Clark Begins Appointment as Interim Chair

Dr. Nery Clark was recently appointed as Department Chair. Dr. Clark, an associate professor since 1989, is an alumni of the college and an ardent supporter of the DMD Program. She earned her dental degree in 1980 and became an instructor in the Department of Operative Dentistry in 1981.

Dr. Clark was the Associate Dean for Extramural Programs from 1995 to 2003 and the director of the Internationally Educated Dentist Program from 1995 to 2010. She has been the principal investigator for two Advanced Education in General Dentistry training grants and has worked with UFCD’s Southeast Center for Research to Reduce Disparities in Oral Health.

She has a history of service to organized dentistry through membership and leadership positions in the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and currently serves as a representative to ADEA’s Council of Faculties. She also served on numerous committees in the college and university.

Currently Clark teaches in several clinical and pre-clinical operative dentistry courses and practices one day per week in Faculty Practice.

Dr. Nascimento awarded a new research grant

The Division of Operative is proud to announce that Dr. Marcelle Nascimento received a new research grant in the fall. She will serve as the Primary Investigator (PI) on the project entitled “Oral metagenomic biomarkers in rheumatoid arthritis”, which will be conducted in collaboration with Dr. Edward Chan (PI) from the Oral Biology Department and sponsored by the US Department of Defense ($304,000).
Class of 2018 Named Dr. Delgado “Class Advisor”

“We are extremely blessed to have you as a professor, class advisor and mentor.”

Dr. Patricia Pereira joins the Operative Division

dr. patricia pereira, DDS, PhD, received her DDS degree from the University of the Planalto Central, Brasilia, Brazil, and a PhD degree in Operative Dentistry from Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU), Japan. Dr. Pereira has taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is currently a Professor at the Dental School, University of Brasilia, Brazil. She is actively involved in dental materials research and has published over 80 journal articles and presented many scientific papers and continuing education courses. Dr. Pereira is a member of various professional national and international organizations, and serves on editorial boards of international journals. We are thrilled to have her in our division.

Dr. Saulo Geraldeli Teaches in Alaska

Last December, Dr. Saulo Geraldeli worked at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to train eight dental therapist students in the area of Preventive and Operative Dentistry. He spent two weeks in Anchorage, AK, teaching the fundamentals of preventive dentistry, Caries Risk Assessment, restorative techniques, along with many simulation exercises. He has been working with the program since 2014 when Dr. Mark E. Davis decided to pass the baton to Dr. Geraldeli. The Alaskan Therapist Program has significantly improved oral health outcomes in the Alaskan Native American population. UFCD faculty have been associated with the Alaskan Program since its inception.
In November, Drs. Deborah Dilbone, Marc Ottenga and Alex Delgado participated in the Annual Regional CODE meeting in Nashville, sponsored by Meharry Medical College. A wide variety of topics important to the field of operative dentistry education were discussed by our peer institutions in the southeast region.

Operative Faculty Updates

- **Dr. Marcelle Nascimento** has achieved tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.
- **Dr. Susan Nimmo** was promoted to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor.
- **Dr. Nader Alrawi, Dr. Maria G. Caraballo and Dr. Steven Bogdanoff** joined us as Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professors in the Operative Division.
- **Dr. Bonita Wynkoop** was elected to serve on the Clinical Affairs and Quality Assurance Committee.
- **Dr. Alex Delgado** was elected to serve on the Student Performance Evaluation Committee (SPEC).
- **Dr. Deborah Dilbone** was elected to serve on the Curriculum Committee.
- **Dr. Jean Francois Roulet** was elected to the University Senate.
- **Dr. Saulo Geraldeli** was elected to serve on the Faculty Advisory Board.
- **Dr. Valeria Gordan** was elected to serve on the Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Dr. Roulet stepped down as Editor-in–Chief of the JAD

**Dr. Jean-Francois Roulet** led the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry for more than 16 years. He and the late Dr. Degrange founded the JAD in 1999. Dr. Roulet is a world authority in the field of Operative Dentistry and has always been a strong advocate for adhesive dentistry. Dr. Roulet organized the Biennial Meeting of the International Academy of Adhesive Dentistry in Orlando. These organization was founded in 2014 in Philadelphia, and Dr. Roulet served as the first president.


7. Behar-Horenstein LS, Catalanotto FA, Nascimento MM. Anticipated and Actual Implementation of Case-Based Learning by Dental Faculty Members During and After Training. JDE 2015 (Sep).


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Interview with Dr. Valeria Gordan featured on Dr.Bicuspid.com

*Should you repair or replace that restoration?* The findings of a new study may help you answer that question. Researchers found that replaced restorations had a lower overall failure rate, but repaired restorations that failed needed less-severe treatment. The study analyzed nearly 6,000 restorations one year after placement. Whether the restoration was repaired or replaced, the type of material used, and the number of surfaces involved all significantly affected the likelihood a restoration would fail. The entire interview can be accessed here.

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A word from Dr. Deborah Dilbone

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The UFCD Guatemala Mission Trip hosted a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza to raise money for the mission trip over the fall break. **Dr. Bonita Wynkoop** gathered the Operative Division Faculty who showed their support for this cause and enjoyed a wonderful dinner with students and colleagues.

“It meant a lot to see our professors supporting student missions and we’re very lucky to learn from such great people“

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**Dr. Susan Nimmo goes far and beyond**

Over the years, **Dr. Nimmo** has enjoyed volunteering evenings and weekends at local extracurricular clinics such as: *We Care, Gainesville Community Ministries, ACORN, and the Baptist Dental Van Ministry*. She helps supervise UFCD students while they provide care to the underserved population in our area. Besides fulfilling their community service requirements, the students always enjoy the opportunity to use their dental skills to help those in need.

Providing CARE to our patients

Many of the Operative faculty members are devoted to providing comprehensive care to patients in Faculty Practice in the area of prevention, diagnosis, restorative and Esthetic Dentistry.

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