Columbia University
College of Dental Medicine

The Second Annual
Dean’s Honors Day

Celebrating CDM Faculty Accomplishments
9/1/2015 – 8/31/2016

November 22, 2016
Congratulations to the College of Dental Medicine (CDM) Faculty who are being honored for their achievements at today’s event, and special thanks to Dr. Lalla for her leadership in support of the Faculty. This year’s gathering is particularly meaningful as it happens at the 100th anniversary of our college on university lines. Needless to say, today’s event will be remembered.

We are proud to celebrate with those members of our Faculty who got promoted and/or were recognized for their contributions during the past academic year (2015-2016). While we honor the individual contributions, we are also cognizant of the impact that each honoree makes to the reputation of CDM at-large. It is the strive for excellence that distinguishes Columbia from many other institutions of Higher Education. Being part of the Columbia community, CDM is aware of the mandate that is imposed on us.

Today’s event is intended to support the promotion of a culture whereby we acknowledge and cherish the achievements of our Faculty in terms of transformational scholarship, excellence in patient care, and exceptional service contributions. May it inspire all of us to strive for more as we will be defining CDM’s contribution in the next 100 years.

Sincerely,

Christian Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent
Dean
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

David A. Albert, DDS, MPH
Project Lead, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) Tobacco Cessation

Steven Chussid, DDS
Chair, Columbia University Health Care, Inc. (CUHC) Committee on Appointments

Joseph V. Errante, DDS
Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

Bridget Ferguson, DDS
Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic

Roseanna Graham, DDS, PhD, MA
Director, Division of Operative Dentistry

Priscilla A. Konecky, DDS
Interim Director, Undergraduate Endodontics

Esther S. Rubin, DDS, MPH
Senior Clinic Group Leader

Lynda Torre, DDS
Director, Third Year Clinic Program

PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Sahng G. (Martin) Kim, DDS, MS
Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences

PROMOTION TO ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Bridget Ferguson, DDS
Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center
(Volunteer to Full-Time)
Section of Hospital Dentistry

PROMOTION TO INSTRUCTOR

Hosam Alrqiq, BDS, MS
Instructor in Dental Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center
(Part-time to Full-Time)
Section of Population Oral Health

HONORS AND AWARDS

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Jennifer P. Bassiur, DDS
Section of Hospital Dentistry
Dr. Stanislaw H. Brzustowicz Junior Faculty Award, CDM Alumni Association
&
Inductee, Columbia Chapter of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

Michelle S. Mirsky, DDS
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences
Vice President,
CDM Alumni Association

Michael Perrino, DDS, MD
Section of Hospital Dentistry
Henry Sage Dunning Award,
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residents

Elizabeth Philipone, DMD
Section of Hospital Dentistry
The Edward V. Zegarelli Teaching Award,
CDM Alumni Association

CDM Junior Faculty Development Fund Recipients

Luz Marina Aguirre, DMD
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences

Hosam Alrqiq, BDS, MS
Section of Population Oral Health

June Harewood, DDS, MA, MS
Section of Growth & Development

Asma Muzaffar, DDS
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences

Alison Newgard, DDS
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences

Daniel Oh, PhD
Section of Hospital Dentistry

Cleber Silva, DDS
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Gunnar Hasselgren, DDS, PhD
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences
Columbia University-Coulter Foundation Translational Research Partnership Award

Evanthia Lalla, DDS, MS
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences
Provost Leadership Fellow

Samuel J. Zeichner, DMD, MA, MS
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences
President’s Global Innovation Fund Award

NATIONAL

Luz Marina Aguirre, DMD
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences
Institute for Diversity in Leadership,
American Dental Association (ADA) Board of Trustees
& President, New York Hispanic Dental Association

Kavita P. Ahluwalia, DDS, MPH
Section of Population Oral Health
Diplomate, American Board of Dental Public Health

David A. Albert, DDS, MPH
Section of Population Oral Health
2016 Honoree for Support of Washington Heights Older Adults,
The Riverstone Life Services Group

