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New Vice Chair

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Ali Sadr for his dedicated service as Vice Chair over the past three years (2022–2025). His contributions to the Department are greatly appreciated. Dr. Sadr will continue in his role as Operative Dentistry Discipline Lead.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Ricardo Schwedhelm will serve as the next Vice Chair for the upcoming two years, starting July 1, 2025. Dr. Schwedhelm will join the Department Leadership Team and will act as Chair in my absence. He will also assist by leading several key initiatives that have been previously discussed.

Thank you, Dr. Schwedhelm, for agreeing to take on this important role. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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



Dr. Sadr



Dr. Schwedhelm

Happy Birthday!

Dr. Glen Johnson

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

To be included, send your birth month to rsmidley@uw.edu



Events

OKU – Sigma Sigma Chapter Banquet

This banquet was held on May 28 at the Seattle Yacht Club. The Department of Restorative Dentistry was well-represented. A substantial number of the previous and current executive committee members are from our department: **Dr. John Yae, Dr. Randy Maebo, Ms. Sandra Phillips, Dr. Ali Sadr, Dr. Andy Marashi, and Dr. Hai Zhang.** In addition, **Dean Ritter** was the guest of honor and **Dr. Wee** was the OKU Banquet Speaker.



Dr. Chianglin receiving award

Each year, the top dental students and faculty are nominated into membership based on their scholarship and character. One of our very own faculty was inducted as a member: **Dr. Angela Chianglin.** Congratulations!



Dr. Yae, Dean Ritter, Dr. Maebo, Dr. Sadr, Dr. Marashi, Dr. Zhang



Dr. Yae (front left), Dr. Chianglin (middle), Dr. Maebo (back left), Christine Tran (back right)

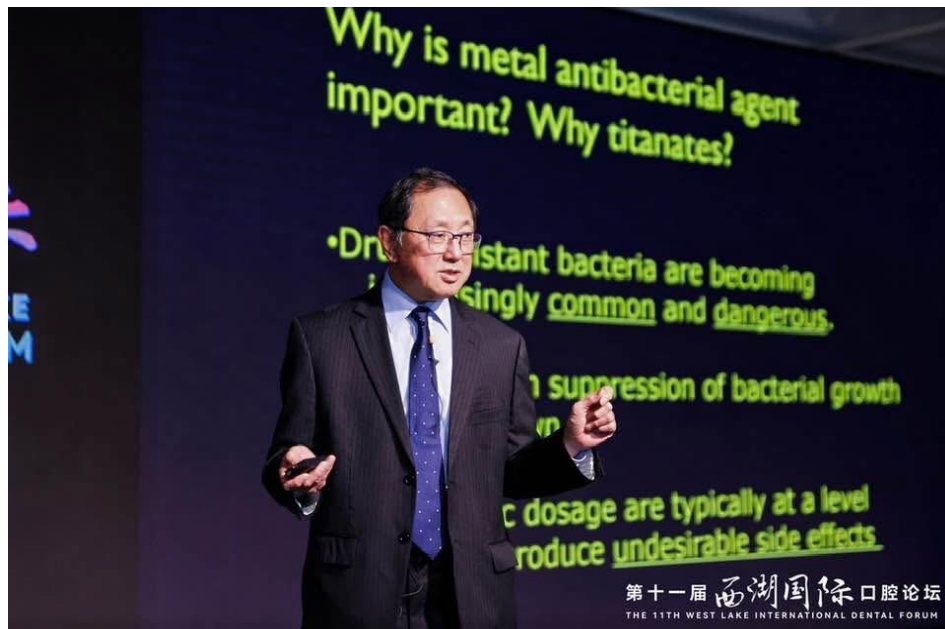
UW New Faculty Field Tour 2025



Dr. Wee (back right)

Dr. Alvin Wee was selected to participate in the UW New Faculty Field Tour 2025. For 5 days, they travelled from Olympia to Spokane, the North Cascades to Grand Coulee Dam, and many more stops in between. The 30 new faculty got to know the state and the people from Washington communities that they will teach.

