

CDM STUDENT takes her research FROM AFRICA TO SOUTH AMERICA

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Columbia College of Dental Medicine DDS candidate Leora Walter is only the second dental student ever to receive a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholarship-Fellowship (FICRS-F). She is also this year's only dental student among 88 Fogarty-supported graduate students and postdoctoral trainees. Leora is using the prestigious award to conduct an epidemiological study in Lima, Peru, on the prevalence of oral human papilloma virus (HPV).

Devoted to animals, Leora first dreamed of being a veterinarian. A brief apprenticeship in a vet's office changed her mind and she turned to a career in dentistry, becoming president of the pre-dental club at Brandeis University. "I thought dentists were so cool because they made people feel better and look better!" she remembers. For now, though, she is learning all she can about clinical research, especially on HIV/AIDS. "I have always been interested in studying HIV," she says, explaining that when she was young, she read about the problem in the *National Geographic*, her favorite source for animal stories.

ORAL EXAM PROCEDURES

Years later, Leora got an unexpected chance to help in the diagnosis of HIV/AIDS in Africa. A fellowship from the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP), a global initiative of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health for family focused HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment programs, made it possible for her to spend the summer of 2008 as an assistant in the dental and antiretroviral treatment clinics at Ethiopia's Adama Hospital.

She soon realized that Adama's HIV clinicians and dental technicians were unaware of the importance of performing oral examinations, or how to do them correctly. Until 2008, however, Ethiopia, a country of 74 million people, had only

55 trained dentists. So, having just completed her second year in dental school, Leora became a teacher, demonstrating the proper technique for assessing health in the oral cavity. When her pupils, physicians among them, mastered the skill, they were surprised to find that by following a dental student's instructions they could evaluate patients earlier and more effectively for indications of HIV, opportunistic infections, cancers, and related medical conditions.

REFERENCE MANUAL FOR ICAP

Her work in Ethiopia has been published as an illustrated desk reference, *Oral Manifestations of HIV*, incorporating

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Leora Walter '11, third from right, at a dental clinic site in Lima, Peru.



from the DEAN'S DESK

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

New York City is number one on the Global Index of multinational cities. Appropriately, Columbia University has made a major commitment to globalization. The College of Dental Medicine has aligned its interests with our parent university, creating strong oral health programs that allow our students and faculty to observe dental

education and participate in patient care around the world.

Currently, the College has nine formal academic affiliations and two more under discussion with outstanding dental schools abroad. These arrangements send our students and faculty to the host institutions, and CDM welcomes their representatives to Columbia. In addition, we have introduced a number of collaborative efforts to provide care in regions with a large oral disease burden where the need is great and available services are limited. In those projects, we partner with an organization that has a presence in the countries where we will work, assuring our faculty and students of on-the-ground logistical support, so essential to providing care in foreign countries. At present, CDM student groups travel to Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, and, recently, to Cambodia and the Philippines. Some faculty and postdoctoral students are working with the United Nation's Millennium Villages Project to bring sustainable oral health care to rural villages in sub-Saharan Africa.

The time, effort and resources CDM has devoted to strengthening these international ties in dentistry increases each year, bringing many rewards, both immediate and long-range.

Sincerely,
Ira B. Lamster, DDS, MMSc
Dean

CDM ACHIEVES "SUPERB" ACCREDITATION RESULTS

After nearly two years of planning, The Commission on Dental Accreditation's September 2009 site visit to Columbia University College of Dental Medicine concluded with results described by Dean Lamster as "truly superb." Steering Committee Co-Chairs Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Letty Moss-Salentijn and Assistant Dean for Postdoctoral Education James Fine guided preparations for the successful visit even as CDM was still immersed in Vanderbilt Clinic's 7th- and 8th-floor renovations and the College's introduction of a new predoctoral curriculum.

The visitors made no recommendations, but many positive comments for the predoctoral program, especially on the curriculum changes and planning process, and on CDM's fiscal management. Dean Salentijn added that they were "impressed with our students, their diversity, intelligence, and engagement in, and knowledge of, CDM's objectives ... (they) praised faculty cohesiveness, involvement in self-study, and willingness to work together for the good of the institution." The postdoctoral programs also achieved excellent results, with just one recommendation, for an additional dental assistant in Endodontics.

Dean Lamster complimented everyone involved, with special thanks to: Deans Salentijn and Fine for their leadership; Administrative Manager Zoila Noguerole for "flawless" supervision of the visit's logistics; and all postdoctoral program directors: Dr. Margherita Santoro, Orthodontics; Dr. Shelby White, Prosthodontics; Dr. Fine, Periodontics; and Dr. Gunnar Hasselgren, Endodontics, for "tireless" work.

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World Health Organization (WHO) HIV/AIDS staging criteria. It will be placed in ICAP-supported hospitals throughout Ethiopia for use by health professionals.

In 2009, June Harewood '11 joined the program in Ethiopia and ICAP now hopes to award a fellowship to a dental student every year.

Returning from Africa for her third year at CDM, Leora received notice that applications were open for the 2009/10 Fogarty awards. She immediately decided to submit a proposal even though, "The Fogarty scared me a bit. It was a year long and I would have to defer graduation... but I took the plunge... that was all I could do." Leora is quick to say how important the encouragement she received from Dean Ira Lamster and Dr. Richard Abbott was in helping her to complete the process successfully.

"THEY ARE SO ADVANCED"

Leora is working under the mentorship of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, a Fogarty partner program in Lima, Peru, at the dental clinics at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH). She has found oral examinations there superior to those she saw in Ethiopia and, writing about her colleagues at UPCH, says, "They are so advanced... patients in Clínica Tropicalis, which treats all the referred infectious diseases [in Peru], get dental exams!... and attending dentists go to the beds of [other] patients with a flashlight, gauze, and a tongue depressor to write up a treatment plan... Sometimes diseases are diagnosed [because of the exams]... It is unbelievable!"

Leora's study, which is designed to detect the presence or absence of human papilloma virus in the oral cavity, will collect saliva samples for analysis in the Johns Hopkins laboratory of molecular epidemiologist Dr. Patti Gravitt, whose work is focused on HPV and cervical cancer. The potentially daunting task of examining 1,000 subjects for her study will be less difficult because the cohort has been drawn from a Lima neighborhood where scientists before her have kept invaluable data in research records and census statistics.

BUTTERFLIES, POTATOES, AND 'FULBITO'

Lima is turning out to be everything Leora hoped for – and more. Her research plans look promising, and her Spanish has improved with study and in conversation with friends and UPCH colleagues. She loves Lima and is enthusiastic about Peruvian potatoes, which she notes come in 4,000 varieties. There have been unexpected thrills, too. She built her own raft to compete in a three-day-long, 112-mile race on the Amazon; has held a monkey in her arms; been swimming with pink dolphins; and was lost on a butterfly farm. She is most amused to note that the national Peruvian pastime of "fulbito," known as soccer in the US, trumps everything in importance. She knows because she heard a hospital resident ask the physician in charge if he could leave early to change for the game. "The attending didn't even look up," Leora remembers, "he just said 'claro' [of course]!"

Leora building the raft she used to compete in the 112-mile Amazon Raft Race.



students and faculty gain new insights as CDM'S GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS INCREASE

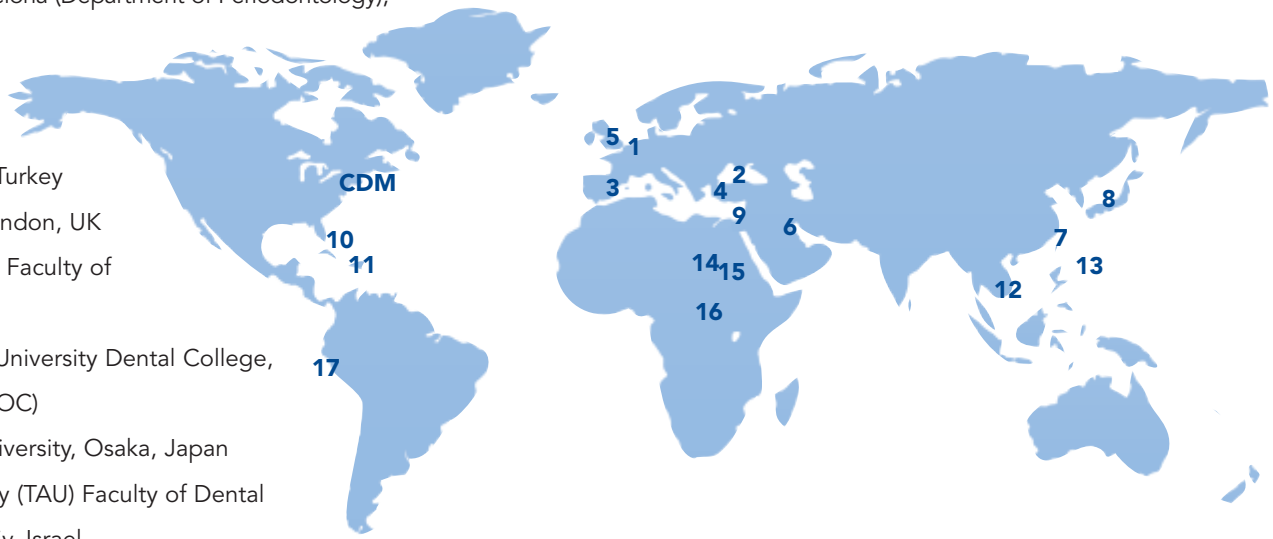
As global awareness grows among all nations, the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine has been increasing efforts to expand its international affiliations around the world. These programs send both faculty and students abroad to teach, study, and observe at universities which send their own representatives to CDM in exchange. Faculty, both those from CDM and from its partners in dental education, may be invited to be guest lecturers, serve on academic panels, or perform consultative functions. Some academic exchanges, like that of CDM with ACTA (Academisch Centrum Tandheelkunde Amsterdam), are supported with scholarships funded by each institution.

