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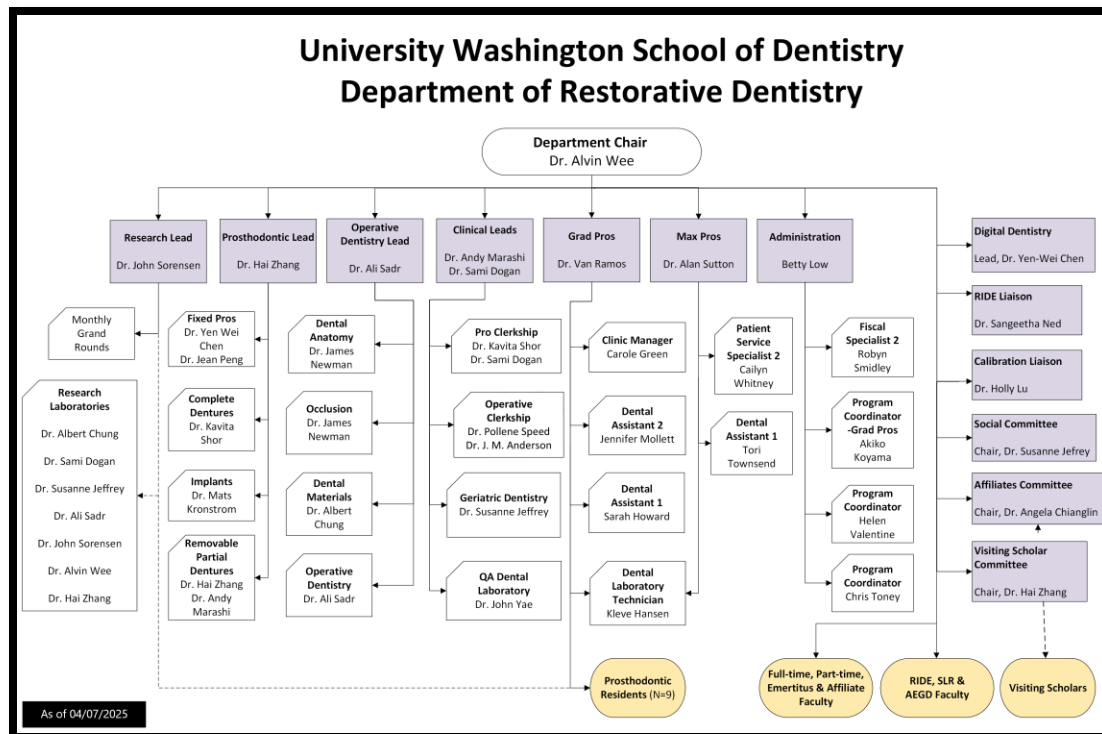


New Department Org Chart

We have re-organized the Department and formulated a new organization chart. Thank you to the faculty who have stepped up to take leadership positions within our Department. Together we will do great things. Alvin

Happy Birthday!

- Dr. Marty Anderson
- Dr. Susanne Jeffrey
- Dr. Pollene Speed-Mcintyre
- Dr. Grace Huang



Congratulations!

Dental Alumni Endowed Faculty Fund 2025

Congratulations to **Dr. Grace Huang**, who was awarded the Dental Alumni Endowed Faculty Fund for 2025. The funds will be used for a pilot clinical study on the oral health of a population with a rare disease, Prader-Willi Syndrome. We have established collaboration with Seattle Children's Hospital to recruit the subjects. The funds will be used for consumable supplies for dental sample collection, and reagents and service fees for sample analysis, including proteomics analysis and microbiome analysis. They will collect preliminary data from the pilot clinical study and submit a NIH R01 application in October of this year.



Dr. Grace Huang

Dr. Hai Zhang is the newly appointed Thread Champion for thread #9.

In the recent ADEA annual conference, **Dr. Hai Zhang** received the OKU Jon B. Suzuki Research Award. The title of his research project is *The Salivary Proteomic and Microbiome Characteristics of Children and Adolescents with Prader-Willi Syndrome*. **Dr. Grace Huang** is the Co-PI of this project.



Dr. Hai Zhang (right of center) at the ADEA conference

Congratulations!

Graduate Prosthodontic Residents

Every year, the American College of Prosthodontists administers a 150-question written exam called the National Prosthodontic Resident Exam. The goal of the exam is to give program directors an idea of how their residents rank compared to other residents around the country and to assist in preparing residents to take the written exam (Section A) of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Residents must successfully pass this exam to continue on to the next three sections for board certification. This year, our graduate prosthodontic program ranked 1st out of the 49 programs around the country. Additionally, **five of our residents ranked in the top ten in the nation!**

5 of UW students ranked in the top 10 in the nation

University of Washington Averages	
Number of Test Takers	9
Program Average Score (%)	79%
1st Year Percentage Average:	82%
2nd Year Percentage Average:	77%
3rd Year Percentage Average:	77.77%
Program Standard Deviation	4.04%
Program Rank	1st of 49

Dr. John Yae was elected to serve a three-year term as Treasurer of the Sigma Sigma chapter of OKU. The new officer team is committed to continuing the work of those who came before and to advancing the mission of the chapter.

Dean Andre Ritter was nominated as Vice President of the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the National Honorary Dental Society. He was nominated by **Dr. Jon Suzuki** (Executive Secretary/ Treasurer) who is one of our own Affiliate Clinical Professors of the Department of Restorative Dentistry. Congratulations Dean Ritter.



