



Dave Mathews '74 shared his amazing knowledge and experience with the Study Club audience with Elise Shoghikian '91 running the show.



Oded Bhat '81 gave an insightful lecture to the Study Club, "As we evolve, implants do not evolve with us."



Grad Program Director Johnny Wang and Gerrarda O'Beirne '94 share a laugh at the SASC dinner.

## American Academy of Periodontology and Schluger-Ammons Study Club Meetings San Diego, CA October 2024



Katharine Munn '92 and Lorne Lavine '91 at the SASC dinner.



Patrick Bennett '12, Steffi Kretschmar '10, John Remien '10, Michelle Lee '07, Melissa Lee '09, Traelach Tuohy '08 enjoying the alumni dinner.



Jessica Latimer, Diane Daubert, and Fadi Shaya '21 at the AAP Exhibit Hall



Old pals at the AAP Brian Brancheau '15, Michi Katafuchi '16, Ray Liao '15, and Luciana Safioti '16.



Elise Shoghikian '91, MC of the evening, and Lorne Lavine '91, new SASC president, happy to be back for the alumni dinner.



Old classmates David Baker '98, Minou Karbaksch '98, Ken Akimoto, '98, and Michael Zybutz '98 at the SASC reception.



Minou Karbaksch '97, Ralf Schuler '03, Mitchi Katafuchi '16, Maina Baumer '00, Friends, Hajo Harmel, Minou's niece Lottie, and Steffi Kretschmar '10 on the boat in San Diego.

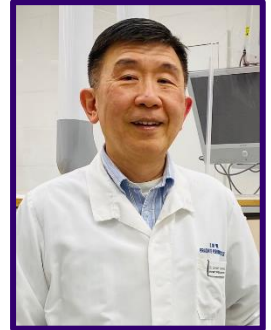


Steffi Kretschmar '10, Minou Karbaksch '98, Yasie Sanai '99, Hajo Harmel, and Maina Baumer '00 at the marina in San Diego.

**“Saul Schluger set the stage to produce some of the greatest clinicians and academicians of our times and made clear that the most important legacy we could create was to make and maintain our graduate program as the best.” Herb Selipsky '70**

### **A note from our Program Director, Dr. Johnny Wang**

The Graduate Periodontics program recently achieved a significant milestone by passing both our CODA accreditation in November 2024 and our Graduate School site visit in January 2025 without any recommendations. This accomplishment followed a rigorous process that involved over a year of preparation and more than 700 pages of documentation. The success was made possible by the dedicated efforts of the entire faculty, graduate students, and supporting staff. Additionally, all four recent graduates from 2024 and the current four seniors passed the American Board of Periodontology written board examinations, becoming ABP board-eligible candidates. They will next take the oral exam to become diplomates of the American Board. The clinical program continues to thrive, generating over \$1 million in revenue annually and training the best clinicians and leaders in the country!



### **Schluger Ammons Study Club Updates**

**Dr. Lorne Lavine '91**

At the meeting in San Diego, I was thrilled to take over the annual SASC meeting planning, it's been over 30 years since I graduated from the program, and it means so much to reconnect with old friends and new. I'm especially excited that next year's meeting is in my hometown of Toronto, Canada! I highly recommend you fly in at least a day or two early to see the sights: whether it's the CN Tower, the Hockey Hall of Fame, the famous Royal Ontario Museum, or the great shops in Yorkville, the city has something for everyone. I look forward to seeing you in October 2025 in Toronto!"



**A lovely afternoon with Peg & Dave Engel '70!**

Dean **André Ritter**, Chair **Frank Roberts**, Asst Dean **Randy Newquist** and Assoc Director for Advancement **Doug Day** joined the Engels at their beautiful home overlooking the sea in Del Mar, CA during the AAP Meeting.



### **Welcome class of 2027!**

**Sanya Sandhu**, UOP, San Francisco  
**Demetrius Flood**, Tufts, Boston, MA  
**Christelle Tan**, U Manitoba, Canada  
**Luke Nordlie**, OHSU, Portland, OR



Doing us proud! **Dave Mathews '74** lectures to a packed audience at the AAP San Diego.

The **Graduate Periodontics Therapy Seminar** offers multidisciplinary dental residents critical training in complex problems in diagnosis and treatment. Below: **Dr. Sul Ki Hong**, **Dr. Johnny Wang**, **Dr. Lizzy Hsu** and **Dr. Herb Selipsky '72** with the Perio, Pros, Endo, and GPR residents



## Thank You, Affiliate Faculty!

Spring quarter 2025 is moving quickly with appointment schedules filling and setting the pace for a busy rest of the quarter. All this activity would not be possible without our exceptional affiliate faculty. Your time and experience offered is invaluable, and we are very grateful!

**Grad:** Drs. Shatha Bamashmous '16, Bobby Butler, Allen Chen '96, Kenny Choy '15, Bart Coppin '09, Tom Faber '05, Jim Janakievski '05, Rusty Johnson '18, Amit Gharpure '20, Jessica Hsu '19, Jeff Kanter '97, Jason Kum '19, Michelle Lee '07, Ray Liao '15, Sean Liu, Vikram Likari, Bob London '81, Pane Nazeman '21, John Park '09, Ralf Schuler '03, Herb Selipsky '72, Arundhati Sengupta '11, Jung Song '05, Simone Verardi '04, and Brad Weinstein '13.

**Predoc:** Drs. Brian Brancheau '15, Theresa Cheng Borin '88, Ya-Wei Chen, Diana Cristea '07, Amir Emam '16, Setareh Enghaiad, Katrina Fleming, Eddie Lee '20, Robin Luke, Michelle Ko, Alex Ko '17, Linda Konishi, Danette Lindeman, Shaked Pelli, Kevin Suzuki, and Jennifer Wong.



...from  
the new  
Chair Dr.  
Frank  
Roberts

It was great to see so many old friends and make new ones at this year's AAP meeting in San Diego in October. I want to especially thank Elise Shoghikian '91 for the tremendous job she did corralling everyone for the first Schluger Ammons Study Club and Dinner Meeting in 5 years! It was a wonderful afternoon with outstanding lectures from master clinicians Oded Bahat '81 and Dave Mathews '74 followed by an excellent reception and dinner honoring our beloved Robert H. Johnson. Bob would have been very proud of Elise's amazing alliterative admiration!

The new Dean of the UW School of Dentistry, André Ritter, joined us at both venues, which I believe is a first for our study club. He was very impressed with our alumni and has been very supportive of the program since his arrival at UW. He has also supported our search for a **new Graduate Program Director!** Dr. Wang has done a wonderful job as interim director for the last five years, we have many great candidates, and we look forward to completing the search this summer.

With a nod to the Gum Gardener's Gazette, "**UW Periodontics Proudly Provides Premier Periodontal Care, Pioneering Patient Partnerships from our Puget Position on the Planet.**"

I hope everyone can make it to the next meeting in Toronto in October 2025, hosted by new SASC officers **Lorne Lavine '91** and **Minou Karbakhsh '98!** Please also visit us at UW to give the residents a lecture or offer a zoom lecture or office visit from your hometown.

**We value your knowledge, skills, and achievements and want to showcase your talents to the residents!**



Dr. Jeff Kanter '97, instructing Alexis Brito '25, Luke Nordlie '27 and a dental student assistant during surgery.