Other ventures are made possible by national grants and awards for which CDM students are eligible. In addition to travel for study, students may opt for a one- or two-week externship, joining missions that bring oral health care to low-income populations in the developing world, or they may choose to use their vacation time to visit dental schools and organizations in foreign settings. Student educational travel has grown to such a great degree that the College has set up its own Global Oral Health Wiki, an online forum for its students to report on their international experiences and to interact with others who can contribute a different point of view.

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THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH ENCOMPASSES STUDENT AND FACULTY EXCHANGES AT NINE UNIVERSITIES AND MANY ORAL HEALTH CARE SITES.

1. ACTA (Academic Center of Dentistry in Amsterdam),
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2. Ankara University Faculty of Dental Medicine, Ankara, Turkey
3. University of Barcelona (Department of Periodontology),
Barcelona, Spain
4. Ege University
Faculty of Dental
Medicine, Izmir, Turkey
5. Kings College London, UK
6. Kuwait University Faculty of
Dentistry, Kuwait
7. National Taiwan University Dental College,
Taipei, Taiwan (ROC)
8. Osaka Dental University, Osaka, Japan
9. Tel Aviv University (TAU) Faculty of Dental
Medicine, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 10-17. Oral health care missions and research study sites



FOUR STUDENTS ON A MISSION

with dr. renner in cambodia



Barnali Roy (left) treats a young Cambodian patient, while Kourtney Logan gently holds her still.



Lunch break during dental clinic work in Cambodia. Dr. Renner (far left with hat), Kourtney Logan, Gabriella Furdui-Carr, Rajesh Ameen (center), and Barnali Roy (second from right) with other members of the mission.

In the spring of 2009, Dr. Robert Renner '68, PROSTH '71, and his wife, Purobi, invited four CDM predoctoral students, Rajesh Ameen, Gabriella Furdui-Carr, Kourtney Logan, and Barnali Roy, all class of 2010, to accompany them on a mission to Cambodia. The Renners provide *pro bono* dental care for children in third-world countries, where they return year after year to remote areas populated by children trying to survive. Each child receives oral disease prevention lessons, a dental exam, a fluoride treatment, and a new toothbrush, which most have never owned. When time permits, sealants are placed on permanent molars, infected teeth are removed and other necessary surgical procedures performed. In one or two weeks they may see between 1,000 and 1,700 children.

The Renners believe that children without access to nutritious food, clean water, sanitation, basic education, and health care can never reach their full human potential. They hope their dental missions will, in some small way, prevent this "passive genocide" of children in the developing world.

Dr. Renner's wife, Purobi, wrote to Associate Dean for Student & Alumni Affairs Martin Davis about the experience in the field with CDM students. This is an excerpt:

"I need to thank you personally for sending four BEAUTIFUL human beings from your school to our mission. Barnali, Gabriella, Kourtney and Raj were just fabulous. Their first day was at the dump site of Phnom Penh. Its strong odor,

utter poverty, continuous smoke from the burning garbage, [the] thin, little, malnourished children and the sheer number of them in an incredibly chaotic atmosphere in a school [where we held] our Dental Clinic was potent enough to knock veterans like us out. All of them just rose to the occasion and started working [even] under these conditions. They did not stop – ever – for the next two weeks [and] worked tirelessly under the hot sun in 100% humidity. The compassion they all have for these godforsaken children is incomparable... You have trained them well. Getting to know them is a treasure in our lives."

