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UPDATE FROM the Department Chair

Greetings from our Pediatric Dentistry Department family! We are so fortunate to have an amazing group of faculty, staff, residents and most importantly, alumni to support all the great things that are happening in our department. Focusing on our mission to improve the oral health of infants, children, adolescents and individuals with special health care

needs, as well as serve those from underprivileged populations, we have made several positive changes to the department throughout the past years. We are so blessed to have had the leadership of Dr. Jimmy Pinkham, Dr. Michael Kanellis, Dr. Cynthia Christensen, Dr. James Wefel, and Dr. Rebecca Slayton to lead us to this point. In the past three years, we have increased our clinic capacity, our operating room time at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, and our outreach program opportunities. This increase has allowed us to better serve our patients, as well as allowed our residents and students more clinical experience. We are all excited about the opening of the University of Iowa Children's Hospital and the strong presence our department will have through the many collaborations with pediatric medical specialties. Our department has also put forth greater emphasis on research activities, which will translate into new scientific discoveries and better clinical care. We appreciate the constant support from our alumni throughout the years, and the great mentorship and role-modeling so many of you have provided to the faculty and residents. We cherish our strong ties and look forward to serving you and our community. Together WE CAN strive for better education to our residents, better clinical care for our patients, better faculty development, and better research endeavors. Stop by to visit us and see our new remodeled clinic. Thank YOU and please stay in touch with us.

Karin Weber-Gasparoni

The College of Dentistry is lucky to have these two knowledgeable people to speak on behalf of dentists and the department is even luckier to have them represent the needs of children.



David Johnsen - Dean

Dean Johnsen completed his MS in pediatric dentistry at the University of Iowa. Prior to his tenure as Dean he served at Case Western University as department chair, intermittently as director of the residency program, and as interim dean in 1993. Many do not know that he was also the AAPD's first Child Health Advocate. Dean Johnsen is now in the role as chief advocate for dental education in the state of Iowa, but also at the national level as former President of the American Dental Education Association.



Mike Kanellis - Associate Dean for Patient Care

Dr. Kanellis completed his pediatric dental residency as well as his MS in Dental Public Health at the University of Iowa. Dr. Kanellis added the public health training while he was a faculty member in the department. Dr. Kanellis returned to education at Iowa after 13 years of private practice in Muscatine, Iowa. He joined the Administration team in 2006. He can currently be found discussing clinical issues of dentistry from licensure to the Iowa Dental Wellness Plan (part of Medicaid transformation) within the College and throughout the state of Iowa.

MEET OUR FACULTY



Jeffrey A. Banas - Professor

Dr. Banas joined the faculty as a microbiologist in 2006. He received his PhD from the University of Michigan and then completed a Post-Doc at the University of Oklahoma. Prior to the University of Iowa he was at Albany Medical College in New York. Dr. Banas is the co-director of the resident graduate courses on Cariology and lectures to the pre-doctoral students.



Deborah Dawson - Professor and Morris Bernstein Professorship of Dentistry

Dr. Dawson joined the University of Iowa in 2001. She completed her PhD at the University of North Carolina in Biostatistics. She is the course director for Statistical Methods in Dental Research and a special topics course in advanced analytic methods for dental research. She is co-director of the course Research Design in Dentistry. She also provides statistical support for all faculty doing research at the College of Dentistry. She and her husband, Al, have one son, John.



Matthew Geneser - Associate Professor

Dr. Geneser joined the faculty full-time in 2011 after completing his certificate of Pediatric Dentistry at Lutheran Medical Center in Providence, Rhode Island. Prior to his academic position he was in private practice in the Iowa City area. He is the Graduate Program Director and Director of the CDD Clinic and UIHC activities. He is one of the only providers in Iowa that provides Naso Alveolar Molding for cleft palate patients. He and his spouse, Terry Geneser, have two children: Nellie and Alice.



Gayle Gilbaugh - Specialized Care Coordinator

at the Centers for Disabilities and Development
Ms. Gilbaugh joined the Department in 1999. She completed a BS in Dental Hygiene at the University of Iowa in 1979. Her responsibilities include coordinating care with the different clinics within the greater University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics system. She also lectures to the students on seeing patients with special needs and is the Co-Director of the Johnson County WIC Infant Oral Health Program. She and her husband, Ken, have three children: Sarah, Richard and Paul.



Steven Kelly - Visiting Assistant Professor

Dr. Kelly joined the faculty as an adjunct in 1991, but joined on a permanent basis in 2015 after 25 years of private practice as a pediatric dentist in Cedar Rapids, IA. He received his MS from the University of Iowa in 1990. He currently teaches in the pre-doctoral clinic and works with the residents at the hospital clinics. He and his wife, Michelle, have three children: Nicole and twins Erica and Ian, and one grandson, Mason.



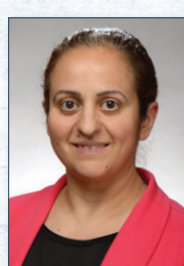
Kecia Leary - Associate Professor

Dr. Leary joined the faculty in July 2015 after eight years in public health. She received her certificate in pediatric dentistry and MS in Dental Public Health in 2007 from the University of Iowa. She co-directs the D-3 course and graduate course Public Health Issues in Pediatric Dentistry and is responsible for the Muscatine Outreach program and the D-4 clinical experience. She and her husband, Kyle Vogel, have two children: Ben and Michaela.



