

EndoGators

SPRING 2015



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the third edition of our University

of Florida EndoGators newsletter.

One of the main goals of the Endodontics Residency Program is to promote board certification. For the last six years, past board examiners of the American Board of Endodontists have been invited to administer an oral examination to our residents. This past May **Dr. Keith Krell** conducted the mock oral examination.

Last June five of our residents graduated: **Dr. Thomas Currie** is practicing in Jacksonville, Florida.; **Dr. Carl Jones** is practicing in Melbourne, Florida; **Dr. Ashley Leavell** is practicing in Manchester, New Hampshire; and **Dr. Kevin Nygard** is practicing in Wenatchee, Wisconsin; and **Dr. Marc Rasmussen**, practicing in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

It is with great pride that I share the news that, since 2010, our residents have scored a 100% pass rate on the written and oral exams of the American Board of Endodontists. In addition, during the past four years, ten former residents have earned Diplomate status.

Currently, our second-year residents are preparing for their written exam, which is quickly approaching in May 2015.

The college is very excited to welcome **Isabel Garcia**, D.D.S., M.P.H., who joins the college on February 16 as the dean. She has already spent some time in meetings in Gainesville and at several college and university events, getting to know this community and



some of the key initiatives that will require her attention over her first year.

If you'd like to know more about her background and accomplishments, please see the [news about her appointment here](#). I am very confident that our department and program, as well as our entire college, will benefit greatly through her leadership over the coming years.

As always, thank you for your support for me and for EndoGators. I am honored to be leading such an incredible group of endodontists and am very proud of the mark our program graduates are making on the profession as well as the patients you treat.

Sincerely,
Roberta Pileggi, D.D.S., M.S.
Chair, Department of Endodontics



Isabel Garcia

NEW DIPLOMATES

Congratulations to the residents that recently received their Diplomate status.



Kevin Andrus



Mitchell Edlund



Michael Elliott



Valerie M. Kanter



Nicklaus Morton

STRONG NATIONAL RESEARCH PRESENCE

The UF Department of Endodontics has demonstrated a strong research presence at national meetings. During the 2014 American Association of Endodontists meeting members of our department submitted nine research abstracts. Dr. Uma Nair and Dr. Kathleen Neiva served as judges for the graduate research competition sponsored by the AAE Foundation in D.C. In addition, Neiva and Dr. Roberta Pileggi received cooperative grants.

2014 AAE RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentation

Presence of Metastatic Human Osteosarcoma Cells in the Dental Pulp (Award)

Thomas P Currie, Padraic P Levings, Steve C Ghivizzani, Uma P Nair, Roberta Pileggi, Kathleen G Neiva

Poster presentations

Quantitative Analysis of the Antimicrobial Efficacy of Two Irrigation Protocols (Award)

Kevin Nygard, Kathleen G Neiva, Uma P Nair, Shannon M Wallet, Clay Walker, Roberta Pileggi

Comparison of Cyclic Fatigue Failure of Three Nickel Titanium Rotary Files

C. Jones*, K. Neiva, R. Pileggi, A. Barrett, J. Mecholsky, G. Allin, U. Nair

Quantitative Analysis of the Antimicrobial Efficacy of Two Irrigation Protocols

Sidni Manne, Kathleen G. Neiva, Maha Alghofaily, Kayla Tavares, Clay Walker, Shannon M. Wallet, Roberta Pileggi

Table clinics

Autotransplantation: A Treatment Option for Young Patients with Nonrestorable Teeth

David Kellogg and Jacob Pack

Nasopalatine Duct Cyst: Difficulties in Differential Diagnosis for the Endodontic Patient

Mikilena Hall and Briano Allen

Treatment of Traumatic Injuries: Where is the Evidence?

Ashley Leavell

Use of Cone-Beam Computed Tomography for the Treatment Planning of Endodontic Surgery

Marc A. Rasmussen

Trigeminal Neuralgia: A Challenging Differential Diagnosis in Endodontics

Ahmed Sarhan and Simone Alencar

2014 UFCD RESEARCH DAY

ENDODONTICS RESEARCH

Oral presentation

Presence of Metastatic Human Osteosarcoma Cells in the Dental Pulp (Second Place Award – resident category)

Thomas P Currie, Padraic P Levings, Steve C Ghivizzani, Uma P Nair, Roberta Pileggi, Kathleen G Neiva

Posters

Comparison of Cyclic Fatigue Failure of Three Nickel Titanium Rotary Files (First Place Award – resident category)

C. Jones*, K. Neiva, R. Pileggi, A. Barrett, J. Mecholsky, G. Allin, U. Nair

The Influence of Manual agitation during Irrigant Delivery on Debris Removal (Second Place Award – resident category)

M.A. Rasmussen*, F. Berdos, U.P. Nair, R. Pileggi, K. G. Neiva

ENDODONTICS RESIDENTS WIN AWARDS AT NATIONAL MEETING



Two residents in the University of Florida Department of Endodontology won research awards during the 2014 American Association of Endodontists (AAE) annual meeting in Washington, D.C., April 30 through May 3.