Presentations



Dr. Chan presenting

West Lake International Dental Symposium

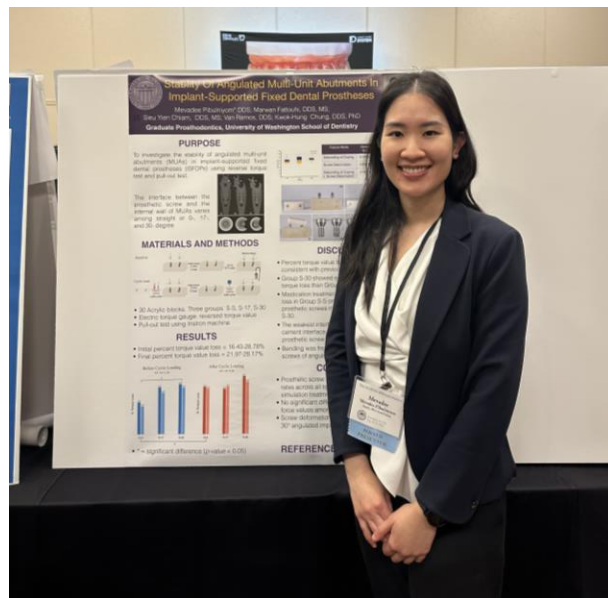
Dr. Daniel Chan lectured at the 11th Annual meeting of the West Lake International Dental Symposium. The topic of his presentation was "Antibacterial and decontamination strategies for dental implants"

He also conducted two lectures and hands-on exercise in Taiwan and Hong Kong. The topic of his hands-on exercises is "laser applications in restorative dentistry and endodontics."

At Zhejiang University and Taiwan medical university, **Dr. Chan** attended two master's thesis seminars. In addition, he presented two lectures titled: "Updates on non-peroxide bleaching agents" at National Taiwan University and China Medical University Dentistry. He also served as external examiner for BDS III at University of Hong Kong.

Academy of Prosthodontic Meeting

Dr. Mevadee Pibulniyom, our graduating third-year resident, presented a poster entitled "Stability of Angulated Multi-Unit Abutments in Implant-Supported Fixed Dental Prostheses" at the recent Academy of Prosthodontic meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona (May 28 to May 31, 2025)



Dr. Pibulniyom's poster

Presentations

International Association for Dental Research

Several of our faculty have travelled to Barcelona, Spain for the IADR Session and Exhibitions. They will feature their poster presentations on June 26 and June 28.

June 26

"Biomimetic Tooth Whitening Using Amelogenin-Deprived Peptide ADP5"
Presenting Author: **Dr. Sami Dogan**

"Posterior CAD/CAM Adhesive Ceramic Restorations: 7-Year Clinical Study Status"
Presenting Author: **Dr. John Sorensen**

"The quest for reliable advanced digital ceramic systems for prosthodontics: Development, in vitro/clinical validation, and clinical practice"
Presenting Author: **Dr. John Sorensen**

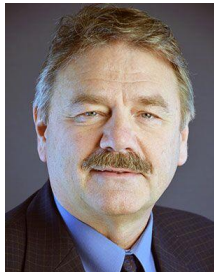
June 28

"Rigidity of Poly-Ether-Ether-Ketone for Mandibular Removable Partial Denture Major Connectors"
Presenting Author: **Dr. Hai Zhang**

"OCT Monitoring Technique for Effective Biomimetic Repair of Enamel Microcracks"
Additional Author: **Dr. Alireza Sadr**



Dr. Dogan



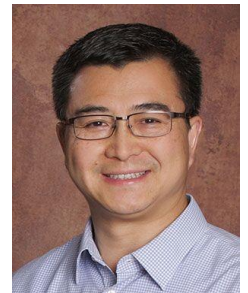
Dr. Sorensen



Dr. Chen



Dr. Sadr



Dr. Zhang

Restorative Dentistry Department Grand Rounds

Dr. Ahmed Assaf shared a presentation at the Restorative Dentistry Department Grand Rounds titled: "Highly-Filled Composite Resin versus Hybrid Ceramics: Internal Adaptation and Mechanical Properties"



Dr. Assaf

Congratulations!

Dr. Schwedhelm's 30 Years of Service

Dear UWSOD Community,

The School of Dentistry and the Department of Restorative Dentistry would like to proudly recognize the hard work and dedication of **Dr. Ricardo Schwedhelm**, who has been at the UW for over 30 years now.