Tad Mabry - Associate Professor

Dr. Mabry joined the faculty in 2009 after 20 years at Indian Health Services in Oklahoma. Dr. Mabry completed his dental training in Oklahoma as well as a GPR and completed his pediatric dental training at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1994. He is currently the co-director of the predoctoral (D-3) clinical and seminar courses. He represents the department on several collegiate committees. He and his wife, Jill, have three children: Jenna, Anna and Cole.



Arwa Owais - Associate Professor

Dr. Owais joined the faculty in 2011 after serving as Vice-Dean at the College of Dentistry at Jordan University. She completed her Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry and her MS in Dental Public Health at the University of Iowa in 2000. She is the Co-Director of D-2 didactic course. Dr. Owais also does a significant amount of research in pediatric dentistry. She and her husband, Naeem Jwaied, have 4 children: Hana, Sama, twins Wadie and Waleed.



Catherine Skotowski - Assistant Professor

Ms. Skotowski joined the department in 1989 after earning her MS in Dental Public Health and BS in Dental Hygiene from the University of Iowa. She is co-director of the D-2 didactic course and graduate course Public Health Issues in Pediatric Dentistry. She organizes outreach opportunities for D-3 students and is advisor to the Student Pediatric Dental Chapter. She and her husband, Rich, have three daughters: Liz, Annie, Sarah and one grandson, Dominic.



Karin Weber-Gasparoni -

Associate Professor and Head of the Department

Dr. Weber-Gasparoni joined the faculty full-time in 2003 after completing her Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry, MS in Dental Public Health and her PhD in Oral Sciences at the University of Iowa. She assists in all facets of department teaching, as well as her administrative duties and is the Infant Oral Health Director at Johnson County WIC. She and her husband, Alberto Gasparoni, have three children: Nathalia, Leonardo and Bella.

PEDIATRIC DENTAL RESIDENCY

Applications to pediatric dentistry residency programs have continued to rise across the country over the past decade. In the past few years there have been over 600 applicants for roughly 343 positions. Here at Iowa, our program has maintained a high level of interest-with roughly 100 applications each year. Our most recent incoming class consists of five residents, an increase from four in previous years.

One change to the application process is the advent of the Advanced Dental Admissions Test or ADAT. This is an exam that was built by the ADA to provide a basis for comparison in the basic sciences. It does, unfortunately, put another cost upon the applicant. Some feel this is necessary due to the change of Part I dental boards to pass/fail, as well as a number of dental schools that grade by pass/fail; at this time Iowa will not be requiring applicants to take the ADAT. We are open to the possibility in the future, depending on how it is implemented, but do not want to dissuade potential applicants because of the associated costs.

We continue to seek a high quality applicant pool, relying heavily not only upon grades, but also letters of recommendation from educators and mentors. We invite 20-30 applicants to campus for an interview each fall and use these interactions to find individuals that will fit well into our "Iowa Family". We hope to continue to build classes that are diverse in experience and background with the common thread being a passion for treating children.

This is the Department's first attempt at a regular newsletter. Special thanks to Dr. Kecia Leary for organizing the content and Ms. Kasey Befeler for the newsletter design. Our goal is to publish this newsletter in the summer and winter. We want to hear from you. Please let us know what is happening at your home or in your practice so that we can update all of our alumni and friends. If you want to send us your pictures and you give us permission we are happy to publish them in the newsletter. Please send information to Cindy Becker or Anita Forbes or email them to Anita-Forbes@uiowa.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

Clinic Renovation



In 2007 the College of Dentistry embarked on the biggest renovation since the building of the new Dental School in 1973. This included making operatories more private for patient confidentiality, replacing outdated equipment, additions to the existing building, and reconfiguring the pediatric dental clinic to be separate from the orthodontic clinic.

We now have a waiting room that is more child friendly (including doors to nonclinical areas so that we don't have run away toddlers), more quiet operatories for residents and students to work in, consultation rooms for parent interviews that are independent from the seminar space, and an addition of operatories to increase our capacity for treating patients.

We were lucky to be the seventh part of the renovation. Our temporary clinic was on the first floor in the old records room (across from the cafeteria) and the waiting room was the back part of the cafeteria-dining room. The resident and faculty offices were in the temporary buildings off the second floor back door (given the nickname of the "lovely cottages" by Nathalia). We weathered temporary quarters for only 7 months and then moved into our newly renovated space. If you are in the area please come and see the final results. We are still on the second floor, the room numbers are different, but the concept is the same and some of our office doors still open to the clinic floor. We look forward to showing you the new clinic area.





Iowa Pediatric Dentistry Excellence Fund

With new facilities, both in the Dental Science Building and at the UI Children's Hospital, more outreach initiatives, and a growing residency program, the Pediatric Dentistry program is positioned to advance the specialty through research and scholarship even further. In order to provide flexible, reliable private support for its bright future, the department has established the Iowa Pediatric Dentistry Excellence Fund. Gifts to this endowed fund will ensure sustainable support for children and families in need, provide additional opportunities for residents, and help retain and develop faculty at a new level.



To date, we have raised \$447,012.40 toward our \$1 million goal. Every gift helps. Please consider a multi-year pledge (e.g. \$X/year for 5 years) or make a one-time gift today.

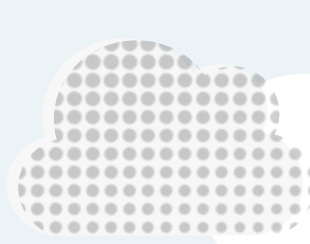
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Katie Geiken (Foundation)

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