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Welcome

Dear Faculty, Staff and Residents,

Please feel free to let me know your thoughts and suggestions, as we move forward to further improve our Department.

Also continue to send us your updates and successes to share with everyone.

Enjoy!

Alvin G. Wee, DDS, PhD, MPD
Professor and Chair

Happy Birthday!

Dr. John Yae
February

Nivedita Chinam
February

We wish you a happy birthday, and hope your day was wonderful!

If you would like your birthday to be included in the newsletter, please send your birth month to Robyn Smidley



Farewells

In memory of Dr. Robert Uhmansiek

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Robert Uhmansiek, who served as a dedicated volunteer teaching faculty member at the School of Dentistry for 30 years (1975–2015). He generously devoted his time to mentoring students in our pre-doctoral Restorative clinics, sharing his invaluable knowledge and experience. His contributions have left a lasting impact on our students, and we are forever grateful for his dedication and service to our teaching program.

We sincerely thank **Ms. Jessica Bragg** for her dedicated service to the University of Washington School of Dentistry. An exceptional dental assistant, Jessica began her career in 2005 and joined our school in 2008, providing care in the Oral Medicine Clinic and Dental Urgent Care. After returning to private practice in 2012, she rejoined us in 2021 as a Hospital Dental Assistant Specialist in the Advanced General Dentistry (AGD) Clinic, excelling in chairside assisting, OR coordination, sedation, and digital dentistry.

In 2022, she became Patient Care Coordinator for Maxillofacial Prosthetics Service and AGD, transforming maxillofacial prosthodontic services into a budget-neutral practice and streamlining surgical case management. Her warmth, dedication, and support have left a lasting impact. She will be truly missed, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors!

- Dr. Alan Sutton



Thank You!

The School of Dentistry and the Restorative Department are proud to celebrate the extended service of **Dr. John Yae**, who has been at the UW for over 35 years.

Dr. Yae joined the Department of Restorative Dentistry in 1989 as a volunteer teaching faculty member, providing clinical supervision to pre-doctoral students in the Restorative Clinics for third- and fourth-year students. Later, he transitioned to teaching in the pre-clinical Operative series upon learning of the department's need for additional instructors. In 2011, he was promoted to Affiliate Professor, a volunteer role he held until 2021. He retired from private practice in 2020.

Dr. Yae now serves as an assistant course director for two pre-clinical Operative courses and as a co-course director for another. He has played a pivotal role in creating laboratory technique video recordings for the pre-clinical Operative courses. Additionally, he supervises students in the clinic and clerkship.

“Dr. Yae’s dedicated service to the department and the school is remarkable,” said Betty Low, who has worked along Dr. Yae during his entire tenure. “Over his 32 years as a volunteer teaching faculty member, he’s demonstrated unwavering commitment. In 2022, he accepted a Clinical Instructor-salaried position. He relinquished his Affiliate Professor title for the lower-ranked Clinical Instructor appointment, focusing entirely on supporting the students and the school.”

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Yae’s outstanding achievements and his exceptional 35 years of service!

- André Ritter, Dean UWSOD



Presentations

In the final week of January, **Dr. John Yae** gave a lecture to the students of the Northwest University of Pennsylvania on Head and Neck, and oral anatomy and diseases.



Dr. Yae presenting

Dr. Daniel Chan was invited to speak at the International Oral Health Summit in Manila, Philippines, on February 5-7th.

He also presented on February 4th at the National University College of Dentistry. His presentation topic was "*Updates on Non-peroxide Bleaching agents.*"



Dr. Chan at the International Oral Health Summit

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Dr. Kelvin Khng, BDS, MS, FACP, FAMS, was trained at the University of Iowa's Graduate Prosthodontic program and is board certified in both the United States and Singapore. He is the owner of his private

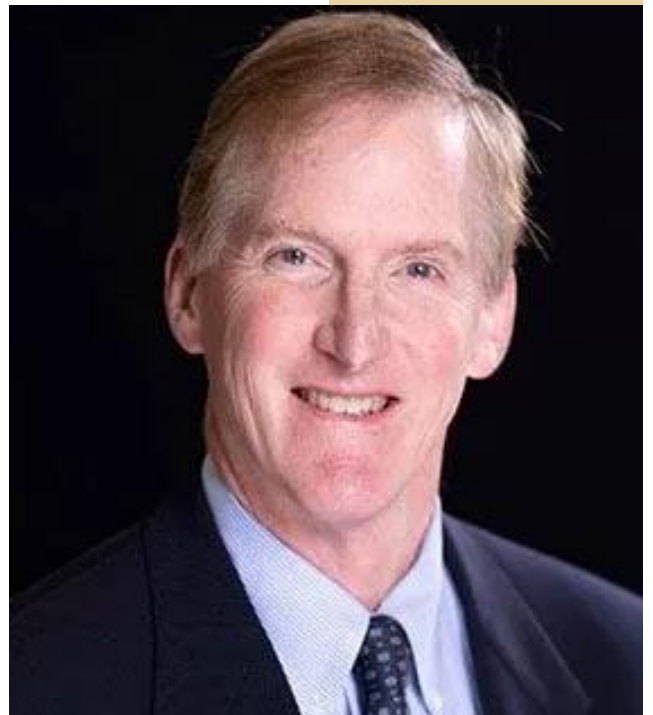


practice and teaches part-time at National University of Singapore. He spoke to the graduate residency program on "*Mandibular Suction-Effective Denture.*"

Dr. Khng and the Grad Pros program

Dr. Sutton

On January 16, from 6-8 p.m., **Dr. Alan Sutton** gave a lecture titled "*Occlusion: The foundation of dentistry*" to the South Shore Study Club. They have requested another lecture for March 13, titled "*Bruxism.*"



Welcome, Chris Toney!

We are excited to welcome Christina (Chris) Toney to our Restorative family! Chris joined us on Monday, February 10th, and is settling into her role, supporting course directors with their teaching activities.

Chris holds a master's degree in library and information science from UW and took time off to raise her family. With over 20 years of dedicated volunteer work at her church and community center, she has managed finances, organized fundraisers, designed websites, and overseen various administrative tasks.



Chris Toney

Publications

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Happy
Valentines
Day!