### Alexis Brito, DDS

"Characterizing the Effects of Periodontal Inflammation in Adjacent and Distant Tooth Sites in Patients with Stage III Periodontitis"

### Andrew Nordlie, DDS

"Periodontal Health in a Naturally Aging Rhesus Macaque Population on Cayo Santiago"

### Ryan O'Donnell, DDS

"Animal Models in Periodontics: The Role of Rhesus Macaques"

### Gregory Montgomery, DDS

"Test of Survival of a Key P. gingivalis Mutant that does not Evade TLR-4"

### Class of 2025 MSD Defense Presentations Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 4:30pm



## Who never stops?

Only the ceaseless, boundless, continuous, persistent and enduring

**Dr. Herbert Selipsky '72!!!**

Dr Selipsky is supporting a new endowment for UW Graduate Periodontics with the ultimate goal of covering tuition for all 12 residents per year to match many of our peer institutions and ensure UW Periodontics excellence for years to come! The Selipsky endowment with a current value of **\$217,561** is actively fundraising and looks forward to your participation!

Please use this link to donate: <http://giving.uw.edu/selipsky>



*"Most of us owe so much of what we have achieved in professional recognition and financial success to having gone through our UW program - a bond we share. Now truly is the time to give back to our program that was so instrumental in shaping our futures."  
Herbert Selipsky '72*

## Endowment Highlights— our amazing alumni-supported endowments!



### Saul Schluger Endowed Chair in Periodontics

Purpose: Supports named Schluger Chair.

\*Will be supporting new program director.\*

Value: \$3,305,067



### William F. Ammons '70 and L. David Engel '70 Professorship in Periodontics

Purpose: Faculty salary support, currently Dr. Luciana Safioti '16

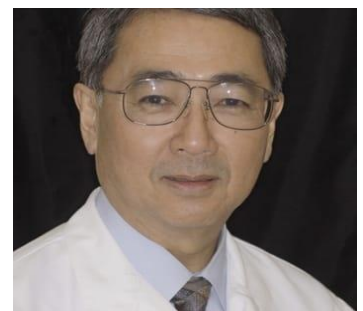
Value: \$1,006,441



### New! Curtis E. Carlson '72-74 Endowed Fellowship in Periodontics

Purpose: Recognize outstanding 1<sup>st</sup> year perio resident

Value: \$139,962



### Byron Mizuha '72-74 Endowed Fellowship in Periodontics

Purpose: Provide advanced surgical equipment for the Graduate Periodontics Clinic

Value: \$193,389

### Fall and Winter '24-25 Guest Lectures

Sept 2024

**Dr. Michelle Lee '07**

Private practice, Vancouver, BC, Canada

"Managing Poorly Placed [by others] Implants: the Pink and White Esthetic Score."

Jan 2025

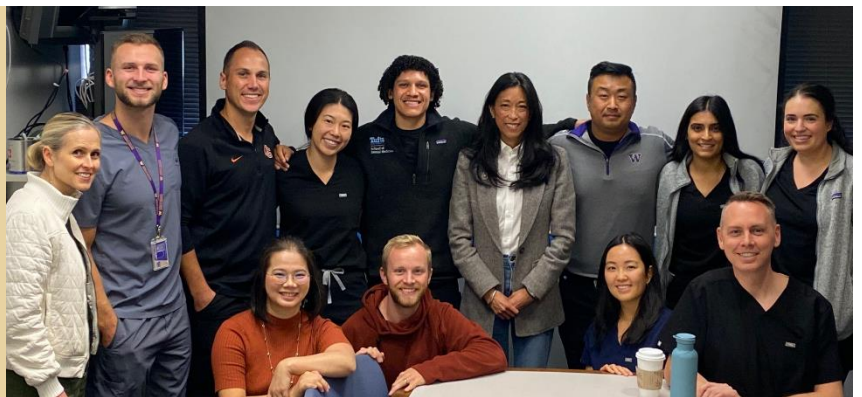
**Dr. Riccardo Di Gianfilippo, Seattle, WA**

"The Ideal Implant Position"

Feb 2025

**Dr. Shi Yin, Private practice, Kent, WA**

"Recent Updates in Sinus Augmentation"



**Caroline Herron '08, Lizzy Hsu, and Michelle Lee '07 with our residents**