Kourtney Logan described her Cambodian experience for CDM's Wiki blog:

"This externship was an amazing experience that truly enhanced not only my career as a future dentist, but also my own personal growth. The work days were tiresome, dirty, sweaty, bloody, and the air was often filled with the cries of anxious children, but the gratification from the simple smile of one child as he or she hopped from your chair was more than worth the challenges... There was also ample time to explore Cambodia's beautiful culture and history... we were able to explore the ruins of Angkor Wat, shop at the local markets, and also go on a few bubble tea runs. I highly recommend this trip for any student who wants to see other parts of the world, but also take part in service. It is an awesome experience [and] just pure fun."

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OMFS POSTER EARNS FIRST PLACE AT ONTARIO

During the October 2009 American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons annual meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Sidney B. Eisig, George Guttmann Professor of Craniofacial Surgery, division director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and chief, Hospital Dental Service, and his fellow faculty members, Drs. Angelo Ostuni, David Hoffman, and Vincent Carrao, received first place for their poster, Pediatric Mandibular Distraction Osteogenesis for the Relief of Upper Airway Obstruction. Dr. Eisig also presented a "Lunch and Learn" session, Management of the Cleft Lip and Palate Patient – An Evidenced Based Discussion, at the meeting and was host for a reception attended by OMFS alumni, faculty and residents.

Michelle Mirsky '77, assistant clinical professor of Dental Medicine, received the first Dr. Guy Metcalf Award for Excellence in Clinical Instruction at CDM's fall GNY reception.

DR. MAO APPOINTED



ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR CDM RESEARCH

Jeremy J. Mao, Professor of Dental Medicine, Section of Growth and Development, has been appointed Associate Dean for Research. A well-known and widely-published research scientist in the field of tissue engineering, he has received many honors and grants for his work. In his new capacity, Dr. Mao will assist in developing CDM's research program and will oversee the Office of Research Administration.

Correction: A report in Primus Notes (Summer '09) on Class of 2009 postdoctoral matches mistakenly omitted the figures for Pediatric Dentistry, which set a new record, earning 12 matches in this subspecialty for a single class at CDM.

Martin Davis '74, Peds '75, associate dean for Student and Alumni Affairs, received the Dr. Melvin L. Moss Senior Faculty Award.

HUNDREDS MEET AND



MINGLE AT GNY RECEPTION

More than 275 alumni, faculty, and students attended the CDM reception held at the Marriott Marquis during the GNY Dental Meeting on December 3, 2009, a record attendance for this annual gathering. The well-received event was organized by the Association of Dental Alumni and hosted by Mark Tenner '62. Guests received greetings from Alumni President Margot Jaffe and Dean Ira Lamster, and heard the announcement of a new faculty teaching award from Director of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry Steven Chussid. The honor is named in memory of Guy Metcalf '75, Peds '76, an associate clinical professor in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry, who died in July 2009. The award was presented to Dr. Michelle Mirsky. Two additional faculty awards went to Dr. Martin Davis and Dr. Dana Wolf.

Dana Wolf, Perio '05, assistant professor and director of Predoctoral Periodontics, was awarded the Dr. Stanislaw Brzustowicz Junior Faculty Teaching Award.





Left to right, front row: Drs. Edward Reynolds, Jerome Kaufman, and Theodore Rosov; second row: Paul Kosarin, Charles Reich, Bill Davis (honorary), Eugene Katz, Ralph Kaslick, Stanley Steinerman, Thomas Spier, and Ronald Odrich; back row: Roy Boelstler, Alex Dell, David Hendell, Bernard Biron, Irwin Gertzog, Edward Herzig (honorary), Murray Schwartz (honorary), and Martin Asness.

50TH CLASS REUNION

The Class of 1959 (above), and three honorary members, gathered on October 24, 2009, for a 50th Class Reunion celebration dinner organized by Bernard Biron, Alexander Dell, Ralph Kaslick, and Ronald Odrich at the Harmonie Club in New York City.

