

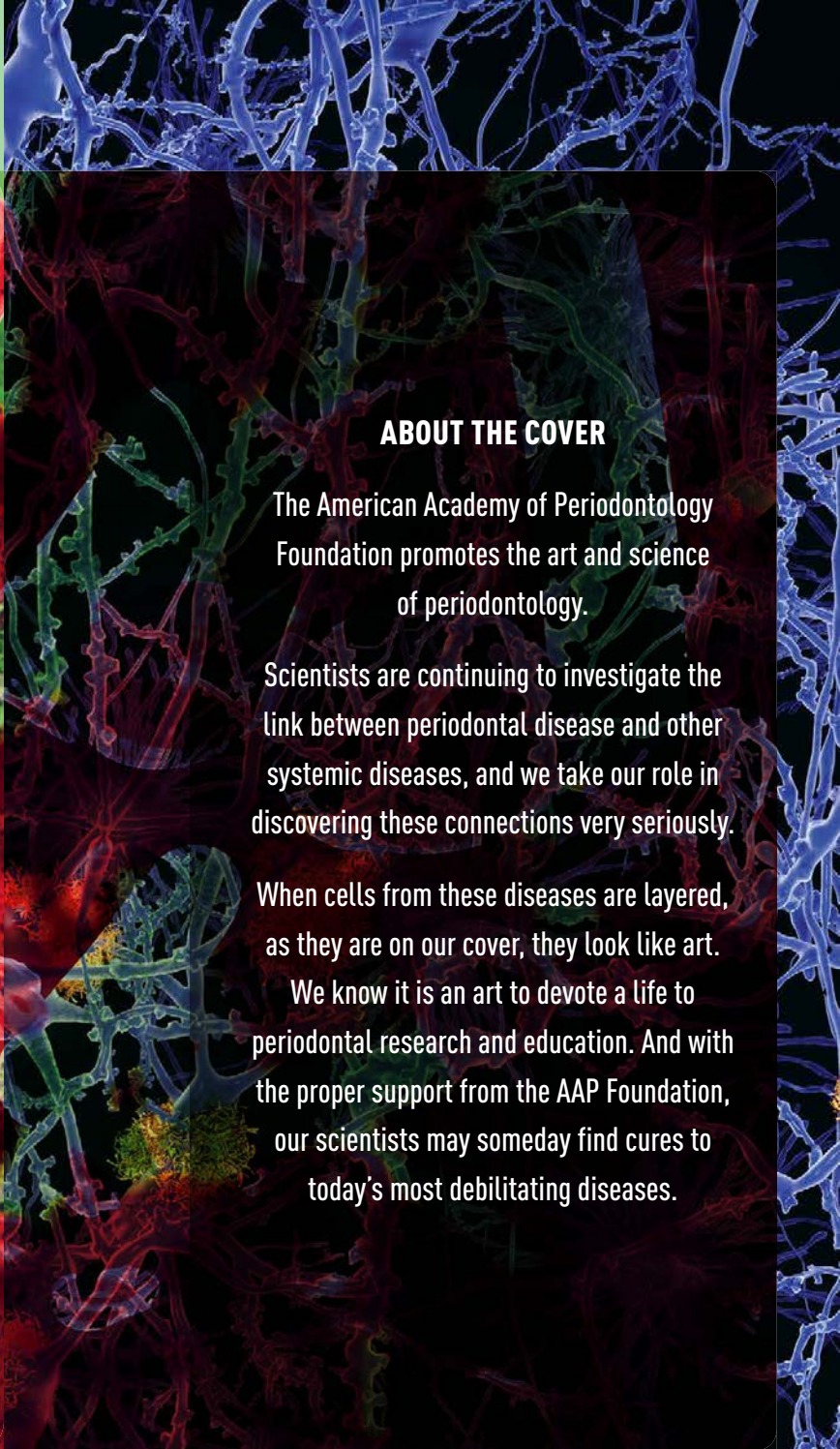
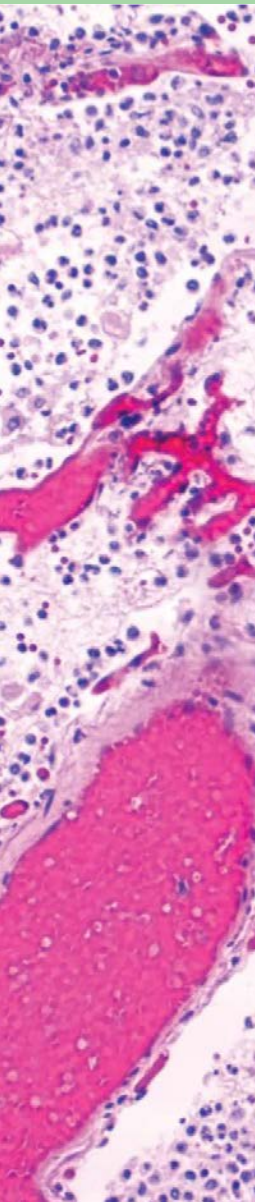


2016 ANNUAL REPORT

THE ART AND SCIENCE OF RESEARCH



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY FOUNDATION



ABOUT THE COVER

The American Academy of Periodontology Foundation promotes the art and science of periodontology.

Scientists are continuing to investigate the link between periodontal disease and other systemic diseases, and we take our role in discovering these connections very seriously.

When cells from these diseases are layered, as they are on our cover, they look like art.

We know it is an art to devote a life to periodontal research and education. And with the proper support from the AAP Foundation, our scientists may someday find cures to today's most debilitating diseases.



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DEAR COLLEAGUES,



VINCENT J. IACONO, DMD
2016 AAP Foundation President

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In 2016, I had the honor of serving as the President of the AAP Foundation. It was a year of growth, of new frontiers, and of continuing our work to support the art and science that is periodontology. We take great care and pride in where Foundation dollars are invested, and wanted to share what your investment has made possible in the past year.

In 2016, the AAP Foundation pledged its support to assist the AAP and the European Federation of Periodontology to hold the World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions. This is important work, and as the mission of the AAP Foundation includes striving for optimal periodontal health for all, this is a key initiative that warrants our support. The AAP Foundation also pledged its support to the Senior Resident CE Symposium at AAP Annual Meetings.

We began fundraising for four new awards: the Dr. Connie L. Drisko Women in Periodontics Leadership Awards, aimed at increasing the number of academic women periodontists in academic leadership positions and inspiring young women to follow in Dr. Drisko's footsteps; the Patty & Paul Levi Research Award to a periodontal faculty member mentoring a predoctoral student or students doing research on prevention or non-surgical treatment of periodontitis or peri-implant diseases; and the AAP Foundation Research Fellowship to provide funding to our most promising junior scientists in periodontics who are current or recent recipients of NIH "K awards." Plans also began for a scholarship to honor Dr. William Giannobile, a well-respected mentor and gifted periodontist.

We introduced two new awards to our portfolio: the Dr. James T. Mellonig Regeneration Research Award, funded through a generous contribution by Dr. Jo Rummelhart, and we initiated the Patty & Paul Levi Research Award with the funds raised towards that goal so far.

One of our most important and meaningful investments is our commitment to encouraging bright minds to pursue an academic career. In 2016, the AAP Foundation awarded nearly \$450,000 to outstanding individuals who are committed to a career in teaching, who are conducting cutting-edge research, and who are exemplifying the excellence our profession has come to represent. Their stories are told in the pages that follow, and I hope you feel the same pride I feel when I see where the future of our specialty is heading.

We had a successful meeting in San Diego, with our sold-out Signature Recognition Event at Coastera providing the perfect backdrop to highlight the talent and dedication of our 2016 Foundation award recipients. Participation in our annual virtual run, PerioDash, doubled in 2016, with several schools forming teams to boost participation. The volunteers, leaders, and donors to the AAP Foundation have once again shown what a dedicated group of people can accomplish.

