

Newsletter

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From the Chair's Desk

After a lot of traveling in April, I am happy to be back! May has been a busy month with graduation (and all the activities surrounding it). Thank you to all PCs, and clinical affairs staff who have been working very hard to make sure seniors get clearance to graduate. Since my return, I have been focused on faculty evaluations. Several of you have asked if you will receive student's evaluations and I have been told that you should expect that within a month and that it will include student's comments (chairs only receive metrics). I am enjoying meeting everyone again, reading about your accomplishments and discussing your goals and how our department can support you.

As part of our department goal of achieving more consensus, an operative calibration was posted in learning management. Thank you Drs. Silvestri, Cordero and Arsenault for working on the calibration exercise. This summer (look at the dates below), we will start discussing some topics on cariology, starting with caries detection. In preparation for that, we have launched a "Caries Detection Challenge" (open to everyone). Two of our DMD students are taking the lead, Rachele Cadet and David Comstock. Look for the images in any of the comp care clinic floors and complete the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/carieschallenge2> If you participate every week for the next 7 weeks, you will be eligible for a \$150 gift card drawing.

We have purchased two cameras for our department – one for desktop use and one for clinical use. Dr. Campos will be providing a lunch and learn to help faculty be familiarized with the cameras. We want to get a depository of clinical images and videos that we can use for discussion and lectures. The cameras will be available for checkout with Ms. Patty DiAngelis.

The Faculty Recognition Committee will soon be asking for nominations to recognize faculty who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence, consistently exceeding expectations. They will need your support, so make sure to nominate a colleague worthy of this distinction!

I hope summer starts soon – I am getting a little worried that there will be no summer!



It not too late to sign up for upcoming Lunch & Learn sessions.

May 23: How to Begin your own Academic Research Project

June 13: Posterior Composites

June 11 & 27 & July 16 & 18: Caries Detection

June 18 & 21: Diabetes in Adult and Geriatric Population

June 13: Posterior Composites

August 12 & 15 Adhesive Dentistry

September 13: CAD CAM

Sign up soon as space is limited.



The Division of Nutrition and Oral Health Promotion are introducing a Formative CAMBRA MPE workshop for our D'21 students starting in May. In this workshop, the students will be paired up and use cases on their test AxiUm. This workshop will be conducted on Monday and Thursday evenings throughout the months of May, June and August in the Emergency clinic from 4:30-6:30.

We are very excited about this new initiative to reinforce caries management and prevention of dental disease in the clinical setting!

If any clinical faculty would like to help out or learn more, please contact Natalie at Natalie.hagel@tufts.edu.



We will have a movie premier right here at Tufts! Our very own movie producer Dr. Eric Weinstock will be highlighting his latest project "Amish Abduction".

Watch out for the date sometime this summer!



After 50 years of service, **Dr. Carole Palmer** is retiring! Please come celebrate and congratulate Dr. Palmer on her retirement on **Wednesday, May 15 between 3-5 PM** in the Alumni Lounge.

Faculty Accomplishments

Presentations

David Bardwell presented a webinar for EDIC “Achieving Excellence with Direct Posterior Composite Restorations” April 29, 2019

Olympia Karacosta organized along with 3 other members of the TALENT Committee the 5th Bi-annual Spotlight on Innovation event on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 4:00-6:00pm in the Alumni Lounge

Olympia Karacosta participated as one of the 14 panelists for the **1st ITI Town Hall Session** held during the NA ITI Congress in San Francisco, April 25-27 2019. This special session took place on Saturday April 27th at 10.15 AM and featured 14 panelists and 3 speakers on the congress main stage, it involved a 1.5-hour conversation about the topic “*Solutions for predictable long-term outcomes implant-prosthodontics*”

Aikaterini Papathanasiou presented at the University Educator Forum during the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.

Aikaterini Papathanasiou participated in two posters presented by the PG Esthetics residents at the AACD meeting:

- Anterior Implant Esthetics: Restoration of Congenitally Missing Lateral Incisors. Alfridous R., **Karacosta O.**, **Papathanasiou A.**, Papaspyridakos P.
- Smile Rehabilitation of Bulimic Patient with Esthetic Crown Lengthening and Lithium Disilicate Crowns. *Chien S., Ali A., **Papathanasiou A.** (This poster received the 3rd place award during the AACD poster competition -PG Clinical cases).*

Ellen Patterson was Installed as Chair of the ADEA Behavioral Sciences Section at ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, Chicago, IL, March 2019

Ellen Patterson Presented a Workshop: “Behavioral Science and Dental Science: Essential Collaboration for Person-Centered Care.” at ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, Chicago, IL, March 2019,

Ellen Patterson presented at TUSDM Interprofessional Facial Pain & Headache Rounds “Decision-making capacity: an overlooked dimension of clinical assessment.”, April 24, 2019,

Andrea Zandona presented “The Role of Caries Detection on Caries Management” at the 2nd International Symposium “Prevent from Caries”, April 26-27, 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey

Andrea Zandona participated in the Expert Panel Meeting for the CDC Grant “*Enhancing Surveillance of Fluorosis Using Imaging Technology*” May 2-3, 2019 at UNC, Chapel Hill, NC.

Carole Palmer and **Kanchan Ganda** nominated for the Lucy Hobbs Project Award.

Congratulations to Dr. Carole Palmer on winning the Lucy Hobbs Project Award!

Kudos to Dr. Dara Rogers for organizing the very first OSCE. Thanks to all faculty that helped as Proctors

Grants

Dr. Peter Arsenault was awarded The National Collegiate Inventors & Innovators Alliance (NCIIA), VentureWell E-Team Program Grant entitled "UCHU Biosensors, Inc", in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Personal news

Congratulations to **David Bardwell** and **James Theodore** on their induction into OKU on May 17, 2019 at the annual Convocation at Maggiano's.

Aikaterini Papathanasiou was appointed by Dean Thomas as TUSDM ADEA Women Liaison Officer and represented TUSDM in the ADEA Women in Leadership Group (WLG) last month in Chicago. During the last ADEA annual meeting the WLG became a SIG (Special Interest Group).

Ronald Perry along with Longwood Dental Group's team of general dentists, specialist dentists, hygienists and dental assistants hosted the 5th Annual Free Dentistry Event on Saturday, April 27 generously donating their time for the free dentistry event. 70 patients were seen on a first come first served basis and received free extractions, fillings & cleanings.

Welcome **Nadine Tassabehji, PhD, RDN** to the Comprehensive Care Department. Nadine will be taking over the teaching Nutrition at the school. Carole Palmer will be retiring from full-time status on June 30.

Congratulations!

Stephany Cordero on the birth of her son
Omar on April 29th



Khaled Shaikhi on the birth of his daughter
Zahara on April 18.



Olympia Karacosta – **May 1**
Stephany Cordero – **May 11**

Alice Cheng – **May 18**
Gulsun Gul – **May 26**

Marmar Mesgarzadeh – **May 26**
Judith Goldstein-Mark – **May 27**

Team Smile

A few Comprehensive Care Faculty volunteered their time for Team Smile, a charitable foundation based out of the mid-west that combines sports teams, a stadium venue and dental professionals including dentists, hygienists and dental students together to help young children meet their oral care needs. This year's event was held on May 3, 2019 at Fenway Park. Dr. Melissa Ing, the Lead from Tufts, recruited Dr. Tom Cleary, Dr. Matt Finkelman, Dr. Shubha Nanda, Dr. Eduardo Olegario, Dr. Dara Rogers her husband Dr. Brad Rogers (a Tufts Alumnus). 300 children from Boston inner city schools were treated for screenings, exams, cleanings, radiographs and restorative. The first group of kids were kindergarten to Grade 1. The second group were middle graders.

Thank you to Diane Peterson from Colgate Palmolive for offering the spots to Tufts University first!

Some photos from the event.





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