THOMAS CHAE '12, BRANDON JACKSON '12, JEFFREY NICHELINI '10 RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM ADA AND CDM

Jeffrey Nichelini '10 and Thomas Chae '12 are the 2009/10 Moss Research Scholarship Fund recipients. This funding, named for the late Dean Melvin Moss, supports summer research at ACTA (see p. 4) in the Netherlands for predoctoral students at CDM. The scholarships are made possible by an endowment built from contributions honoring Dean Moss. Mr. Chae is also

one of only 18 students in the 59 dental schools across the United States to receive a 2009/10 American Dental Association Scholarship. He is joined by Brandon Jackson '12, also one of 18 nationally, who received the ADA's 2009/10 Underrepresented Minority Dental Student Scholarship. These awards are made to help DDS candidates defray the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, and living expenses.

Below, left to right: Dean Lamster, Kimberly Soleimani '10, Jeremy Zuniga '10, and Matt Cozin '13, who assisted with the ADA/Dentsply poster project.



CDM STUDENTS WIN FIRST PLACE AWARD IN BASIC SCIENCE

Jeremy Zuniga '10 and Kimberly Soleimani '10, won the ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician Table Clinic Award in March 2009. Their poster, "Effects of Pamidronate on Primary Human Oral Fibroblasts," also won first place in the Basic Science Category of the 2009 ADA/ Dentsply Student Clinician Research Program.

SNDA AT CDM WORKS FOR WORLD AIDS DAY

CDM's Student National Dental Association (SNDA) chapter commemorated World AIDS day on December 1, 2009, raising funds for Harlem United (HU) by selling AIDS ribbons and handing out informational packages and condoms on Columbia's campuses as part of a program raising awareness of HIV/AIDS and promoting safe sex. SNDA cosponsored a play organized by the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP), titled *Two Men Talking*. The unscripted presentation focused on the personal experience of living with HIV.

SNDA vice president Sandra Mbibi '11 volunteers for World AIDS Day.



RALPH KASLICK '56 (CC), '59, Perio '62 pledges scholarship fund endowment

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Dr. Ralph Kaslick laughs when recalling his successful career, saying, "Everything I did was a surprise... most of my jobs came looking for me!" He adds "being in the right place at the right time" made life "exciting."

Intrigued by science, especially biology, he decided while still in high school to enter dentistry because it could involve research as well as patient care. Following graduation from Columbia College in 1956, he switched to the medical campus for his DDS. After a general practice residency, Dr. Kaslick returned to the dental school as a part-time member of the volunteer faculty and for postgraduate work in periodontics with Drs. Frank Beube and Robert Gottsegen, who, with Dr. Irwin Mandel, became

important mentors in shaping his career and education.

Army service and a short stint in periodontal practice followed, but he soon turned to full-time academics, joining Fairleigh Dickinson University's (FDU) dental faculty. His initial FDU appointment stretched to a 23-year stay, in increasingly responsible positions. Among them were: Campus Provost, Dean of the College of Dental Medicine, and Professor of Periodontics and Oral Medicine, major contributions acknowledged by FDU in 2007 with Dr. Kaslick's election to the University's Heritage Hall. He also devoted time to research at FDU, publishing more than 60 scientific papers, some with CDM volunteer faculty member Dr. Theodore West, on human leukocyte antigens thought to be associated with a genetically controlled immune response that could place young adults at risk for periodontal disease. This area of periodontal research, introduced by Drs. Kaslick and West in the 1970s, remains important and is now focused on identifying variations of the genotypic level relating to the issue.

In the next chapter of his "exciting" professional life, Dr. Kaslick found himself up in the air, literally! For 15 years, he commuted by aerial tram to the Goldwater Hospital on New York City's Roosevelt Island, where he held another long list of executive positions, including: President of the Medical

Staff, Chief of the Medical Consultative Services, Chief of Dentistry, and Director of the General Practice Residency Program, while also occupying a professorship in Periodontics and Hospital Dentistry at New York University College of Dentistry.

Despite a long association with other metropolitan New York institutions of dental education and care, Dr. Kaslick's loyalty to his alma mater and attachment to its periodontal community have never wavered. He has chaired the Percy T. Phillips Visiting Professorship program at the College of Dental Medicine for the past three years and was CDM's 2007 Distinguished Alumni Achievement awardee. In retirement, Dr. Kaslick says he is "a perennial student," attending Columbia College programs, ranging from art and music to history of philosophy and science.

Recently, joined by his wife, Jessica, a graduate of Columbia University's School of Social Work, he became even more closely involved with CDM, pledging a gift to Columbia that will endow scholarships for future postdoctoral candidates in periodontics to help relieve the burden of rising tuition and long-term debt. The Kaslicks would prefer candidates who are planning an academic career, an area of dentistry sorely in need. They also hope that their gift will encourage its beneficiaries – when their own fortunes have increased sufficiently – to offer help for new generations entering dentistry.

EVENTS & CE COURSES

All events & courses are held at CUMC unless otherwise noted. For further information, contact Melissa Welsh at 212-305-6881 or mmw7@columbia.edu.



Friday, Feb 26	Implantology Mini-Residency: From Treatment Planning to Surgical Placement & Restoration (also meets Mar 26, Apr 30, Jun 4, Jul 6). 8 Credits per session. 9 am – 5 pm.
Saturday, Mar 6	Patricia McLean Symposium for the Dental Hygienist. 5 Credits. 9 am – 3 pm.
Tuesday, Mar 9	Long Island Alumni Study Club with Dean Ira Lamster. 2 Credits. 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Great Neck, NY.
Wednesday, Mar 10	Holistic Dentistry: Creating a Dental Wellness Center. 2 Credits. 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Midtown.
Friday, Mar 12	Orthodontic Alumni Society Annual Spring Meeting. 7 Credits. 9 am – 5 pm, Morningside Campus.
Fri – Sun, Mar 12 – 14	College of Diplomates, American Board of Endodontics & CDM Board Review & Scientific Update. 8 am – 6 pm, Midtown.
Friday, Mar 19	Lasers in Dentistry: The Future of Minimally Invasive Dentistry. 3 Credits. 9 am – 12 pm.
Saturday, Apr 10	Alumni Luncheon, Nation’s Capital Dental Meeting. 11:45 am – 1:15 pm, DC Convention Center.
Wednesday, Apr 14	Ethics & Jurisprudence for the Dental Practitioner. 3 Credits. 9 am – 12 pm.
Thursday, Apr 15	Endodontic Alumni Reception at the AAE Annual Session. 6:30-8:30 pm, San Diego, CA.
Friday, Apr 16	TADS & Laser Instrumentation in Orthodontic Therapy: Hands-on, Live-Patient Course. 7 Credits. 9 am – 5 pm.
Thursday, May 6	Benjamin Tenenbaum Memorial Lecture in Periodontics. 1 Credit. 12 – 1 pm.
Friday, May 7	Class Reunion Day. 11:30 am – 6:30 pm.
Friday, May 14	Senior Class Day Awards Ceremony. 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm.
Monday, May 17	CDM Graduation. 10 am – 12 pm.
Saturday, May 22	Pediatric Alumni Reception at AAPD Annual Session. 5:30 pm – 7 pm, Chicago, IL.
Wednesday, Jun 9	Regenerative Surgical Therapy in Implant Dentistry: Past, Present, Future. 7 Credits. 9 am – 5 pm, Midtown.
Friday, Jun 11	Postdoctoral Graduation. 10 am – 12 pm.

VOLUNTEER FACULTY

We would like to acknowledge the volunteer faculty members listed here, who regularly and selflessly devote their time and energy to teaching and mentoring CDM students, postdocs and residents. Working closely with part-time and full-time faculty and administrators, CDM's volunteers are essential in helping to advance the educational mission of the College. We offer them our utmost thanks.