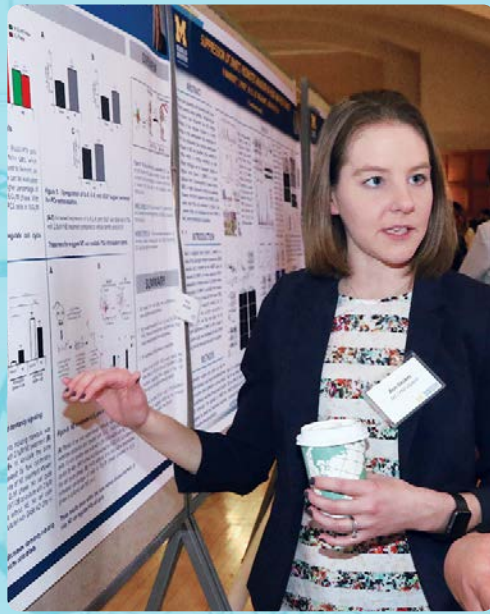
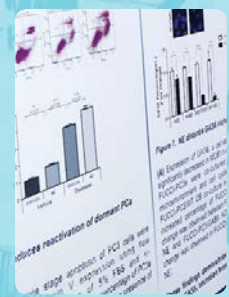
I hope you will join us as we continue our work to strengthen the specialty, retain top-notch faculty for our schools, and move towards our goal of achieving optimal periodontal health for all.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent J. Iacono".

VINCENT J. IACONO, DMD
President





AAP EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

ANN DECKER, DMD

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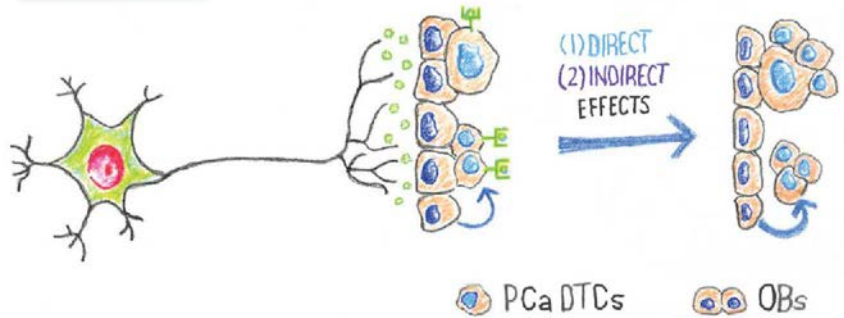
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

When Ann Decker was 18 years old, she underwent a Le Fort I orthognathic surgery due to a dental malocclusion. Following that experience, she shadowed her oral surgeon daily, solidifying her desire to pursue a surgical residency of some kind. Periodontology allowed Dr. Decker to marry her passion for immunology research with patient care and the surgical component that was so inspirational to her as a teenager.

Now a third-year resident and PhD student at the University of Michigan, Dr. Decker has focused her research on bone marrow, the cells that reside there, and the molecular signaling that maintains homeostasis (and dysregulation—i.e., chronic inflammatory diseases and cancer) of the hematopoietic niche within the bone marrow space.

As part of the University of Michigan team, Dr. Decker appreciates the opportunity to work with “a diverse faculty who are clinicians and conduct meaningful science that contributes to our field.” She notes her gratitude towards her mentors, like Dr. Will Giannobile, “Dr. Giannobile is a clinician, chair, tissue engineering research investigator, teacher, past AAP Foundation President—he does everything, and also cares about the student condition. It’s inspiring to have a role model like that.”

When asked about her Educator Scholarship, Dr. Decker says, “this award was very special to me; it gave me validation that I am on the right track. After I won the award, a committee member told me, ‘we really like where you’re headed.’ That has stayed with me as a source of encouragement.”



Sympathetic nerve derived norepinephrine can have direct effects on target cell types, as well as indirect effects on adjacent cells within the bone marrow microenvironment by mediating localized cytokine expression.

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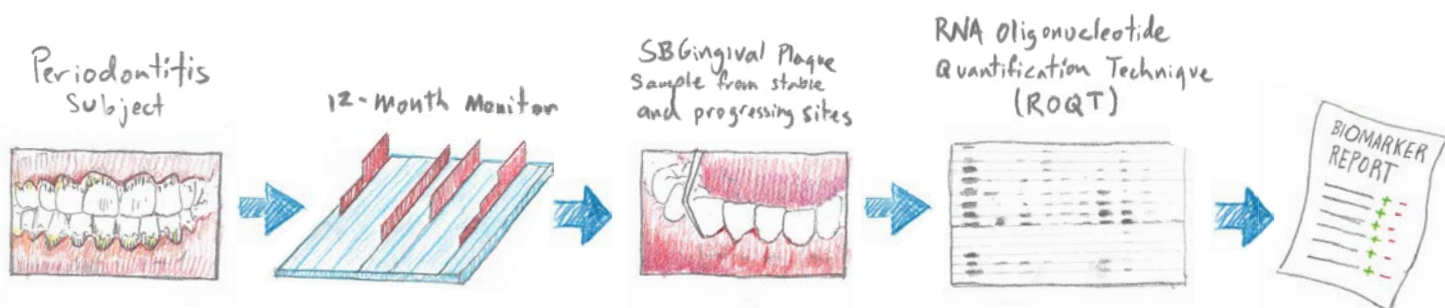
– Ann Decker, DMD

Dr. Decker plans to apply for a tenure track faculty role, and aspires to be a clinician-scientist. She strives to educate her patients, and show her students how to do the same to encourage their patients’ commitment to their treatment. Her passion for research and for teaching has given her the strength necessary to follow what is often not a straightforward path, and she credits the AAP Foundation for helping her reach her goals. Dr. Decker says, “People like me are so enthusiastic and hopeful that we can make a difference in the future. If you give the right people the right opportunities, it will come back to you 1,000-fold. Thank you for your investment in us. We will prove that we’re worth it.”

AAP EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP



BRUNO HERRERA, DDS, PhD



Periodontitis is a chronic inflammatory disease and a major public health concern considering that it is among the most prevalent human diseases. It is caused by bacteria and results in the destruction of the supporting structures of the dentition. In this study, we are looking at what bacteria are found in the subgingival plaque in sites with periodontal disease progression.

AAP EDUCATOR SCHOLAR

BRUNO HERRERA, DDS, PhD

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAPEL HILL

Brazil's faltering economy almost derailed Dr. Bruno Herrera's career. Fortunately, the AAP Foundation stepped in to help this talented scholar stay on track. When Dr. Herrera tells his story, the gratitude is evident. "The economy dropped in Brazil, the currency skyrocketed, and part of the money I saved was gone. I'm very lucky; this award really saved my training. The \$25,000 grant was exactly how much I needed to finish," he says.

Dr. Herrera, a second-year resident, already has a Ph.D. in basic science from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Along with his time in the clinic, he is involved in a research group that is seeking to understand the microbiology of disease progression. As part of the study, the team followed patients for one year and collected more than 5,000 subgingival samples. They looked at both cultivated and uncultivated

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– Bruno Herrera, PhD

bacteria to assess whether the presence of certain microorganisms can predict the progress of the disease. A passionate researcher, Dr. Herrera hopes to stay in academia. He anticipates applying his clinical expertise, combined with his basic science training, to better understand periodontal disease, diagnosis, and the relationship between periodontal and systemic disease. "I want to learn everything I can from our faculty. There are amazing people here," he acknowledges.

Dr. Herrera's gratitude emphasizes the importance of this grant to his future: "I'll be able to finish my program and give back to society. I'll be in academia and providing patient care in the clinic. Everything I'm doing is possible because of this award. AAP Foundation grants have helped others in my department, too. We are all giving back to the community."

**DR. AND MRS. GERALD M. KRAMER SCHOLAR
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

FEDERICO AUSENDA, DDS

PRIVATE PRACTICE
MILAN, ITALY

The life-changing benefits of periodontology attracted Dr. Federico Ausenda to the specialty. "I strongly believe that periodontal therapy is the foundation for successful dental treatment. The fundamentals of periodontal treatment allow human biology to excel and provide patients with a better quality of life," says this Kramer Scholar.

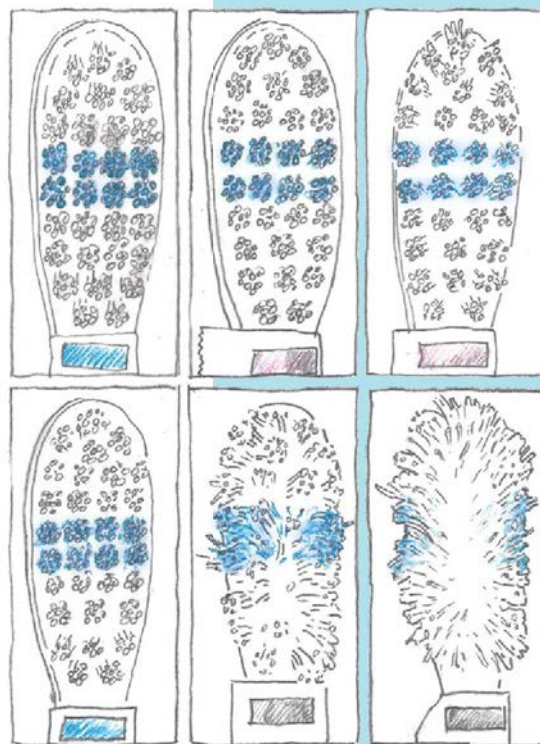
Dr. Ausenda, who practices in Milan, is also completing a one year ITI Scholarship at the Eastman Dental Institute in Rome, Italy. He is studying the prevalence of alveolar atrophies in edentulous elderly patients and is also involved in a retrospective study analyzing biological and mechanical complications of implant-supported overdentures. He lectures internationally and has spoken at Freiburg University in Germany, the Italian Society of Periodontology, and the Eastman Dental Institute in Rome.

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– Federico Ausenda, DDS

The award allowed Dr. Ausenda to make a smooth transition from residency to private practice, and Dr. Kramer's philosophy inspires him to continue striving for clinical excellence. He is happy to have the opportunity to share his knowledge with others and to learn from experienced mentors.

Dr. Ausenda admires the support the Foundation provides to young leaders. He notes, "It is our responsibility to deliver opportunities that will enhance education for emerging periodontists. We must financially support young clinicians so that they will have the freedom to develop their research. Stimulating their knowledge and collaboration also strengthens the Foundation." His own commitment to philanthropy is demonstrated in several trips to Goundi, Chad to provide dental care to the underserved. He hopes to return to Africa to help patients in the near future.



Proven in a randomized clinical trial recently submitted for publication, this illustration portrays toothbrush wear after 3 months using two different brushing techniques.

**DR. AND MRS.
GERALD M.
KRAMER
SCHOLAR
AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE**



FEDERICO AUSENDA, DDS

CHARLES W. FINLEY VISITING SCHOLAR EDUCATION GRANT

The Charles W. Finley Visiting Scholar Education Grant was established to honor the memory of Dr. Charles W. Finley and all the great periodontal leaders of the past, present, and future. Grants of \$2,000 are awarded to accredited U.S. periodontal programs to offset honoraria, travel, promotion, and seminars by speakers in periodontology. The grants must be matched by funds from each department or institution. Though the speakers spend much of their time with the periodontics department students and faculty, the grant requires that the speaker present a formal program to the entire dental school on a subject of interest. This year's recipients are Indiana University and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Indiana University invited Dr. Paul Luepke to be their Finley award presenter this year. He addressed topics including Creating the Esthetic Smile, Treating Peri-Implantitis, and Insurance Coding in Practice — Advice to Residents. Dr. Luepke is Clinical Associate Professor and the Chair of the Department of Surgical Sciences at Marquette University School of Dentistry as well as the Director of the Postgraduate program in Periodontics. He currently lectures to predoctoral, postdoctoral, local, state, national, and international audiences.



CHARLES W. FINLEY VISITING SCHOLAR EDUCATION GRANT

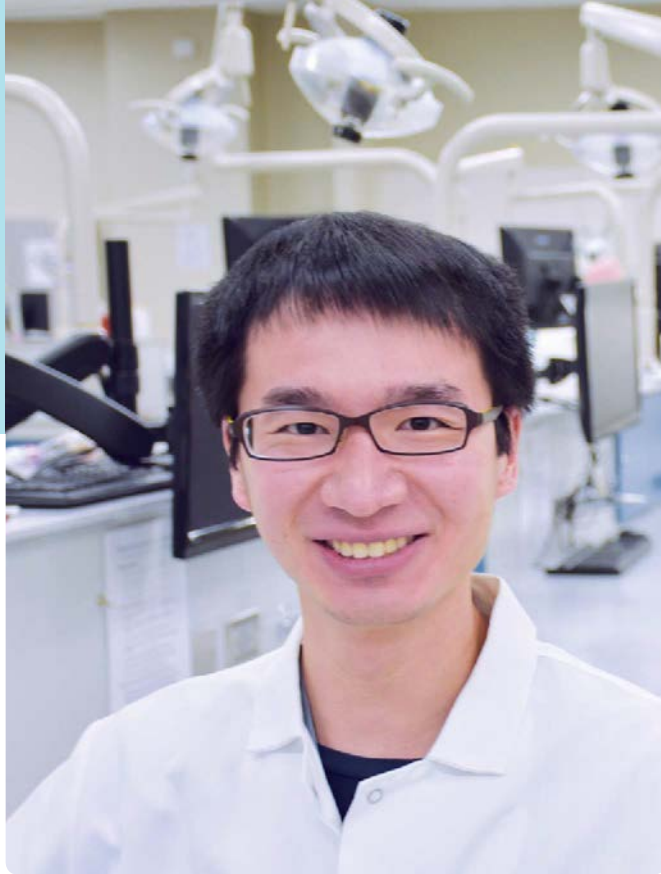
DR. PAUL LUEPKE (Center) at Indiana University



DR. I-CHUNG (JONNY) WANG (Center)
at The University of Alabama at Birmingham

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) invited Dr. I-Chung (Jonny) Wang as their Finley Scholar. He completed his dental training at Chung San University in Taiwan, his certificate in periodontology at UAB where he served as a faculty member until 2003, when he moved to join the faculty at the University of Washington. Dr. Wang presented an all-faculty lunch and learn and a full-day presentation to residents on Immediate Implant Loading: A 30 Year Revolution.

Both presentations were well attended and provided a unique learning opportunity for all involved.



DR. D. WALTER COHEN TEACHING AWARD

GUO-HAO (ALEX) LIN, DDS, MS

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GUO-HAO (ALEX) LIN, DDS, MS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

In Taiwan, where Dr. Alex Lin grew up, periodontal disease is widespread. Many people view losing a tooth as a natural part of aging. Dr. Lin hopes to contribute to his specialty in a way that will improve treatment outcomes and allow more patients to keep their teeth for a lifetime.

Dr. Lin feels lucky to be teaching predoctoral and graduate students at the newest periodontal program in the country. You hear the excitement in his voice when he describes the innovation and technology that characterize his department. "Marquette is the first dental school to integrate digital dentistry in the predoctoral curriculum. Students design surgical guides for their patients and restore their own implants. We go over all of the treatment planning pieces so they can see the result of their restoration. We have intra-oral scanners and a state-of-the-art 3D printer. Therefore, we are able to teach students to design and print their surgical guides based on cone-beam computed tomography images and digital impressions. Everything is done on a laptop! We can discuss the implant position, angle, even the need for bone grafting and all of the other details. The result is virtually designed implant surgery," he explains.

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– Guo-Hao (Alex) Lin, DDS, MS

Support from the AAP Foundation is a cornerstone of Dr. Lin's early career. It has allowed him to focus on his studies of peri-implantitis and the techniques that offer clinicians the best options for dealing with this disease. While collaborating with the prosthodontics department to review earlier therapeutic options, Dr. Lin discovered that implant treatment planning is the key to success. "If we can teach the younger generation to do better treatment planning, they'll be more successful," he advises.

In the coming years, Dr. Lin would like to participate in multi-center randomized control trials and collaborate with other institutions and clinicians. He hopes to return the investment that has been made in his future by ensuring that his students receive the highest quality education. He describes his ambitions like this: "I can realize my dreams. I have well-prepared students and a great place to work. We can make this program shine! We get so much from the specialty; it's great to pay it back. The only way to keep our specialty strong is to support our Foundation."