Dr. Thomas Currie, left in photo, received a \$1,000 award for his oral research presentation, “Presence of Metastatic Human Osteosarcoma Cells in the Dental Pulp.” His mentor is Dr. Kathleen Neiva.

Dr. Kevin Nygard, right, won a \$1,000 award for his research poster, “Quantitative Analysis of the Antimicrobial Efficacy of Two Irrigation Protocols.” His mentor is Dr. Roberta Pileggi.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER



John Zongker

We welcomed Dr. John Zongker to our team in 2013. After many years of operating a private practice in St. Johns, Florida, he decided to retire.

He found out, however, that he missed the dental life and we were happy to welcome him to our team as a faculty member.

Two days a week, he travels from Jacksonville to work in the endodontics resident clinic where he shares his expertise with our residents and patients. He also works two days a week at the Regional Medical Center Prison in Lake Butler where he provides care and supervises dental residents.

We are very fortunate to have someone with his experience, background and dedication to the profession in our department and program.

Meet our SECOND YEAR RESIDENTS

Dr. Briano Allen was born in Philadelphia and graduated from high school in New Kent, Virginia. He earned his bachelor's in pharmacy and then decided to go to dental school. He received his certificate in orthodontics in 2012 from UF and is now working on his endodontics certification. When asked why had degrees in different fields he said, "Well, I have to have a degree for each kid!" Did we mention that he also has six children and all of them are girls?

Dr. Mikilena "Miki" Hall was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, and moved to Marco Island, Florida, when she was two years old. She earned her bachelor's and graduate degrees out of state but came home to Florida to receive her dental degree at UF. During that time, she became involved in the Graduate Endodontics Program and assisted in the residents' research. After DMD graduation, she immediately began her residency training and was chosen

as chief resident for her second year. As a resident, she has continued her research track investigating storage media for avulsed teeth, specifically around swimming pools in our sunny Florida climate. She hopes to stay local and continue to work closely with the UF program and our graduates.

Dr. David Kellogg is a Florida native. He attended the University of Florida for his bachelor's degree and Columbia University for dental school. However he couldn't stay away from Florida for too long so he returned to UF for his endodontics residency. In his free time, he enjoys sports and wakeboarding.

Dr. Jacob Pack was born in Van Nuys, California. He received his dental degree from UCLA and decided to come all the way to Florida for his residency in endodontics. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and their three children.



Briano Allen



Mikilena Hall



David Kellogg



Jacob Pack

NEIVA RECEIVES ENDODONTICS EDUCATOR AWARD



Kathleen Neiva, D.D.S., Ph.D., recently received the Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award, one of the most prestigious awards for educators from the Foundation of the American Association of Endodontists.

"She is an outstanding educator and truly deserves this honor. We are very fortunate to have her on faculty in our department," said Roberta Pileggi, D.D.S., M.S.

Neiva, an assistant professor, joined the college in July 2010. She earned her D.D.S. in 1997 from Vale do Itajai University School of Dentistry in Itajai, Brazil, and her Ph.D. in oral health sciences from the University of Michigan School of

Dentistry in Ann Arbor. Neiva spent four years working in general dentistry in Brazil before moving to Michigan where she was an adjunct clinical lecturer in the Department of Cariology, Restorative Sciences and Endodontics until 2009, teaching DMD students in a clinical and classroom setting.

The award in recognition of the critical role that educators play in strengthening the specialty. The award provides funding to individuals who agree to commit a minimum of five years to a full-time academic career in endodontics at a dental school that is accredited by or has a reciprocal agreement with the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

Neiva will receive the award during the American Association of Endodontists Annual Session in May 2015 in Seattle, Wash.

Meet our FIRST YEAR RESIDENTS

Dr. Yehuda Benjamin was born in New York City, raised in South Florida. He earned his bachelors food science and human nutrition and his dental degree from UF. In 2010, he completed a General Practice Residency program at New York Methodist Hospital in NYC. He worked in private practice for four years while completing a fellowship with the Academy of General Dentistry. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Rachel, and they welcomed a daughter, Iyla Abigail, in December 2014.

Dr. Ryan Brennan was born in Phoenix, Arizona, and attended dental school at the UCLA. His passion for dentistry comes from his desire to help others and he has participated in many mission trips and free dental clinics. At UF, Ryan will research the biocompatibility of perforation repair materials while learning valuable clinical skills through the residency program. After residency, Ryan is undecided if he will practice in California or Florida but would love to move to San Diego. He hopes to work in private practice and pursue his interest of serving others through free clinics and non-profit organizations. Ryan enjoys traveling and some of his hobbies include skiing, surfing, wakeboarding, photography, and playing the guitar.