Aaronson, Howard N., Endodontics
Abjanich, James, Prosthodontics
Achacoso-Porter, Irene G., Endodontics
Adler, Sean C., Pediatric Dentistry
Agarwal, Anita, Operative Dentistry
Aguilar, Natalie, Prosthodontics
Alexander, Ricardo, Oral Surgery
Alfonso, Carlos, Prosthodontics
Allen, Tracy, Community Health
Alyafi, Rusha, Oral Surgery
Amanat, Sabiya, Pediatric Dentistry
Ambinder, Robert L., Endodontics
Appolon, Karthilde, Community Health
Arnoldt, Adam, Oral Surgery
Asher, Eric S., Prosthodontics
Askalsky, Alexander, Operative Dentistry
Badner, Victor, Community Health
Bahadori, Sheila, Operative Dentistry
Bailey, Lawrence, Community Health
Bailit, Howard L., Community Health
Baker, Jason, Oral Surgery
Baker, Martha C., Behavioral Science
Berger, Julius R., Oral Surgery
Best, Jed Marshall, Pediatric Dentistry
Bijoor, Renuka, Behavioral Science
Bilik, Elena, Orthodontics
Blechman, Abraham M., Orthodontics
Bockler, Martin, Operative Dentistry
Bohlin, Dennis P., Behavioral Science
Bovino, Brian F., Oral Surgery
Boyd, Justin S., Operative Dentistry
Breiman, Andrew S., Oral Surgery
Brody, Steven M., Oral Surgery
Brustein, Scott B., Orthodontics
Buehler, Edgar L., Behavioral Science
Calero-Breckheimer, Ayxa, Community Health
Callas, Yvonne, Operative Dentistry
Capan, Natalie, Orthodontics
Cappetta, Emil, Periodontics
Cardo, Vito A. Jr., Oral Surgery
Carmichael, Daniel T., Oral Biology
Chalfin, Henry E., Endodontics
Chen, Chia-Yi (Joyce), Endodontics
Chen, Shiuann-Rong, Orthodontics
Chen, Winston Wen-Jong, Endodontics
Chesney, Arnold W., Operative Dentistry
Cho, Steven, Oral Surgery
Chu, Paul, Pediatric Dentistry
Chung, Chih C., Operative Dentistry
Chung, Se-A, Operative Dentistry
Ciccio, Joseph A., Jr, Orthodontics

Cohen, Ira J., Operative Dentistry
Comizio, Joseph G., Orthodontics
Connolly, Thomas J., Behavioral Science
Cournot, Colleen, Operative Dentistry
Curinga, Anthony J., Operative Dentistry
Dadaian, Gary, Operative Dentistry
Dane, David S., Endodontics
Darlington, Tanya D., Community Health
DeCarlo Foley, Laura, Operative Dentistry
Deesen, Kenneth C., Operative Dentistry
Defilippis, Dino M., Oral Surgery
Delia, Gina, Operative Dentistry
DeLisi, Joseph C., Jr, Operative Dentistry
Demarest, Peter B., Orthodontics
Demby, Neal A., Community Health
Deutsch, Allan S., Endodontics
Diament-Golub, Jamie, Pediatric Dentistry
DiMango, Anthony L., Oral Surgery
Disick, Ellis R., Operative Dentistry
Dobkin-Wild, Renee, Pediatric Dentistry
Dorfman, Jeffrey D., Operative Dentistry
Doty, Stephen B., Oral Biology
Dourmas-Papazahariou, Maria, Oral Surgery
Duong, Michael, Orthodontics
Duvalsaint, Suzanne, Orthodontics
Dym, Harry, Oral Surgery
Efstratiadis, Stella, Orthodontics
Elaahi, Soheila, Operative Dentistry
Ellison, Solon A., Oral Biology
Ephros, Hillel D., Oral Surgery
Epstein, Daniel D., Operative Dentistry
Espinoza, Julio, Prosthodontics
Evans, Caswell A., Community Health
Fan, Theresa, Operative Dentistry
Farr, Daniel H., Oral Surgery
Fearon, Joseph, Oral Surgery
Feder, Norman, Operative Dentistry
Feldman, Yael, Pediatric Dentistry
Feredjian, Berdj, Operative Dentistry
Ferrara, Michael, Operative Dentistry
Feygin, Lybov, Operative Dentistry
Fialkoff-Cohen, Ana, Operative Dentistry
Fisher, Robert H., Prosthodontics
Fleer, Marshall B., Orthodontics
Freeman, Adam, Oral Pathology
Fried, Alvin D., Operative Dentistry
Friedman, Joel, Oral Surgery
Gallois, Robert J., Orthodontics
Ganik, Ron, Endodontics
Garcia, Jose, Operative Dentistry
Garcia-Lopez, Ronniette, Orthodontics