Jennifer P. Bassiur, DDS
Section of Hospital Dentistry
Treasurer, American Academy of Orofacial Pain Executive Committee

Nurit Bittner, DDS, MS, FACP
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences
Secretary, Board of Directors of the American College of Prosthodontists New York Section

College of Dental Medicine
2015 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award,
INSIGHT into Diversity

HONORS AND AWARDS

Burton Edelstein, DDS, MPH
Section of Population Oral Health
2016 William J. Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Public or Private Partner,
ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees
& President Emeritus,
Children’s Dental Health Project

Sidney B. Eisig, DDS
Section of Hospital Dentistry
Visiting Professor Award,
University of Florida College of Dental Medicine
& Top 25 Reviewers,
Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Mildred Christine Embree, DMD, PhD
Section of Growth & Development
Judge,
American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Hatton Award Committee

Bridget Ferguson, DDS
Section of Hospital Dentistry
American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Emerging Academic Leaders Program

Roseanna Graham, DDS, PhD, MA
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences
Chair, American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Section on Educational Research, Development, and Curriculum

Yiping Han, PhD
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences
Board of Directors,
Sino-Micro Group, The Overseas Chinese Society for Microbiology

George Jenkins, DMD, MHA
Section of Population Oral Health
Faculty Appreciation Award,
Student National Dental Association (SNDA)
HONORS AND AWARDS

Sahng G. (Martin) Kim, DDS, MS
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences
2016 Publication Award, &
2016 Honorable Mention, Journal of Endodontics

Alia Koch, DDS, MD
Section of Hospital Dentistry Fellow,
American College of Surgeons

Joseph McManus, DMD, MS, MHA, MBA, MS, FACP
Section of Population Oral Health Member,
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Health Policy Advisory Board

Michelle S. Mirsky, DDS
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences Chair,
New York Academy of Dentistry Research Committee

Dennis Mitchell, DDS, MPH
Section of Population Oral Health & Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences Chair,
American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Minority Affairs Advisory Committee &
Director,
National Dental Association (NDA) - Health Now, New York

Alison Newgard, DDS
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences Member,
Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA) Membership Committee

Mark L. Pitel, DMD
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences Advisory Board,
Dentistry Today

Dennis Tarnow, DDS
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences Distinguished Lecturer Award,
American College of Prosthodontists &
The Morton Amsterdam Lifetime Interdisciplinary Teaching Award, Dental X-P Organization &
President, American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry

Lynda Torre, DDS
Section of Cariology & Restorative Sciences American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Emerging Academic Leaders Program

Marc D. Schlenoff, DDS
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences Attending Dentist of the Year,
Weill Cornell NYPH Residents

Aubrie Swan Sein, PhD
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Certificate Program, Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

Richard Yoon, DDS
Section of Growth & Development Renewal of Board Certification Process - Continuous Quality Improvement, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

INTERNATIONAL

Yiping Han, PhD
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences Board of Directors, Anaerobe Society of the Americas

Evanthia Lalla, DDS, MS
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences Immediate Past President, Periodontal Research Group of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR)
HONORS AND AWARDS

Panos N. Papapanou, DDS, PhD
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences  
Co-Chair,  
American Academy of Periodontology & European Federation of Periodontology  
World Workshop (to update the classification of periodontal and peri-implant diseases)  
&  
The Yngve Ericsson Prize in Prophylactic Dentistry Research,  
Swedish Patent Revenue Fund for Prophylactic Odontology and European Organization for Caries Research

Sunil Wadhwa, DDS, PhD
Section of Growth & Development  
President Elect,  
Craniofacial Biology Research Group of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR)

Samuel J. Zeichner, DMD, MA, MS
Section of Oral, Diagnostic & Rehabilitation Sciences  
Scientific Session Chair,  
12th International Bernd-Spiessl-Symposium for Innovative and Visionary Technologies in Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery