CHAIR’S CORNER:
Dr. Thomas B. Dodson

On June 30th, we celebrated the third class of graduating, dually-trained oral and maxillofacial surgeons, Drs. Rachel Lim, Kanvar Panesar, and Onyi Esonu (see Figure 1). Among this latest batch of graduates, we have veterans—survivors, if you will—of assorted lockdowns, OR closures, and severely challenged medical school rotations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. And despite these unprecedented hurdles, we graduated 3 well-trained, competent oral and maxillofacial surgeons. The department hosted graduation at a new venue, the Touchdown Terrace at Husky Stadium, with over 100 guests—co-residents, incoming interns, faculty, and staff—in attendance. It was a warm and nostalgic engagement enjoyed by all. On behalf of the department, I want to thank Lani Jodlowski and Dr. Sujit Joginpally for their efforts in coordinating the graduation event (see figure 2).

Evidence of our program’s continued excellence is the regional, national, and international reputation of our faculty. We are honored that our own Dr. Mark Egbert has been elected to serve as the next AAOMS president. He will begin his presidential term at the AAOMS annual meeting in San Diego. Dr. Jasjit Dillon, Professor and OMS program director, was appointed the pathology section editor of the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. She continues her leadership roles as a member of the Board of Directors of the OMS Foundation and a member of the Executive Committee of American Academy of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Melanie Lang, Associate Professor, was elected to the WSDA Board of Directors and continues her work as a consultant to the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs. Dr. Andrea Burke serves on the AAOMS Committee on Research Planning and Technology Advancement and contributes actively to the AAOMS-sponsored Women in OMS Special Interest Group.

I was delighted to welcome our newest faculty member, Dr. Zahid Lalani (see figure 3) and his wife, Karima, to their first UW OMS graduation event.

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. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Grand Rounds will be held via Zoom.

To participate, use this Zoom link:
https://uw-phi.zoom.us/j/8167281971
Meeting ID: 816 728 1971

Visit our website listed in the appendix of our newsletter or click here for the OMS Grand Rounds calendar.

September 6: “OMS’ domain with hard and soft tissue management in Implant Dentistry” Peter K. Moy, DMD

September 20: “The state of oral microbiome research and microbially induced initiation of oral inflammation.” Jeffrey S. McLean, PhD

October 4: “Global surgery in a conflict setting” Daniel Hammer, DDS, FACP, FACS

October 18: “History of artificial temporomandibular joint: Early failures and new developments” Subrata Saha, PhD

November 1: “Obstructive Sleep Apnea” Dr. Peter Waite. 2023 Invited Worthington Lecturer
Dr. Lalani joins us after 20 years of private practice in Houston. He brings a wealth of clinical experience and knowledge of practice management to the group, as well as a strong research background. Although he only joined our faculty in April, it already seems like he has always been a part of our team.

On a personal note, the graduation event marked my 10th graduation here at UW. 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. And today, we are also among the strongest and financially most productive departments in the School of Dentistry. The department’s success is a team effort. 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.

A quick word about our research program. The School of Dentistry publishes around 100 papers each year. Our service, which is composed almost entirely of clinicians who see patients 3-5 days a week and do research mainly after 5 pm and on weekends, accounts for roughly 30% of the school’s total output of published research. When national rankings of dental schools are published, the major driver of those rankings is the school’s body of published research and the citations derived from those publications.

I want to recognize and thank the affiliate faculty who help to provide service and teach the students and residents at the School of Dentistry, VA Hospital, Seattle Children’s Hospital, Harborview Medical Center, and Northwest Center for Oral and Facial Surgery – the School of Dentistry’s faculty/resident practice. Affiliates make us greater than the sum of our parts. I would like to recognize one of our former residents, Dr. Sapna Lohiya, for being recognized as one of the ADA’s “Ten under Ten” Honorees this year! Dr. Lohiya graduated from the OMS residency program in 2017. Dr. Lohiya is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Los Angeles, a clinical instructor for the UCLA School of Dentistry, and the president-elect of the Western Los Angeles Dental Society.

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

And for those of you planning to attend the AAOMS annual meeting in San Diego this year, we will be holding an alumni reception to celebrate my birthday on Thursday, September 21 at the Hilton Hotel San Diego Bayfront.

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Figure 3: Zahid Lalani, DDS, PhD, MBA

Figure 4 - UW OMS members of the JOMS Editorial Board.
From left to right: Dr. Leon Assael (Editor emeritus) Affiliate OMS faculty, Dr. Mark Egbert (AAOMS Board of Trustees President Elect and Liaison to JOMS) Full-time OMS faculty, Dr. Thomas Dodson (JOMS Editor-in-Chief) Full-time OMS faculty, Dr. Jasjit Dillon (JOMS Pathology Section Editor) Full-time OMS Faculty, Dr. Seenu Susarla (Editorial Board member) Affiliate OMS Faculty, Drs. Brian Christensen and Michael Han (Editorial Board members) UW Alumni.
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 and Maxillofacial Surgery who wished to honor and recognize the profound contributions of Dr. Worthington, who passed away August 13, 2022, 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.