ADEA/AAL INSTITUTE



IRINA F. DRAGAN, DDS, MS
Tufts University



ZUHAIR S. NATTO, BDS
Tufts University

ADEA/AAL INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING & LEARNING IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the AAP Foundation funds scholarships for periodontists to attend the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions. Created for early- and mid-career faculty and private practice dentists interested in a new career in academics, the ADEA/AAL ITL is dental education's most comprehensive teacher training program. During the two-phase program, ADEA/AAL ITL Scholars receive hands-on experience with key instructional tasks such as evaluating student competence, presenting lectures, planning courses, constructing tests, working with challenging students, and providing feedback. In 2016 the ADEA/AAL selected 11 periodontists to receive the AAP Foundation Fellowship to the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions. They are: **John R. Francis**, Midwestern University Dental Institute,

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– Srinivas Ayilavarapu, DDS, DSC
University of Texas
at Houston

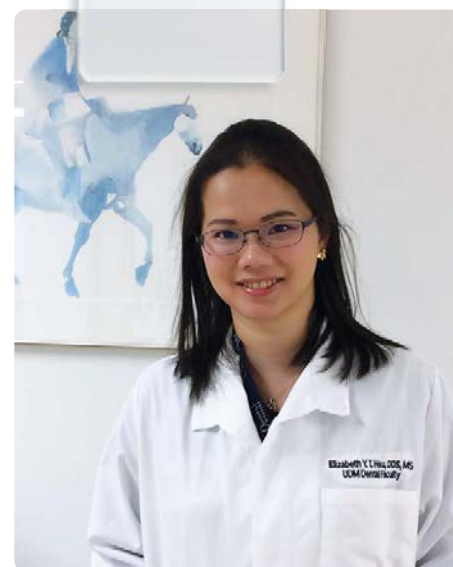
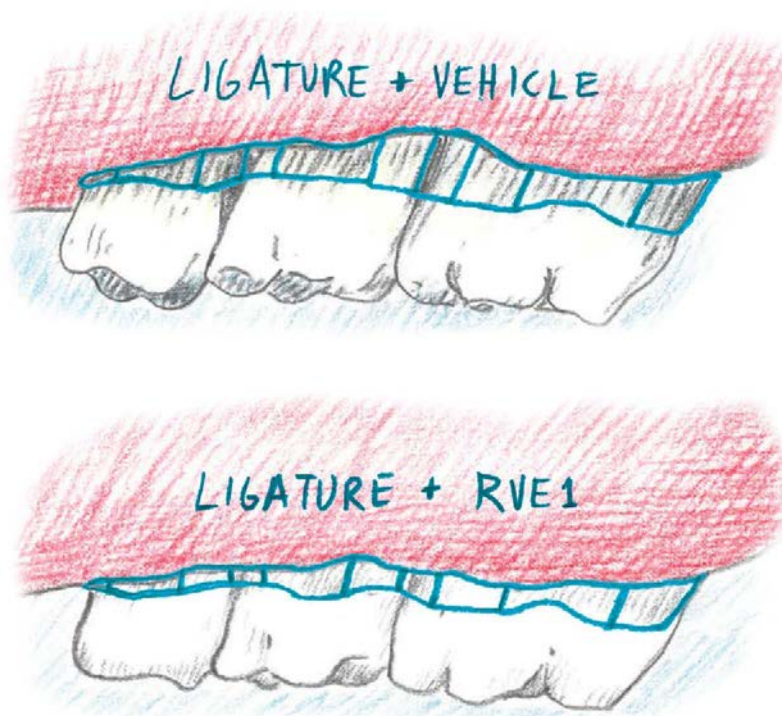
Zuhair S. Natto, Tufts University, **Irina F. Dragan**, Tufts University, **Chun-Teh Lee**, University of Texas at Houston, **Yung-Ting (Elizabeth) Hsu**, University of Detroit Mercy, **Keith R. Merchant**, United States Navy, Naval Medical Center, **Chin-Wei (Jeff) Wang**, University of Michigan, **Muna S. Elburki**, Stony Brook University, **Natasha Kapoor**, University of Detroit Mercy, **Sangeetha Chandrasekaran**, University of Colorado, and **Srinivas Ayilavarapu**, University of Texas at Houston.

When asked about her experience, Dr. Yung-Ting (Elizabeth) Hsu said, "The true strength in our classroom lies in the collaboration of the learners, not in the knowledge of one expert. Supported by the AAP Foundation, I am delighted not only to have excellent learning experiences from the ITL, but also to know many others who share the passion for education."

Regeneration of alveolar bone in experimental periodontitis: One of the specialized pro-resolving lipid mediators, resolvin E1, that actively resolves, rather than inhibits inflammation, can induce inflammation resolution and tissue regeneration. This mediator has potential in treating periodontal diseases in humans.

(The figure has been published in the Journal of Immunology, 2016 Oct 1; 197(7):2796-2806.)

CHUN-TEH LEE, DDS, MS
University of Texas
at Houston



YUNG-TING (ELIZABETH) HSU,
DDS, MDSc, MS
University of Detroit Mercy

Dr. Chun-Teh Lee added, "I really enjoyed attending this program! It was a great opportunity to interact with people from different institutions and listen to many great lectures. Most importantly, I do apply what I learned in the classroom."

When discussing his experience, Dr. Srinivas Ayilavarapu states, "I truly appreciate the AAP Foundation for the scholarship towards the ADEA/AAL ITL program. The program was well organized and provided me with "out of the box" methods in teaching and engaging my audience. I am implementing the tools provided in my teaching courses and obtained positive feedback from my students. I highly recommend this program and the tremendous efforts that the AAP Foundation is making for periodontal educators and researchers"

Dr. Zuhair Natto adds, "Thank you, AAP Foundation! In this ADEA/AAL ITL Fellowship, I learned several skills and tools needed to succeed in any educational environment. As a young professional who wants to teach, I am sure this great experience will be beneficial for me in the future."

"The fellowships offers a fantastic opportunity to attend the AAL ITL program to develop your dynamic teaching philosophy, to structure your courses, and to foster friendship with passionate and inspiring educators around you," says Dr. Chin-Wei (Jeff) Wang.

Dr. Irina Dragan summarizes, "Basic knowledge of andragogy serves any successful educator with a critical foundation in today's challenging academic landscape. The 2016 ITL program guided my journey towards that goal. I am thankful to AAPF for this opportunity and I will strongly recommend it to any colleague interested in faculty development opportunities."

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– Yung-Ting Hsu,
DDS, MDSc, MS
University of
Detroit Mercy



AAP TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

GEORGIOS A. KOTSAKIS, DDS, MS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

AAP Foundation grants give Dr. Georgios Kotsakis, and other educators visibility among their colleagues and peers. Dr. Kotsakis expresses his thanks like this: "Instead of worrying about finances, I can focus completely on my work. Realizing that your contribution does not go unnoticed is very rewarding. It helps maintain a passion for what you do. The fellowship tells me there is recognition for the service we provide educating the next generation."

An international lecturer on the etiology and treatment of peri-implantitis, Dr. Kotsakis' lab is focused on identifying efficacious treatments for peri-implantitis with ongoing funded studies extended from preclinical investigations to a clinical trial. Dr. Kotsakis is also fascinated by the effect of oral conditions and diseases on the way people live and function. He is collaborating with the Global Burden of Diseases Study, a coalition of over 1,800 researchers across the world, to provide benchmarks of oral health measures. The work stemming from this collaboration was recently published in the *Lancet* and highlighted the significant impact of oral diseases and disorders on global population health as well as the great demands on health system resources by the sheer number of affected individuals worldwide.



GEORGIOS A. KOTSAKIS, DDS, MS (R)

To efficiently manage his many research and academic interests, Dr. Kotsakis relies on his long-standing collaborations with his academic colleagues and on working with motivated students who share his passion for periodontics. Over the course of his career, Dr. Kotsakis wants to excel in the three cornerstones of academic life: teaching, treating patients, and conducting meaningful research. "We go into academia to enjoy variety, be able to multi-task, and deliver value in each of these important areas," he says. Dr. Kotsakis emphasized that during this challenging era of limited federal and state funding available to support academia he is thankful to organizations such as the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation, who support periodontal education and research and help retain qualified individuals in academia.

Dr. Kotsakis' biggest reward, so far, has been watching his passion for research ignite in his students. Several have already chosen a scientific career path. He is proud that his influence inspires others to pursue this very rewarding line of work. "We benefit from the care that we provide our patients, saving smiles and improving their quality of life," he says. Another big reward is on the way. Dr. Kotsakis and his wife are expecting their first child this spring.