Gates, Paul E., Oral Surgery
Geremino, Michael, Operative Dentistry
Gershenson, Peter M., Operative Dentistry
Giacona, Mary E., Pediatrics
Gibbs, Eric Paul, Orthodontics
Ginzburg, Madeline S., Oral Surgery
Glasser, Dean Eliot, Operative Dentistry
Gliedman, Monroe M., Orthodontics
Gold, Steven I., Periodontics
Goldberg, Steven J., Oral Surgery
Goldin, Joel, Prosthodontics
Goldman, Harriet S., Oral Surgery
Goodman, Fredric E., Endodontics
Gottlieb, David S., Periodontics
Gottsegen, Robert, Periodontics
Granger, Albert L., Endodontics
Grannum, Charles F., Prosthodontics
Greenberg, Alex M., Oral Surgery
Greene, Lynn A., Oral Surgery
Guhl, Meralee G., Oral Surgery
Hahn, Steve T., Prosthodontics
Hamilton, Christine L., Oral Surgery
Han, Chang H., Oral Surgery
Hatakeyama, Takayo, Periodontics
Heaney, Kevin, Operative Dentistry
Helfer, Allen R., Endodontics
Hochstein, Jeffrey, Operative Dentistry
Hoffman, Charles, Oral Surgery
Hoffman, David C., Oral Surgery
Hoffman, Paul J., Prosthodontics
Holtzman, Lawrence, Oral Surgery
Holzmann, Jolanta, Operative Dentistry
Hong, Jacqueline, Periodontics
Horowitz, Andrew D., Oral Surgery
Huang, Linda, Oral Surgery
Hudecz, Joy, Orthodontics
Iofin, Aleksander, Endodontics
Isaacson, Robert J., Orthodontics
Israel, Howard A., Oral Surgery
Jackson, Lois A., Pediatric Dentistry
Jaffe, Margot H., Pediatric Dentistry
Jesse, James T., Operative Dentistry
Joseph, Alfred C., Operative Dentistry
Jutkowitz, Steven H., Operative Dentistry
Kahn, Norman, Oral Biology
Kamen, Paul R., Periodontics
Kaminker, Martin Alan, Oral Surgery
Kang, Philip, Periodontics
Kang, Yung C., Operative Dentistry
Kaplan, Alan H., Operative Dentistry
Kaplan, Andrew, Oral Surgery

Kaplan, Selma, Periodontics
 Kaplan, Stanley M., Endodontics
 Karasic, Brian L., Operative Dentistry
 Karsh, Fraya I., Periodontics
 Katz, David J., Operative Dentistry
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ALBERT REPICCI, DDS, ORTHO '71

Q. DR. REPICCI, YOU EARNED A DDS AT UPENN, TRAINED IN ORTHODONTICS AT COLUMBIA, AND HAVE A SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE IN GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT. YET, YOU DEVOTE MUCH TIME TO GOOD WORKS AROUND THE WORLD. WHY?

A. Like many of my colleagues, early in my career, I volunteered for medical/dental missions abroad. I began in the newly independent Antigua, where a lack of basic needs limited me to relieving suffering by extraction only. In the following years, however, we worked to make changes, including monthly fluoride treatments for children between six and twelve, significantly lowering dental disease on the island.

Q. WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO EXTEND YOUR GOALS BEYOND DENTAL CARE?

A. I saw that clinical services alone could not really affect the overall quality of such deeply deprived lives, but the dental missions took me to remote sites where I became conscious of many other problems – illiteracy, malnutrition, tuberculosis, AIDS, and malaria among them. So, my family established a foundation, Stop the Tears, to support projects like providing nomadic homes, building wells for clean water, establishing shelters for threatened women and children that offer them meals, education, health services, and career guidance, underwriting transportation for native health workers, and making immunization against diseases available to thousands.

Q. WHERE DO YOU AND YOUR FOUNDATION GO TO PROVIDE SOLUTIONS?

A. Our scope is global. I have done work through Medical Ministries International, which sends missions to dozens of third-world countries, and our foundation has taken on projects initiated by the Catholic missionary sisters to help the underprivileged. I have been to Honduras, Peru, Swaziland, Mozambique, Kenya, Rwanda, Cambodia, Vietnam, Nepal, the Philippines, Mongolia, and Cambodia. Meeting people everywhere while helping to improve their living conditions has always been extraordinarily rewarding.

Q. HOW DOES YOUR FAMILY FEEL ABOUT THE TIME YOU ARE AWAY FROM HOME?

A. Often, one or more of them goes with me. My wife and both of my children, now adults, have always played an active part in this effort to bring some change for good into other lives.

Q. IT TAKES A THIRST FOR ADVENTURE – EVEN DANGER – TO DO WHAT YOU DO. DID YOU PLAN FOR A MORE VIGOROUS LIFE BEFORE CHOOSING DENTISTRY?

A. Well, I've always kept myself active in athletics. A couple of decades ago, I was the oldest contender for a place on the US Olympic baseball team. Of course, I didn't make it. However, I also write fiction, which means I am continually drawn to explore life's many possibilities.