The 2023 Worthington Invited Lecturer is Dr. Peter Waite, Professor, University of Alabama-Birmingham. He will provide an update on obstructive sleep apnea. The lecture will be delivered live and online, November 1, 2023.

In view of the excellent response to honoring Dr. Worthington and to meet the strategic challenges of maintaining a sustainable OMS department, we pledged 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 the University’s threshold for an Endowed Chair! We are delighted that the OMS community heeded Dr. Dodson’s challenge to reach this goal before the 1-year anniversary of Dr. Worthington’s passing. It is a testament to the strength of UW’s OMS Department that its alumni continue their generosity in support of the OMS Department.

As always, if you wish to contribute to any UW School of Dentistry programs or if you have any questions, please contact me in the UW School of Dentistry Office of Advancement at (206) 543-6017 or daydoug@uw.edu.

Thank you!

Doug Day  
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Support Our OMS Department
Use this link 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.
Summer update. We just had our 2023 graduation. For this event we were at our very own Huskies Stadium at the Touchdown Terrace. It was loads of fun despite the strict instructions to stay off the field! Of the three graduating chief residents, Kanvar Panesar is going to the University of Alabama for a 2-year head and neck fellowship. Rachel Lim had a baby girl Hailey Hayoon Wang. She timed it perfectly, arriving 1 week before graduation! Rachel will be doing a full body cosmetics fellowship in Bellevue starting in January. Right now, she is enjoying some mama time!

Onyi Esonu heads to Chicago to join a large corporate group.

Our rising chiefs are Robert (Bobby) Johnson and Leena Zurayk both who will be staying in the Seattle/WA region. Stuart Allyn is currently looking at opportunities in Idaho/Montana.

Our 5th year residents, Brian Bhaskar, Apama Bhat, and Gaby Moen have survived general surgery and we/they are grateful to be back on service and enter their two final years. Brian and his wife are expecting their second child.

Charlie Smith, Aaron Hui, and Thomas Beckstrom are about to enter the world of no sleep... they start general surgery, and we will see them around, looking bleary eyed and stressed out.

Jessica Van welcomed a beautiful baby girl Harlow Ngoc Kim in April. Trayvon Foy and Taylor Ellingsen are enjoying medical school.

Michael Snow and Joshua Alumbaugh passed step I USMLE and are enjoying sleep now they are also in medical school.

Match day was Jan 23rd and once again we were fortunate to match an amazing group of individuals to join the UW family.

Our three rising categorical residents are:

Isabella Christianson Galina from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Fun fact - The first sutures she ever placed were on her neighbor’s pig after a dog bite.

Christopher Ma from Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Fun fact his first home purchase after moving to Seattle was a 9-foot-tall fiddle leaf fig and not a bed!

Jay Park from University of California San Francisco. Fun fact he has lived in six cities that all start with the letter "S": Seoul, San Diego, St. Louis, Shanghai, San Francisco, and Seattle.

We welcomed three non-categorical residents to the service:

Gabriel Omar Colon-Gonzalez from the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine. Fun fact – he used to bowl and got to represent Puerto Rico in international tournaments.

Jordan Ozcan from the University of British Columbia. Fun act - he swam in the ocean nearly every weekend before moving to Seattle.

Fred Rong from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry. His fun fact is that his current favorite hobby/sport is pickleball, which is also the ‘official sport’ of Washington State!

Finally, a special thank you to Susan Lael the residency program manager. The program would flounder without her countless hours of effort and attention to detail. I am very grateful to have her at my side. She has recently moved home to Snohomish and will gradually phase to working more remotely.

As always thank you all for the tireless support especially our affiliate faculty who take call for us.
GPR PROGRAM

Dr. Ryan O'Connor

GPR Program Update

First and foremost, congratulations to the General Practice Residents (GPRs) class of 2022-2023! They were an exceptionally nice group to work with. I am so proud of the development in knowledge and skills each of the GPRs demonstrated throughout this year (see figure 3). They all worked hard with great attitudes, and it was a real pleasure to be part of their education. Listed below are the graduates:

PGY1
Jaryn Dupree, University of Colorado
David Kim, University of the Pacific
Crystal Lee, Rutgers University
Yasaman Nahaei, NYU
Evi Sipola, University of Southern California
Matthew Spalti, McGill
Harry Wallace, Meharry Medical College

PGY2
Lorenzo Marcil, McGill

I am so glad to have had Dr. Ivy Lin join us as a faculty member this past year. She recently agreed to become Assistant Program Director, and I will value her experience and organizational skills greatly. Among Dr. Lin’s many activities, she was the Deputy Dental Director for the Seattle King County Clinic. We had all our GPR residents at the volunteer clinic. The GPRs were able to combine their developing skill sets with providing free dental care for those in need. It was a great success.