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AAP TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

ABHIRAM MADDI, DDS, PhD

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO
SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Dr. Abhiram Maddi is quick to acknowledge the impact the AAP Teaching Fellowship had on his personal and professional life. "As a hardworking immigrant to the United States, this was a moment of pride and happiness for me and my family. Being recognized by the AAP Foundation is very close to my heart," he says.

Dr. Maddi is planning a lifetime in academics. Having the AAP Foundation honor his early accomplishments gives him the momentum to build a bright future. As a result of the fellowship, he gained visibility in the university and in his department. In addition, an article in a local business publication highlighted his success to the surrounding community. Dr. Maddi aspires to a leadership position, and this early achievement puts him on the right track to become a program director, department chair, or even a dean.

To ensure that his students understand the role that research and evidence-based thinking must play in their practice, Dr. Maddi is inspired to expand his own knowledge of the literature. As a scientist, his current interest is microbiology. He is studying the relationship between the oral

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– Abhiram Maddi, DDS, PhD

commensal fungus *Candida albicans* and other bacteria in the oral cavity. He notes, "I have been trying to show that there are certain components in the fungal cell wall that are important in cross-linking other proteins. Proteins can now be targets in developing new antifungal medications for treating oral and systemic candidiasis." A proposal for this project has been drafted for the National Institutes of Health. The findings will be published in a microbiology journal.

Dr. Maddi was attracted to periodontology because of its basis in microbiology and its research orientation. He hopes his students will view this specialty as the foundation for dentistry. He emphasized, "Periodontists are scholars. They are trained by people who have both clinical and scientific experience, and they are more research oriented than other dental fields. Periodontal research has made a significant contribution in advancing dentistry."

The AAP Foundation applauds Dr. Maddi's accomplishments and looks to him, and other award recipients, to build an exciting scientific future.



AAP TEACHING FELLOWSHIP



ABHIRAM MADDI, DDS, PhD (R)



CHIN-WEI (JEFF) WANG, DDS, DMSc



BUD AND LINDA TARRSON FELLOWSHIP

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BUD AND LINDA TARRSON FELLOWSHIP**CHIN-WEI (JEFF) WANG, DDS, DMSc**

CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

– Chin-Wei (Jeff) Wang, DDS, DMSc

Honor and responsibility are watch words for Dr. Jeff Wang. He believes, “By granting me this award, my colleagues trust that I will make a difference. This recognition gives me the determination and courage to keep working hard. As I start off in an academic career, the financial assistance is a huge relief, and will help me to stay focused.”

Tissue regeneration, delicate surgery, and the systemic impact of oral health hooked Dr. Wang on periodontology. “Every procedure we perform as periodontists should be focused on providing periodontal health and further promoting a patient’s overall well-being,” he explains. He also enjoys learning from and cooperating with other specialists. “So much can be accomplished through interdisciplinary collaboration.

Periodontology should be well connected with the other dental specialties and with our colleagues in medicine,” he says. To advance this concept, Dr. Wang is developing new approaches to working with orthodontists and other specialists. He presented in the Innovations in Periodontics session at the 2016 AAP Annual Meeting regarding integrated approaches in adult orthodontics.

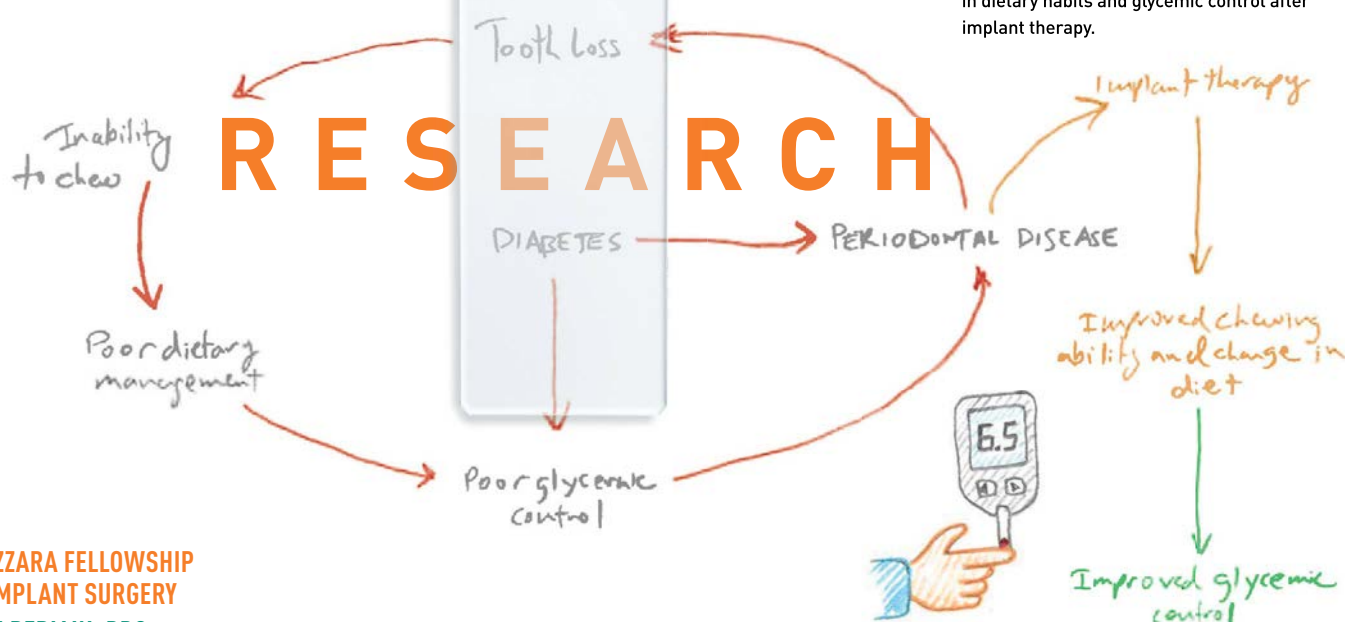
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– Chin-Wei (Jeff) Wang,
DDS, DMSc

Dr. Wang views research as a future gateway to improved patient care. He is an avid clinical scientist who, along with his teaching responsibilities, is participating in several clinical trials as well as translational research. One exciting future outcome may be a new drug that triggers a natural signal in the body to control inflammation. It could also enhance oral wound healing and promote tissue regeneration. The goal is to develop the medication and bring it to clinical trial.

In addition to being a mentor, Dr. Wang strives to instill the importance of service and social responsibility in his students to promote oral health for health. “If predoctoral students only care about providing technical procedures but don’t care about oral health, they won’t care about periodontology. It’s important that our specialty plays a vital role in general practice so we don’t get isolated,” he cautions. “The same concerns also apply to post-doctoral residents.”

Dr. Wang’s passion and commitment to elevating patient care through research and education confirm the value of the investment the AAP Foundation is making in his future.



**RICHARD J. LAZZARA FELLOWSHIP
IN ADVANCED IMPLANT SURGERY**
GONZALO BLASI BERIAIN, DDS
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE

Dr. Blasi views periodontology as a crucial bridge between the specialties, as well as general dentistry. He heralds from a family of dental specialists in orthodontics and prosthetics, and he and his brothers collaborate on patient treatments and lecture together on interdisciplinary topics. At the University of Maryland, where Dr. Blasi is completing the Richard Lazzara Fellowship, he is doing clinical research in several areas including the impact of diabetes on implants and soft tissue grafting.

In discussing the Fellowship with Dr. Blasi, he stated, "I very much appreciate the help that the AAPF gives to young periodontists to assist them to grow as professionals and raise the standard of patient care."

"Teaching at the University of Maryland has been and is a great experience," says Dr. Blasi. "The most rewarding aspect of teaching is seeing the predoctoral dental students mature as professionals. By helping students learn how to prevent periodontal diseases and dental caries, we will instill a sense of responsibility to patients

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– Gonzalo Blasi Beriain, DDS

and raise the overall standard of care for the public." He continues, "I feel a great responsibility to give back to students the knowledge that my faculty and mentors have given to me. The Lazzara Fellowship, along with teaching predoctoral students, has provided me that opportunity. It is important to ensure that future dentists realize prevention and excellence in restorative therapy are equally important to achieve our primary goal of health. Through the Lazzara Fellowship, teaching, and gaining knowledge in implantology and restorative dentistry, I have matured as a periodontist. I look forward to continuing to support the Foundation and all of its programs that promote excellence in periodontology."

