CHAIR’S CORNER:
Dr. Thomas B. Dodson

We have managed to train another cohort of newly minted oral and maxillofacial surgeons despite the travails of OR closures and staff/resident/faculty quarantined due to COVID. Our clinic volumes are close to exceeding pre-pandemic levels. Operating rooms are full. Residents and faculty are busy with research (see pages 6-7) and clinical care. Life is almost back to normal.

June 17th, we celebrated the graduation of the second class of dually-trained oral and maxillofacial surgeons, Drs. Jesse Han, Nicholas Smiley, and Phillip Hurst (see figure 1). We are proud to send them out into the world as well-trained surgeons ready to make valuable contributions to their patients, practices, and community. Joining them at graduation was their co-residents, incoming interns, and faculty (see figure 2).

A mark of a program’s excellence is the national and international reputation of its faculty and alumni. And we are well-represented. Dr. Jasjit Dillon was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) Foundation and continued executive leadership roles in the Washington State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (WSSOMS) and the American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Andrea Burke is a member of the AAOMS Committee on Research Planning and Technology Advancement. Dr. Melanie Lang serves as a Seattle-King County Dental Society delegate to the WSDA House of Delegates, a consultant to the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs, an AAOMS representative to the ADA Antibiotic Therapeutics Guidelines Development Panel, and a member of the ADA’s Medical Advisory Committee. Dr. Mark Egbert is vice-president of AAOMS. Dr. John Evans was nominated to receive the Laskin Predoctoral Educator’s Award. I was appointed to be Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery on January 1, 2022.

UW OMS graduates and faculty comprised much of the most recent Torch (Spring 2022) publication of the OMS Foundation. As noted above, Dr. Dillon is the newest member of the OMSF’s board of directors. The Torch featured two of our graduates for their philanthropy, Drs. David Ludwig and Pete Gauger. Dr. Ross Beirne and his wife, Sheryl, were highlighted for their many years of service to OMS and WSSOMS. In a matter of weeks, in recognition of Ross’ and Sheryl’s years of service, WSSOMS membership of WSSOMS raised over $100,000 to contribute to the OMS Foundation in support of its education and research mission!

The Worthington endowment continues to grow, but we need a final push of support to convert the fund from a lectureship to an endowed chair. We created a young alumni major donor category for graduates in the last 10 years.
who contribute $25,000 or more to the endowment. Drs. Pete Gauger, Patricia Kelly and Tyer McDonald are leading the way!

This year’s invited Worthington Lecturer is Dr. Gary Bouloux, Professor and Chair of the Department of OMS, Emory University School of Medicine. We are planning an in-person event, COVID-willing, and his presentation is scheduled for November 2, 2022. Looking forward to seeing you again face to face!

UW OMS faculty and residents, between lectures and abstracts, will be active contributors to the upcoming AAOMS annual meeting in New Orleans. For those of you attending, please join us for our alumni reception on Thursday, September 15th. Location and times to be determined.

Dr. Dale Bloomquist will join the faculty practice located at the NW Center for Oral and Facial Surgery in August.

Dr. Ross Beirne’s retired from his full-time faculty appointment on December 31, 2021. He will continue in the role as a part-time faculty. Pencil in the date of October 8, 2022. We will be hosting a retirement party for Dr. Beirne at the Sparkman Winery in Woodinville. Details to follow.

Despite attempts to return to in-person meetings, the OMS Grand Rounds presentation will continue to be broadcast virtually on the first and third Wednesday evenings starting at 6 pm (PDT).

And now, on to the next challenge.

Thomas B. Dodson, DMD, MPH, FACS
Professor and Chairman
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Figure 1 - Drs. Jesse Han, Philip Hurst, Nick Smiley, Jasjit Dillon, and Thomas Dodson

Dear UW OMS alumni and friends,

The Philip Worthington Lectureship in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery was established in 2003 by a passionate, committed group of stakeholders in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery who wished to honor and recognize the profound contributions of Dr. Worthington to the Department after more than 20 years of leadership and service. Since then, proceeds from this fund have brought to the University of Washington numerous distinguished scholars in the field of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, or other fields where new developments impact upon the practice of OMS. The contributions of these scholars have been of great benefit to oral surgery faculty, residents, and other post-doctoral students each year. In view of the excellent response to honoring Dr. Worthington and to meet the strategic challenges of maintaining a sustainable OMS department, we are working to expand the fund to provide for an Endowed Chair in Dr. Worthington’s name.

