graduated from UCLA. Fun fact, as a kid he had dreams for the big screen and did a couple TV commercials.

Dr. Christopher Steiner graduated from Oregon Health and Science University School. Fun fact was a realtor prior to entering the dental field and second fun fact – he is the second Oregon Duck to be part of this program!

The first non-categorical intern to introduce is Jennifer Tang graduated from University of Washington School of Dentistry and was elected a Husky 100 – an honor shared with previous OMS alumnus, Dr. David Ludwig. One fun fact about her is that she practiced wushu, a performance-based martial art, as an undergraduate student.

Dr. Archita (Archi) Jain grew up in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Fun Fact - She has visited, hiked and camped at 11 out of 63 of the National Parks in the United States.

Dr. Ada Mandapat graduated from the University of Oklahoma. Fun fact: she had a pet fish which she got as a white elephant gift.

Dr. Cody Henning graduated from the University of Alberta. Fun fact: Likes to swim.



Welcome New OMS Interns 2024-2025 program year

CATEGORICAL Interns (6-year OMS/MD program):



Christopher Steiner
OHSU (2024)

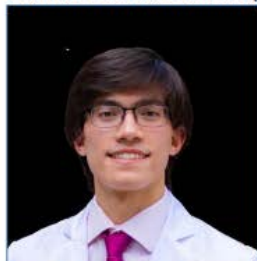


Kevin Yu
UCLA (2024)



Douglass (Jiaxin) Yuan
SUNY Buffalo (2023)

NON-CATEGORICAL Interns (1-year internship):



Cody Hennig
U. of Alberta (2024)



Archi Jain
U. of Minnesota (2024)



Ada Mandapat
U. Oklahoma (2024)



Jennifer Tang
U. of Washington (2024)

Figure 3

GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY (GPR) PROGRAM

Dr. Ryan O'Connor

Congratulations to the graduating GPR Class of 2023-2024! The graduates are pictured below:



Figure 4
(Graduating) From left to right: Drs. O'Connor, James Lee, Cindy Robillard, Kaye Jacques, Anna Wright, Lucia Lian, Hayley Foley, Albert Le, and faculty Ivy Lin, Evi Sipola. Dr. Rachel Whitehill is not present in the photograph.

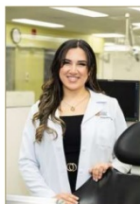
We had a pleasant celebration for the graduates at Ivar's (see photo). Many thanks to the OMS administration for supporting and organizing the event. Sujit and Lani, thank you! They were a spectacular group, and I know they will be successful in their future endeavors.

I want to welcome the incoming group of GPRs pictured below:

W SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON
General Practice Residency
2024-2025 Program Year



Andrew Chen



Christina Ghaly



Manvi Kavishal



(R2) Michael Korleski



Si Ming Lin



Sahba Mozaffarian



Sameem Norooz



Savannah Schumacher



Bianca Zero

The residents have been through multiple iterations of orientation and are busy integrating into the various clinic and hospital systems. I have already seen much growth and know they are learning a lot. I am sure we are in for a great year!

Best,

Ryan O'Connor
Program Director, General Practice Residency

PRE-DOCTORAL ACTIVITIES

Dr. John Evans

As we start a new academic year-- which runs from July 1 to June 30 of the next year-- we are finalizing extensive documentation of the entire teaching program in the School of Dentistry (SOD). This happens every seven years. The Committee on Dental Accreditation will be here the first week in November to visit the SOD. To maintain accreditation every dental school in the country must participate.

At this point I understand our accreditation document runs to some 800 pages. We have been working on it for eighteen months. It contains everything from a rigorous self-assessment right through to clinical and academic training and financial support of our School by the University and the State of Washington.

The COVID pandemic, demographic changes in the Seattle area, and the vicissitudes of funding from the State of Washington have all had an effect in the last seven years but we have done our best to adapt to an ever-changing environment.

The predoctoral surgery program remains much the same regarding academic content. Our department continues to participate in the overall administration of the SOD. We do have an impact on the curriculum in general as well on our area of expertise.

We are seeing an uptick in surgical patient flow in the SOD. As many of you know, during the pandemic and for several years after we re-opened the school, we had trouble attracting enough clinical cases to provide students with the experience they need to care for patients in a general dental practice. However, we are now approaching pre-pandemic levels of surgical patient flow. Our goal has always been to give our students a robust academic and clinical surgical experience as part of our pre-doctoral program. Our specialty is a large one with regard to scope, and well-educated general dentists are better able to understand what we are able to contribute to the dental and medical health of our patients.