Upon completion of the Lazzara fellowship, Dr. Blasi will enter clinical practice while continuing to be associated with the University of Maryland. When he's not in the clinic or the lab, Dr. Blasi spends time with his family, his wife, Adriana, an endodontist, and his seven-month old son, Gonzalo, Jr., the next dental specialist in the family!



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DDS, MS

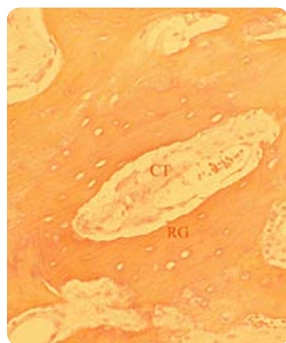
The Schoor Award ensured that Dr. Jeremiah Whetman would make a smooth transition from residency to practice. “The Foundation has been a huge help in my short career, both financially and with my reputation as a young periodontist in the community. These awards also distinguish our specialty as a leader in research-based dentistry and encourage the younger periodontists to contribute to the body of knowledge,” he says.

Even before he went to dental school, Dr. Whetman was interested in surgery. He loves the research basis of his new profession as well as the long-term relationships that periodontists develop with their patients. For Dr. Whetman, “The best part of the job is interacting with patients and my team every day. I am lucky to have a group of people around me that is dedicated to the highest quality of patient care and experience. Helping my patients better their oral health, rehabilitate a smile, and get out of pain is the best reward of the job.”

In addition to enjoying his new practice, Dr. Whetman is also involved in his dental and local community. “I am able to be part of organized periodontics by participating in the AAP’s New Periodontists Subcommittee,” he explains. “This is a great opportunity to give back and support a bigger cause.”

His colleagues in the practice have a long-standing commitment to continuing education, and Dr. Whetman contributes through his involvement with the Seattle Study Club affiliate in Phoenix. He is currently preparing lectures to deliver at the club’s future meetings. He also mentors dental students and invites hygiene students to shadow him in the office. Boy Scouts of America is a non-profit organization that is close to his heart.

“I really love teaching and the opportunity to help students and colleagues alike learn a new technique or the value of a particular treatment,” he says. “Teaching allows me to give back to the community like so many have given to me over the years.”



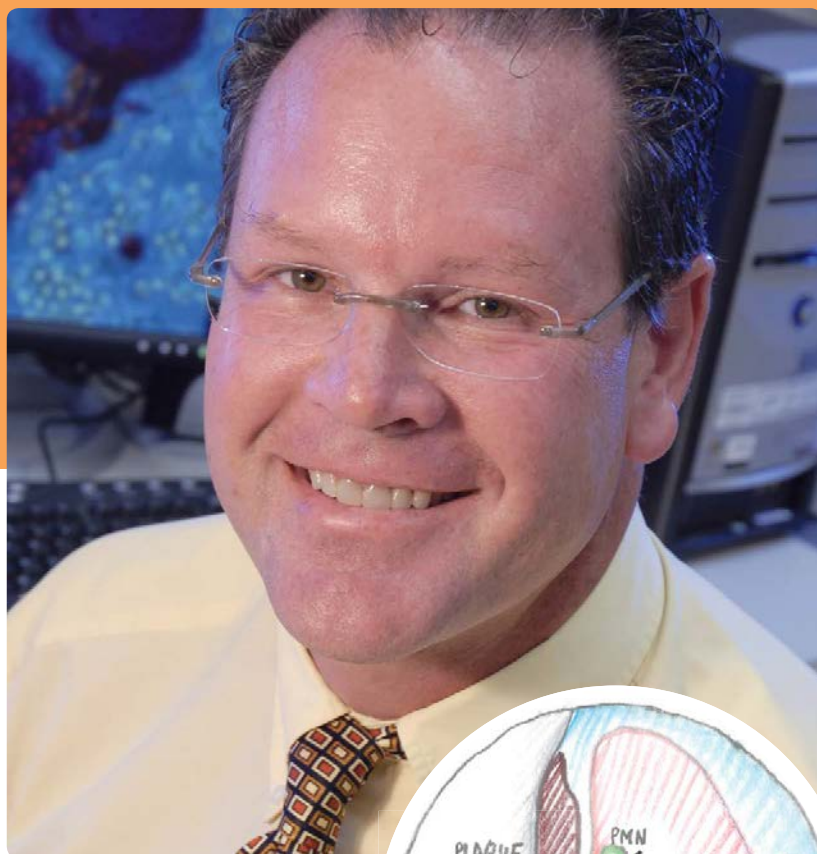
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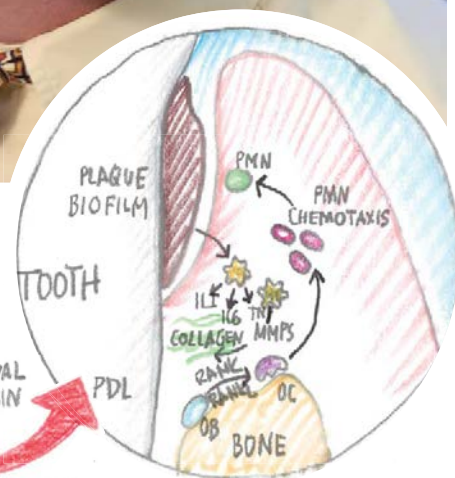
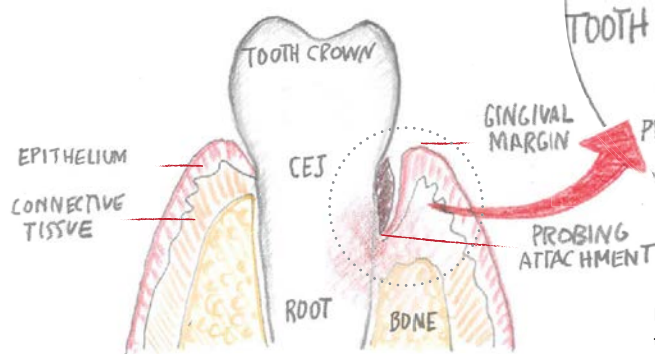
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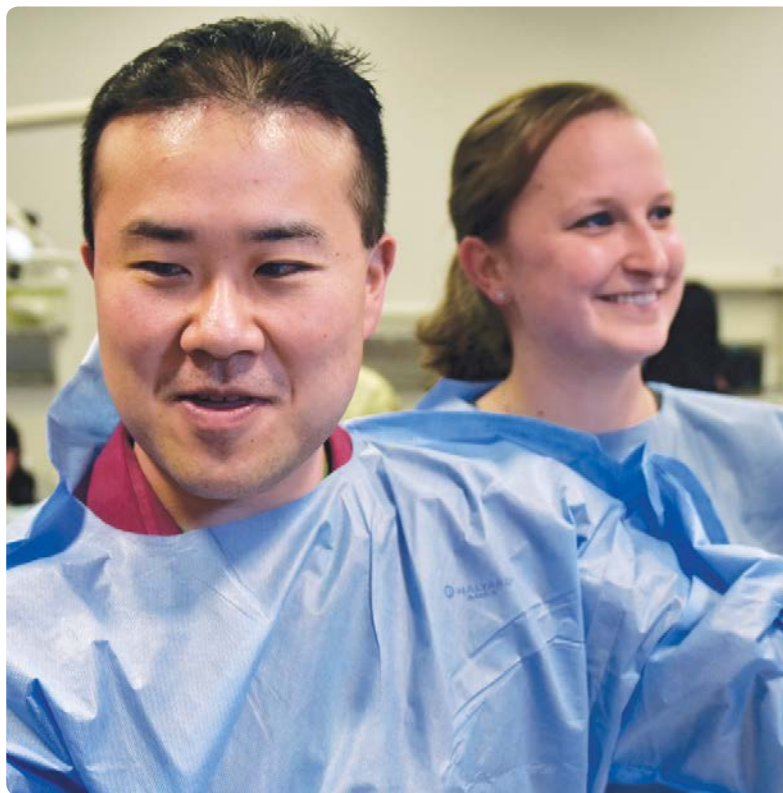
A seasoned researcher and academic, Dr. Keith Kirkwood believes the AAP Foundation plays a critical role in the specialty's future development. "The Foundation facilitates cutting-edge technology and the translation of science to clinical practice. Gifts give back to the profession and help make changes in the specialty's development," he says.