Dr. Brett Hill grew up in South Carolina. He attended Clemson University where he met his wife who was his organic chemistry partner in biology. They moved to Richmond,

Virginia, while she attended medical school and he attended dental school. After finishing school they moved to Hanover, New Hampshire, where Dr. Hill practiced for three years while his wife completed a residency in internal medicine. During this time they had twins, a boy and girl, who are 2 and a half years old now. Dr. Hill brags that they are really cute and so fun to be with. They moved to Gainesville, Florida, this year so he could attend our endodontics residency. He often comments that Florida in the winter is heaven!

Dr. Audrey Hsin was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and earned her dental degree from the New York University College of Dentistry. She decided to continue south along the east coast to UF to pursue the postgraduate program in endodontics. In addition to performing root canals, Audrey is the founder of Flight Postcards, a stationery company aimed at reigniting the lost art of letter writing.

Dr. Sidni Manne was born in Metairie, Louisiana. Her stay in Louisiana was only brief and near her first birthday her family moved to Ormond Beach, Florida. Dr. Manne earned her dental degree at UF in May 2014 before joining our residency program after graduation. Dr. Manne enjoys spending time outdoors and has trained for and competed in triathlons since 2004. When she has vacation time she usually travels to New York City to help her younger sister run her candy store, Stieber's Sweet Shoppe.



Yehuda Benjamin



Ryan Brennan



Brett Hill



Audrey Hsin



Sidni Manne

KEEP IN TOUCH

The college is working to improve outreach efforts to program alumni and friends and, in the interest of saving trees and money, we are shifting as much as possible to email and other electronic forms of communication.

To update your contact information, please email us at alumniandfriends@dental.ufl.edu. And for more about news and events at the college, please visit our website at www.dental.ufl.edu.



SUPPORTING OUR RESIDENTS

Thank you to

We are extremely grateful to our program alumni who have given to help support current residents during their steps toward excellence in our profession.

The following people have contributed generously to the Endodontics Annual Fund during the past two years:

2013-2014

Dr. Leandro Britto
Dr. Keith Kanter
Dr. Alana Keough
Dr. Maria Locher-Claus
Dr. Bruce Manne

2014-2015

Dr. Scott Baur
Dr. Leandro Britto
Dr. Hal Coe
Dr. Robert Heydrich
Dr. Carl Jones
Dr. Keith Kanter
Dr. Maria Locher-Claus
Dr. Bruce Manne
Dr. Peter Mecham
Dr. Sam Markham
Dr. Kathleen Neiva
Dr. Robin Nguyen
Dr. Deema Saad
Dr. Julie Saviano

At least twice a year, we will recognize our alumni supporters to the fund in a newsletter and also let you know how your gifts are being used to enhance the residency program.

How you helped

During the past two years, the endodontics program residents have benefitted from a variety of events that are supported by the Endodontic Annual Fund. Our residents' training and education have been enriched by special lecturers, meeting attendance and other opportunities. Thank you to those of you who contributed to our fund, so we can help provide activities such as:

SPEAKERS in 2014

Dr. George Bruder
Dr. Jerry Glickman
Dr. Clara Spatafore

ORAL EXAMINERS

Dr. Keith Krell (2014)
Dr. Paul Eleazer (2013)

MEETINGS

All residents were able to attend the 2014 American Association of Endodontics Annual Session in Washington, D.C., and the Florida Association of Endodontics Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

FEES PAID

Written Exam ABE, Eligibility Diplomate Status and Board Review Courses

WAYS TO GIVE

You can give back to the department in many ways. Two of the most important is giving your time as a member of our courtesy faculty or making a gift to our Endodontic Annual Fund.

NEW COURTESY FACULTY



Dr. Scott Baur



Dr. Tom Brown



Dr. Sheila Chandrhasa



Dr. Thomas Currie



Dr. Michael Elliott



Dr. Carl Jones



Dr. Gretchen Jungermann



Dr. Erica Lowe-Bennett

AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE

The department is extremely grateful for the support of our courtesy faculty who raise the level of excellence in patient care and instruction every day in our clinics. We are proud to welcome seven new courtesy faculty members to the UF Department of Endodontics and to thank the following very dedicated courtesy faculty members who help educate tomorrow's endodontists.

Dr. William Aippersbach

Dr. Scott Baur

Dr. David Beach

Dr. Leandro Britto

Dr. Tom Brown

Dr. Sheila Chandrhasa

Dr. Thomas Currie

Dr. Michael DeGrood

Dr. Carl DeJongh

Dr. Michael Elliott

Dr. Robert Heydrich

Dr. Carl Jones

Dr. Gretchen Jungermann

Dr. Keith Kanter

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Your gift to the department's Endodontic Annual Fund has a significant impact on the educational experience of our students and EndoGators.

Please consider making a gift by completing and returning the form on the following page or you can just click on the link below. Thank you!

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