I want to thank Lani Jodlowski as she nears 1 year with the Program and the OMFS Department. She has been excellent in helping administer the program all while learning on the job. She has a friendly demeanor and handles each challenge remarkably well. Thanks Lani!

I want to thank the GPR clinical affiliates. We have Nick Maniatis, Simon Prior, David Kraayenbrink, and Austin Baruffi all helping with our moderate sedation cases. It is invaluable having your varied experiences in teaching the residents sedation dentistry.

I also want to highlight a new volunteer for the GPR Program, Alan Yassin. Dr. Yassin completed oral surgery training in Syria at Damascus Hospital in 2006. He moved to the United States and obtained graduate training at UW in periodontics in 2017. Dr. Yassin as very active in providing training to dentists in the Seattle area, especially through the AGD CDE. Dr. Yassin has helped the GPRs manage tough exodontia cases as well as placing implants and crown lengthening procedures, to name a few. We are all excited to have Dr. Yassin onboarded and we look forward to the future training opportunities.

Again, great job GPR class of 2022-2023 and I wish you the best!

Ryan O’Connor
Program Director, General Practice Residency
PRE-DOCTORAL ACTIVITIES

Dr. John Evans

Our predoctoral program is full speed this summer offering clinical surgical services utilizing our fourth-year students. We are treating more difficult cases since all senior students have completed the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clerkship in their third year. We accept most cases requiring simple and surgical extractions as well as patients in need of pre-prosthetic surgery. Straightforward patients with minor pathology are also evaluated and treated.

We are running our usual course introducing local anesthesia to second-year students which is always a favorite. We have moved the clinical component to the third year to eliminate the delay between instruction and actual clinical practice.

Beyond that we are providing review lectures on treating medical emergencies in the dental office for both third- and fourth-year students. We run all third-year students through a review course in the administration of local anesthesia which includes a clinical component. The use of nitrous oxide is presented with clinical instruction in preparation for the start of the OMS Clerkship in Autumn quarter.

Fourth-year students are getting a course in minimal conscious sedation from Dr. Ross Beirne and an update on the pharmacology of the drugs we administer to patients including opioids. Beyond that we are reviewing the drugs used to treat the common diseases with which our patient present. Included in this segment are the common drugs used to treat the psychological and psychiatric illnesses we see daily, and three lectures on the pharmacology of common illicit drugs our patient may take before a dental appointment. Then there is a new three-lecture series on the pharmacology of drugs implicated in osteonecrosis.

This is a busy summer for sure.

The whole faculty is involved with preparing the School of Dentistry for the next site visit by the Committee on Dental Accreditation (CODA). This process involves an active review of the entire predoctoral program. There is an extensive self-study, needed modifications to our academic and clinical programs, and the writing of a final accreditation document. Add this to an already full academic calendar and we have, indeed, an active summer. Comments and suggestions are welcome as usual.

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

1. **Dodson TB.** Update on MRONJ. Northwest Implants, Coeur d’Alene, ID January 2023. Virtual presentation
3. **Dodson TB.** Principles of patient-oriented research. University of Washington Department of OMS Grand Rounds. Seattle, WA April 19
4. **Dodson TB.** Clinical research principles. U Penn Department of OMS, Resident conference – Virtual presentation, May 2023
5. **Susarla SM.** Contemporary Orthognathic Surgery. Plastic Surgery Teaching Conference, University of Washington, February 8, 2023
6. **Susarla SM.** Pediatric Craniofacial Trauma: What the Pediatric Dentist Needs to Know. Pediatric Dentistry Teaching Conference, University of Washington, February 10, 2023
12. Susarla SM. Treatment Planning in Orthognathic Surgery. Craniofacial Surgery Teaching Conference, Seattle Children’s Hospital, Seattle, WA. April 24, 2023
17. Susarla SM. How I was Taught to Do It vs. How I Do It Now. Viking Study Club, Seattle, WA. June 6, 2023.
18. Susarla SM. Primary Cleft Rhinoplasty. Craniofacial Surgery Teaching Conference, Seattle Children’s Hospital, Seattle, WA. June 12, 2023
19. Dillon JK. Should I stay? Creating opportunities within my institution. AACMF midcareer conference 1/28/2023 Atlanta
21. Dillon JK. Do we need antibiotics for what we do? Canadian Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons annual meeting. Reno. 2/6/2023
28. Gaal, A. Cleft Surgical Outreach Program Site Year #10, UW Year #1 OMS Grand Rounds, University of Washington, Seattle, WA [Virtual]
29. Gaal, A. Pediatric Infections Clinical Lecture- UW Pediatric Dental Program, University of Washington, Seattle, WA [Virtual]
30. Gaal, A. Cleft Lip Revisions, UW Vikings Meeting, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

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