Dr. Kirkwood's lab has a long history of studying inflammation and cell signaling related to periodontal bone loss. They also experiment with novel therapeutics with a goal of discovering new techniques and treatments. Funding comes primarily from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and from industry. But Dr. Kirkwood notes, "Budgets are tight, and grants from the AAP Foundation provide critical seed money to develop preliminary data that can lead to a much larger NIH grant."



Periodontal bone loss. Cellular responses to bacterial plaque biofilm on the root surface initiates polymorphonuclear lymphocytes (PMNs) and macrophages (Mφ) secrete inflammatory cytokines and matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) to increase the immune response and degrade connective tissue matrix. Osteoclastogenesis is induced to these stimuli to increase bone resorption through RANKL/RANK system.

Mentoring residents in their research projects is a favorite part of Dr. Kirkwood's multiple responsibilities. He has trained many Ph.D. and postdoctoral students. "I've been teaching and doing research since 1998," says Dr. Kirkwood. He adds, "I still really love what I am doing. The students keep you active. They keep you on your toes, and they challenge you. I thoroughly enjoy interactions with the next generation." For now, Dr. Kirkwood wants to continue building his NIH portfolio. Recently, Dr. Kirkwood accepted a new role in senior academic leadership as the Associate Dean for Advanced Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo this summer.



DAN SHIN , DDS, MSD

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DIRECTOR OF PREDOCTORAL PERIODONTOLOGY,
CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
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Many people have served as role models for Dr. Dan Shin. His parents, who were both physicians and teachers, motivated him to pursue an academic career. At the University of Buffalo Dental School, Drs. Robert Genco and Sebastian Ciancio were mentors who cultivated his interest in periodontology and the medical aspects of dentistry.

The fellowship award gives him another reason to aim high. He noted, "Dr. Nevins is a very influential mentor for his students. He inspires them to pursue excellence in all their endeavors. Past fellowship recipients are the young guns of our specialty. They represent the best of what our specialty has to offer. I hope to emulate that."

Interacting with the students and patients in the clinic is a source of great fulfillment for Dr. Shin. He strives to pass that enthusiasm on. He says, "I'm blessed to be in academics. Every day brings

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He is currently involved in several case studies to assess patients' tolerance for laser versus conventional scalpel surgery. His many responsibilities on the clinic floor include supervising hygiene and dental assistant students as well as dental students and residents. When he has a chance to relax, Dr. Shin works on his golf, a game he has been trying to master since he was ten years old.

Dr. Shin urges colleagues to view the AAP Foundation as a renewable source of support for the specialty. "It's like planting a flower bed; you want to keep watering so the flowers grow. It's constant rejuvenation," he says. As a way to express appreciation for the help that he has received, he supervises students who treat the underserved in the school's outreach centers.

NEVINS BIOHORIZONS FELLOWSHIP**YUMI OGATA, DMD, DDS, MS**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

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Dr. Yumi Ogata successfully juggles being a full-time faculty member and the mother of two-year-old twins. She has been in academia for six years and is involved in both clinical and didactic teaching. Dr. Ogata credits the development of her interactive teaching style to a grant from the AAP Foundation to attend the American Dental Education Association's Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL).

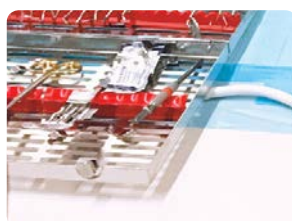
Before Dr. Ogata had her children, she was uncertain how she would balance the demands of career and family. She says, "There was a time when I thought I might have to leave teaching. However, staying in academia was the best decision I ever made. The Nevins BioHorizons Fellowship reassured, encouraged, and motivated me to pursue my passion for education and research."

When Dr. Ogata talks about teaching, her enthusiasm is evident. "The best part of my job is mentoring students. When they ask me questions, I don't necessarily have all the answers, but we look for them together. I learn from the students, and I also like having dental colleagues. It's a great experience to collaborate with them," she explains.

Dr. Ogata's dental school mentors encouraged her interest in periodontology. She joined a study club and became more involved, eventually leaving Japan to train at Tufts. Over the years, she has mastered all the steps in the research process from designing the project and writing the protocol to getting funded. Her research is mainly focused on clinical studies related to bone regeneration and sinus augmentation using patient-reported outcomes measures.

Most of Dr. Ogata's free time is devoted to her growing family. One of her goals is to be a role model for other female periodontists and to demonstrate that, with effort, you can be a great teacher, a committed scientist, and a terrific mom.

NEVINS BIOHORIZONS FELLOWSHIP



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LYNSIE SPROUSE

SECOND YEAR DENTAL STUDENT

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One of Lysie Sprouse's most important goals is to "leave a path that inspires others. This was a very appropriate award for me. I'm passionate about research and education, and I enjoyed considering how I can teach and educate others in preventive oral health."

Ms. Sprouse was a mentor and teaching assistant to first-year dental students during their preventive periodontology class. She notes, "The award opened my eyes to the importance of research in education. This is the most recognition I've had in dental school. After I received this award, people approached me to ask how they can get into research. It showed me that I could be a role model."

Ms. Sprouse recently presented her winning research project at the International Association of Dental Research conference. It was this research aspect that originally drew her to dentistry, and she plans to incorporate research into her long-term career goals.

Whether Ms. Sprouse will become a periodontist is still uncertain. She hopes to do a general

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LYNSIE SPROUSE (R)

practice residency and learn from the variety of cases. Once she has the opportunity to begin treatment planning and caring for patients, she will have a better idea about her professional future. Her teaching experiences have been an exciting challenge. She enjoys the rewards of helping new dental students discover their learning styles and understand complex ideas and concepts.

In addition to being a grant recipient, Ms. Sprouse is involved in community service. She is the philanthropy chair for her fraternity and during the summer she plans to work in a mobile dental clinic.

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Investment income became much stronger as 2016 ended after a very challenging 2015. Last year's report noted that our investments would bounce back and that's exactly what happened. Major and planned gifts have increased. Dental industry continues to expand its support, indicating that the AAP Foundation inspires trust and confidence in what we do. The AAP Foundation stewards your dollars carefully and keeps operating expenses to a minimum so that maximum funding goes to our programs.

The AAP Foundation has continued its support of education and research, and is poised for new initiatives in 2017 and beyond. We have awarded \$5 million in support of our specialty since our founding in 1990, and are determined to continue and grow this important work.

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- Contributions and pledges totaled \$632,578.
- Investment income was \$747,311 on a portfolio of almost \$10 million.
- Programming garnered an additional \$3,775 in revenue.
- Total income was \$1,383,664.

What do we do with your hard-earned dollars?

- \$428,000 granted in scholarships and fellowships reflects our unswerving commitment to periodontal education and research.
- AAP's Public Education initiative received a \$100,000 infusion from the Foundation.
- We also pledged \$100,000 in support of the 2017 World Workshop on Disease Classification to be held in conjunction with the European Federation of Periodontology.
- The AAP Foundation's Bowers Fund provided \$10,000 to the American Board of Periodontology as it works to raise the bar for our specialists.
- Program support activities expended \$193,233, Annual Meeting programs were \$134,352, and Outreach programs totaled \$355,425.
- Operational expenses were \$231,662 out of a total of \$1,336,159 in overall expenditures.

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University of Missouri
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In 2015, the AAP Foundation introduced PerioDash 2015, a virtual run to raise awareness around the AAP Foundation. A total of 50 people participated in 2015, and in 2016 we doubled that number! More than 100 people took part in this fun, engaging event, including school groups, practice groups, individuals from corporate partner companies, donors, and friends of the Foundation.