An Endowed Chair in OMS is critical for several important reasons:

- It signifies the importance of OMS to the School of Dentistry
- It ensures that funding is available in perpetuity for the transition of high-caliber leadership from one generation to the next
- It offers a competitive edge nationally when recruiting the best from among a limited qualified pool of candidates by underscoring the resources and economic stability of the UW
- The commitment of an endowed leadership position is important in retaining the best candidates, who are commonly recruited to consider other positions as they become available

Thanks to the financial contributions from generous OMS alumni and stakeholders, I am pleased to announce that we have reached almost 90 percent of the University’s threshold for an Endowed Chair, so we are tantalizingly close to this goal! Please consider honoring Dr. Worthington and helping the Department to maintain its excellence and outstanding reputation by contributing to help us reach this goal. If you wish to make a contribution or if you have any questions, please contact Doug Day in the UW School of Dentistry Office of Advancement at (206) 543-6017 or daydoug@uw.edu.

Thank you!

**Doug Day**  
Associate Director  
UW School of Dentistry  
Office of Advancement & External Affairs

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Use this link [https://dental.washington.edu/alumni-friends/give/make-a-gift/](https://dental.washington.edu/alumni-friends/give/make-a-gift/) to contribute to UW OMS. You may direct your tax-deductible contribution to the Worthington Endowment, the Chair’s Fund for Excellence, or the OMS Resident Fund. Are you among the “young alumni?” If you completed your OMS training in the last 10 years, you can qualify as a Major Donor for a $25,000 pledge (may be spread over 5 years) to the Worthington Fund.
OMS RESIDENCY PROGRAM
Dr. Jasjit Dillon

Summer update. We just celebrated Jesse Han, Philip Hurst and Nicholas Smiley graduating on June 17th. It was great to see all the department, friends and family join us. It was another successful year despite multiple versions of COVID-19 rearing its ugly head. Jesse is staying locally and will be taking call with us as an affiliate faculty member. He will also be teaching the residents at our Northwest Center for Oral and Facial Surgery. Philip will be joining John Malan – Class of 2011 in Boise Idaho. Finally, Nick will return to Eastern Washington to be closer to family. He will be starting his own practice. We wish them all success and look forward to seeing them flourish.

Stuart Allyn, Bobby Johnson and Leena Zurayk are returning from medical school and a year of general surgery. I found out that Leena got engaged in her time away so congratulations to her. Brian Bhaskar, Aparna Bhat and Gabrielle Moen are off for their general surgery year – good luck to them! Brian welcomed a new baby girl to their family!

Our incoming categorical residents are Joshua Alumbaugh who is a current non categorical resident with us and a UW alumnus, Jagteshwar Katra – UCLA, Michael Snow OHSU. The non categoricals are Christopher Benson -UW, Eric Mullens – UNLV, Julia Higgins – Case Western and Saif Shah – Creighton. Please welcome them. We look forward to working with them.

Our upcoming chiefs will be Onyi Esonu, Rachel Lim and Kanvar Panesar. Currently Kanvar is interviewing for a head and neck fellowship position, and we wish him good luck! The match date is around the corner. Rachel is interested in Cosmetic surgery and is looking at fellowship options.

Taylor, Trayvon, and Jessica (PGY2) all past USMLE step I and are busy at medical school, as are Charlie, Aaron and Thomas (PGY3). 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 has 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.

GPR PROGRAM
Dr. Ryan O’Connor

Congratulations to the graduating 2022 GPR class. I feel like this year we were able to return to a baseline level of workload and experiences. It is a joy seeing how these residents have grown in their capabilities as well as their professionalism throughout their program year. I know they will translate what they have learned to be excellent dentists and provide the best care for their patients.

Class of 2021-2022:

R1s
Nousha Panahpour Eslami
Emma Bhaskar
Madeline Harris
Nick Maniatis
Alan Lopez
Zach Cook
Lorenzo Lopez

R2s
April Dennison
Shyrie Patel
We want to welcome the incoming group of GPR residents. They are coming from dental schools across the US and Canada, and we are excited for the upcoming year.