We hope to do well in November. As always, we are grateful to those of you who attend our students in clinic as they take their first steps into surgical dentistry.

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

1. **Dillon JK** How oral cancer staging has changed. UW school of dentistry research day Jan 31 2024
2. **Dillon JK** Do Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons really need antibiotics for what we do? UCSF Hawaii meeting. Feb 28th 2024
3. **Dillon JK** Keep the lawyers away! A pot-pourri of hot topics. 6 hour CE to University Missouri Kansas City - Midwestern Dental conference (MWDC), Kansas City , Missouri April 11th 2024
4. **Dillon JK** Everything you need to know about trigeminal nerve injuries' MWDC 4-11-2024
5. **Dillon JK** Do we really need antibiotics for what we do? MWDC 4-11-2024
6. **Dillon JK** A review and update of MRONJ. MWDC 4-11-2024
7. **Dillon JK** What's new in Red and White? MWDC 4-11-2024\
8. **Dodson TB** Invited Presentation-Keynote Address – An Editor's Journal: Traditions, Strategies, and Science. Dental Editors University, May, 2024
9. **Dodson TB** surgeON. Invited presentation (virtual). Writing a scientific paper is not rocket science. January 8. Webinar
10. **Dodson TB** AO CMF Global Study Club. Medical research and publications. Webinar. May 30, 2024
11. **Lin IF** Climate Change and Oral Healthcare: A Bidirectional Relationship. University of Washington School of Medicine Planetary Health Interest Group Lecture Series. Seattle, WA. June 10, 2024.
12. **Susarla SM** Does training background influence decision-making in the management of zygomaticomaxillary complex fractures? CMF Trauma: Zygoma, AO CMF North America Webinar, February 1, 2024.
13. **Susarla SM** Pediatric Facial Fractures Management of Facial Trauma, AO CMF North America, Redondo Beach, CA. February 24, 2024.
14. **Susarla SM** Orthognathic Surgery in Atypical Settings Orthognathic Surgery: Current Trends and Clinical Perspectives. AO CMF North America, Dallas, TX. March 16, 2024.
15. **Susarla SM** Challenging Cases in Cleft Orthognathic Surgery Orthognathic Surgery: Current Trends and Clinical Perspectives. AO CMF North America, Dallas, TX. March 16, 2024.
16. **Susarla SM** Contemporary Management of Craniofacial Syndromes Department of Otolaryngology, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Grand Rounds, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY. April 18, 2024
17. **Susarla SM** Surgical Approaches to the Orbit" Contemporary Management of Orbit and Midface Trauma. AO CMF North America, April 18, 2024.
18. **Susarla SM** Contemporary Pediatric Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Washington Society of Plastic Surgeons, Annual Meeting, Levenworth, WA. June 8, 2024.
19. **Susarla SM** Craniomaxillofacial Surgery: Past, Present, and Future Seattle Surgical Society, Seattle, WA. April 22, 2024.
20. **Susarla SM** Computer-Assisted Surgical Planning in Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Plastic Surgery Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. May 8, 2024.
21. **Susarla SM** Subcranial and Orthognathic Surgery: Le Fort and Mandible Osteotomies OR Nursing Grand Rounds, Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle, WA. May 29, 2024.

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

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2. **Dodson TB** Abstract thinking. 82:381-2, 2024
3. **Dodson TB** Academic oral and maxillofacial surgery, 82:266-7.
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5. **Susarla SM**, Friedrich JB, Chung KC. The "Loss Years" of Residency Education: Overcoming COVID-19 Learning Gaps among Trainees. *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2024 May 1;153(5):1199-1201. doi: 10.1097/PRS.00000000000011220. Epub 2024 Apr 22. PMID: 38657015.

HONORS AND AWARDS

1. **Lalani Z** Appointed as examiner to the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
2. **Lalani Z** Appointed as Affiliate Faculty in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal, India
3. **Lalani Z** Received a \$1000 travel grant by Co-Motion and ICorps for Customer Discovery Process for research project
4. **Lin IF** Practice Greenhealth Stephanie Davis Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention Award
5. **Susarla SM** Warren B. Davis Circle, Reviewer Hall of Fame, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
6. **Susarla SM** ASPIRE Surgical Innovation Grant, Seattle Children's Hospital (co-PI with Dr. Russell Ettinger)

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