University of Alabama
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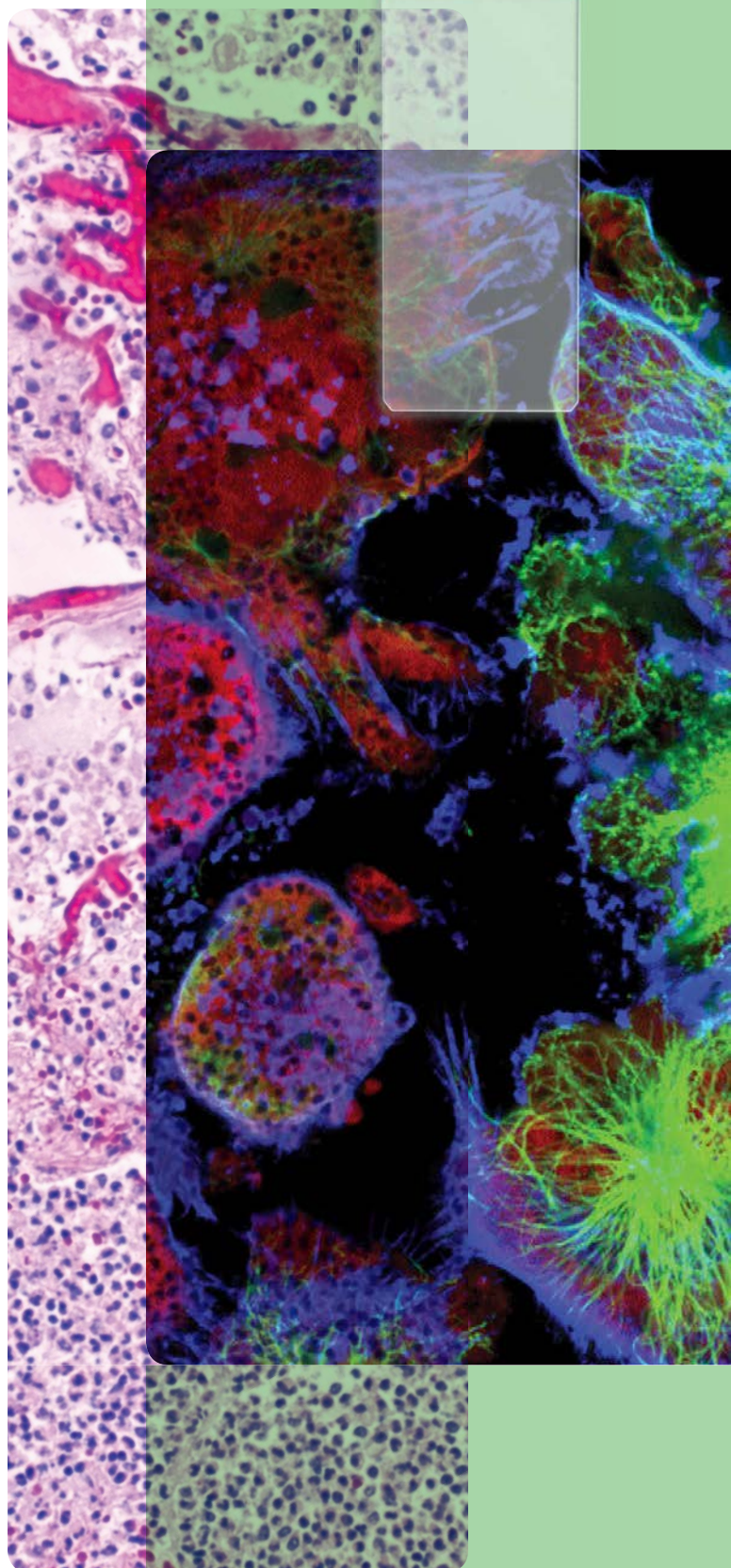
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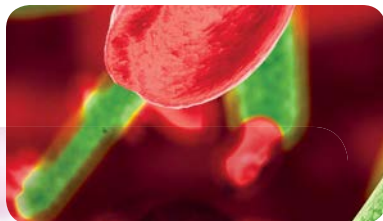
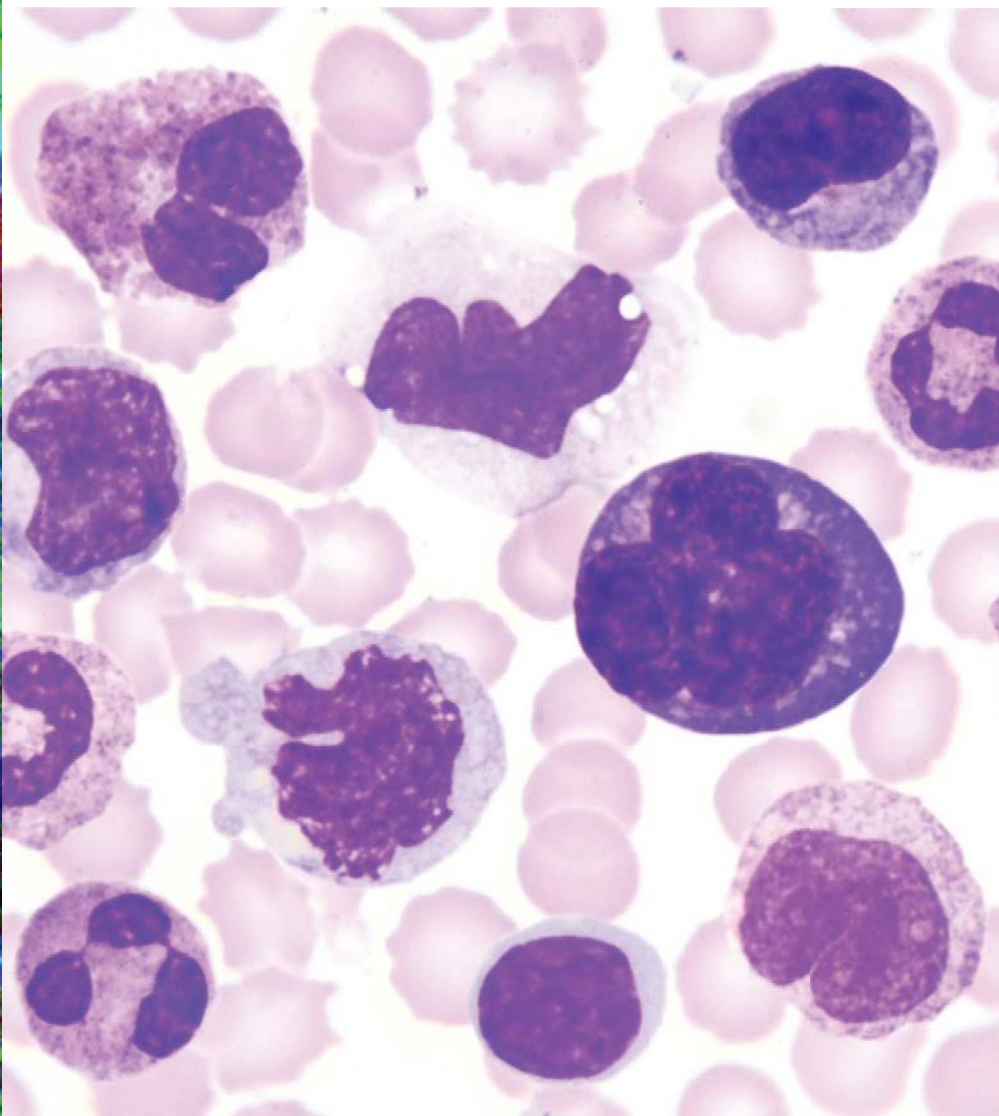
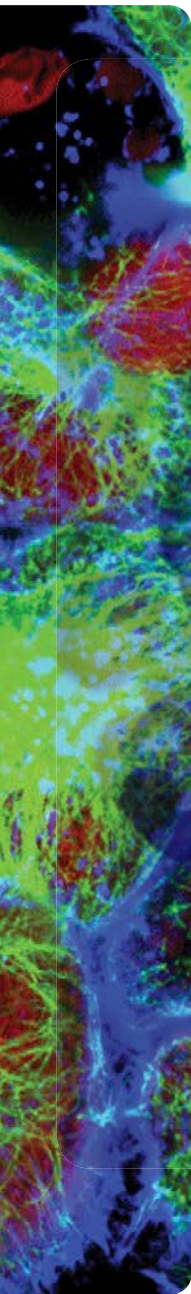
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