Dr. Schwedhelm has played a key role in clinical education, facility improvements and strategic planning at the School of Dentistry, significantly enhancing patient care and student experience. He has served as Associate Dean for Clinics and Interim Chair of the Restorative Department, 3rd and 4th year Restorative Clinic Director, and 4th year GP director in the past, which helped build toward his current role as the Associate Dean for Infrastructure and Development.



Dr. Schwedhelm

Dr. Schwedhelm oversees critical facility upgrades and long-term capital projects, ensuring the School's infrastructure supports modern dental education and research. Just in the last three years since I joined UWSOD, Dr. Schwedhelm's leadership has been instrumental in many impactful projects, including the construction of the B-350 Dental Hygiene clinic and the B-170 Access to Education Center, the water pipeline replacement project, and planning for the upcoming D-165 simulation lab remodel. He also developed the vision for the Advanced Technology Clinic in D3 years ago and worked closely with vendors on equipping that unique space.

Starting as a clinical faculty member, **Dr. Schwedhelm** advanced into leadership roles, contributing to curriculum innovation, clinic operations and now guiding major development initiatives. He also directs a course in digital dentistry and maintains a private practice. He's also fluent in German, Spanish, and English, and in his free time, he works as a personal trainer in the gym.

Please join us in celebrating **Dr. Schwedhelm's** outstanding achievements and his exceptional 30 years of service!

Sincerely,

Dean André Ritter

Awards

The winners of the Restorative Department's Photogenic Best Case Report Contest, initiated by **Dr. Dan Chan**, were announced at the recent school awards ceremony.

Right to left – **Dr. Newman Jr**, 1st Abbi Weiss "Customized Interim Removable Partial Denture Utilizing CAD-CAM technology", 2nd Rebecca Lee "Ribbon Fiber Reinforced Fixed Partial Denture", 3rd Jacob Kennedy "Resin Bonded Fixed Dental Prosthesis"



The winners of the **Howard Competition** sponsored by Washington Academy of General Dentistry for student members of the WAGD.

Dr. Tim Hess far left, Clinical Case Presentation 1st (far right) Satish Shrestha "Esthetic and Functional Rehabilitation", Clinical Case Presentation 2nd (second from left) Jacob Kennedy "Resin Bonded Fixed Dental Prosthesis, Research Case Presentation 1st (center) Megha Rao "Evaluation of Deep Class II Composite Placement Technique", 2nd (second from right) Rebecca Lee "Exploring the Relationship Between Temporomandibular Disorders and Gonial Angle".

Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics

Dr. Mevadee Pibulniyom won the Han Scoble Memorial Scholarship Award for exceptional prosthodontic treatment and patient care. She was also awarded 1st place in the Graduate Prosthodontics Research Competition at the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics. Her research topic is "The influence of multi-unit abutment angulation on implant-supported fixed dental prosthesis stability".



Dr. Pibulniyom's award

Welcome!

Incoming Residents

Jillian Grant (Jill)



Jill is from Westchester New York, one hour north of NYC. She attended Touro College of Dental Medicine in Hawthorne, New York. She completed a General Practice Residency and served as Chief Resident at Long Island Jewish Medical Center at Northwell Health. Following her residency, she was hired as the Interim Associate Program Director at Northwell Health and served as a faculty dentist and resident attending. Outside of dentistry, Jill enjoys traveling, staying active through hiking, and strength training, and attending live music events.

Jae Sung Huh (Remi)



Remi is originally from Toronto, Canada, where he completed his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at the University of Toronto. He recently finished a one-year AEGD residency with HealthPartners Institute in Minnesota. Remi enjoys staying active as he is a regular at the gym and is looking forward to spending more time outdoors during his three years in Washington. In his free time, he also enjoys journaling, playing golf, trying new restaurants, and going to concerts and music festivals.

Lugain Shelbayh (Lujain)



Lujain is from Jordan. She earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Jordan University of Science and Technology in 2022. After graduation, she completed a one-year internship at the Jordanian Royal Medical Services. She then spent two years working in private practice in Jordan. Outside of dentistry, she has a deep passion for sports. She played tennis with the Jordanian national team for more than 10 years. She also enjoys watching Formula 1, and she loves learning new languages.

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