Dean Ritter with Supreme Chapter Members



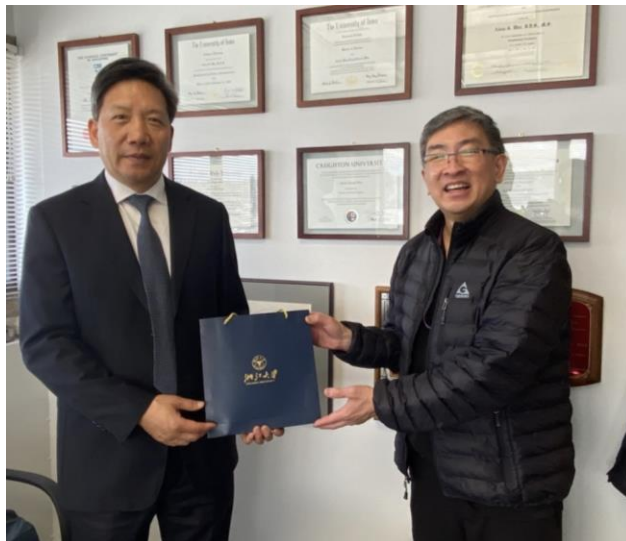
Dr. Suzuki and Dean Ritter

Visitor and Volunteering

Dr. Huiming Wang, current Chairman of Zhejiang Association of Stomatology and former Dean of The Stomatology Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine, paid the UWSOD school and our Restorative Department a brief visit to reenforce our collaboration on scholastic activities.



Dean Ritter, Dr. Wang and Dr. Chan



Dr. Wang and Dr. Wee

Volunteering

The Union Gospel Mission (UGM) dental clinic is located near Pioneer Square at 318 2nd Ave Ext S, Seattle, WA 98104. Faculty volunteers supervise dental student providers/assistants in three operatories at the UGM. Typically, two patients are scheduled in each operatory during the three hours of clinic. The typical care provided includes SRPs, restorations, and extractions. **Dr. Hai Zhang** participated on April 5 and had a lot of fun.



Dr. Zhang (left) at the UGM

Fulbright Re-entry Workshop

The Fulbright Re-entry Workshop was held in Washington D.C. from February 12th to the 14th. The objective was to help Fulbright participants prepare for the personal and professional changes they will experience upon returning home, equipping them with skills to navigate the final months in the US. It included all scholars from the Middle East and North Africa. It was a great opportunity to meet other Fulbrighters. Finally, Fulbright Scholarship provided me a great opportunity for doing my research here in United States and meet wonderful people. It has been a great experience.

-Dr. Ahmed Assaf, Visiting

Scholar



Dr. Ahmed Assaf (left of center) at the D.C. workshop



Dr. Ahmed Assaf (right) at the D.C. workshop

Welcome!

Please join me in welcoming **Cailyn Whitney** to Restorative Dentistry. She is filling the position vacated by Jessica Bragg in the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service. Cailyn is eager to start her new position as Patient Service Specialist 2, and we are excited to have her on board.

-Betty Low



Cailyn Whitney

Presentations



Dr. Alan Sutton

On March 13th, **Dr. Alan Sutton** gave a 2-hr lecture on Bruxism to the South Shore Study Club in Renton, WA

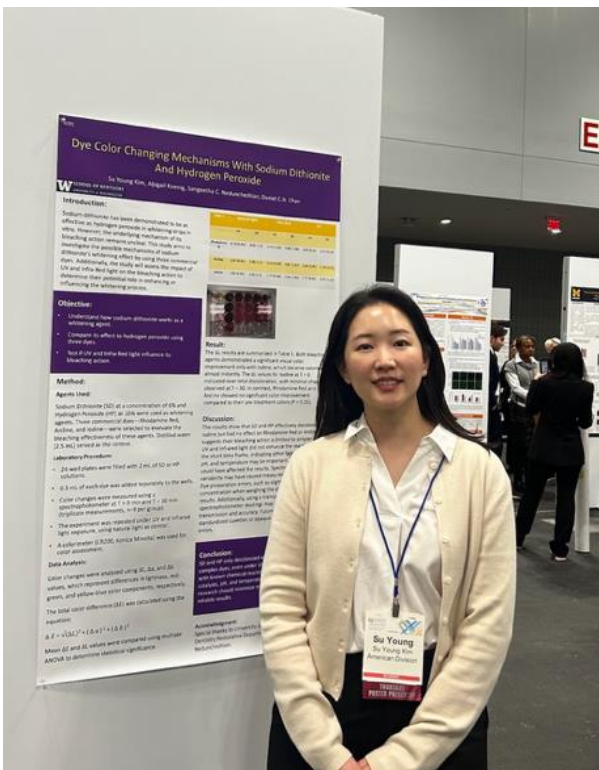


Students presenting at the AADO CR

American Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research

Several students represented our department at the recent AADO CR meeting in New York. They presented their work either as posters or orally and received positive feedback from colleagues from around the world. They all valued the opportunity to network at such an important meeting. The students are:

- M. Rao
(Mentored by Dr. Sadr)
- N. Varma & M. Rao
(Mentored by Dr. Chan)
- S. Kim & A. Koenig
(Mentored by Drs. Ned & Chan)



S. Kim

Publications

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Happy St.
Patrick's
Day!