**Class of 2022-2023:**

Jaryn Dupree
David Kim
Crystal (Chaesun) Lee
Yasaman Nahaei
Evi Sipola
Matthew Spalti
Tracy Tran
Harry Wallace

Many thanks to all the OMFS folks and administrative team and we hope for a great year ahead.

Best,
Ryan O’Connor
Program Director, General Practice Residency

**PRE-DOCTORAL ACTIVITIES**

Dr. John Evans

The more things change, the more they stay the same. This describes the pre-doctoral teaching program at this time. We have all experienced massive changes in the way we care for patients in the last three years. The pre-doctoral program is no exception. On again, off again restrictions on our clinics, use and abuse of N-95 masks, the transition from restricted access to patients seeking surgical care to nearly unrestricted access based on self-report of symptoms, and wave after wave of infectious variants have brought us to a new normal. However, it is fair to say that we have adapted and adapted again as we make our way through the pandemic.

Our mission has not changed. We are still teaching basic oral and maxillofacial surgery to pre-doctoral students. Our students are smart, motivated, and generally a pleasure to teach. We can, at this point, meet students in classrooms without masks. And there is the inevitable series of last-minute COVID absences that need accommodation. I am personally tired of ZOOM, but it does allow us when needed to continue, if less effectively, the teaching program as we work through the various issues day to day.

We have always tried to produce graduates who are good at routine dentoalveolar surgery. That goal has been difficult to reach during the past three years, but we have done it.

As always, we rely on affiliate faculty to help us get the job done. Thanks to you all who have been or continue to be involved with our teaching program. Students appreciate hearing from real world surgeons. We have had several students go on to OMS residencies based on conversations they have had with affiliates. Thanks so much to all of you who have helped us in the past. Those of you who may want to participate in the future, please let me know and we will find a time for you to get involved.

We anticipate beginning a new academic year this fall. The Oral Surgery Clerkship will proceed as it did last year. We will have a new Dean and begin the formal self-study in preparation for the next accreditation cycle in 2024. There is plenty going on. As always, we appreciate your interest in the pre-doctoral program.
FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

1. **Dodson TB.** Update on the AAOMS Position Paper on MRONJ. Thurston-Mason County Dental Society. Olympia, WA. February.

2. **Dodson TB.** So your mother takes Prolia . . .. Update on MRONJ. Horse Creek Study Club. Woodinville, WA March

3. **Dodson TB.** American Dental Society of Anesthesiology. “Measuring safety. What it means and is it enough.” Annual meeting. Phoenix, AZ. April.

4. **Dodson TB.** AO Face Ahead. 3D technology: From innovation to personalization. Breakout session #1: Orthognathic/Sleep Apna. Barcelona May 5.


12. **Susarla SM.** “Cranial, Subcranial, and Orthognathic Surgery for Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Current Perspectives” Craniofacial Center Grand Rounds, Oishei Children’s Hospital, Buffalo, NY. March 11, 2022. [Virtual]


15. **Susarla SM.** “Diagnosis and Management of Craniomaxillofacial Trauma” Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Virtual Curriculum, April 16, 2022. [Virtual]


19. **Susarla SM.** “Orthognathic Surgery: Considerations in Patients with Craniofacial Anomalies” Visiting Professor Grand Rounds, Department of Plastic Surgery, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. [Virtual]


21. **Susarla SM.** “Complex Extractions” Continuing Dental Education Program, UW School of Dentistry, June 13, 2022. [Virtual]

PUBLICATIONS


BOOK CHAPTERS AND EDITORIALS


HONORS/AWARDS/POSITIONS

1. Dodson TB. Editor-in-Chief Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Jan 2022
3. Susarla SM. Associate Editor, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
4. Susarla SM. Associate Editor, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery – Global Open
5. Susarla SM. Editorial Board, Craniomaxillofacial Trauma and Reconstruction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dr. Owen Ross Beirne’s Retirement Party will be on Saturday, October 8, at Sparkman Cellars Winery.
   Cocktail hour will be 6-7PM, followed by dinner from 7-9:30PM.
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