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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PERIODONTICS

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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**UW School of Dentistry
Honors and Award Ceremony
6 June 2025**



Clinical Associate Professor Dr. Er-jia Mao is awarded the '2025 AAP Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring'



Clinical Professor Dr. Luciana Safioti '16 receives award from the UW dental student Class of 2026 for the 'Most Impactful Part-time Faculty'



WELCOME DR. RALF SCHULER '03 GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Ralf F. Schuler, DDS, PhD, MSD has been appointed as Associate Professor of Clinical Practice and Graduate Periodontics Program Director in the UW Department of Periodontics.

Dr. Schuler earned his dental degree in 1991 from the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen/Nuremberg, Germany. Following graduation, he served as a staff surgeon in the Department of Oral Surgery at the military hospital in Koblenz. He was also appointed Clinical Instructor in the Prosthodontics Department at the University of Cologne. In 1992, he received his German PhD equivalent in Dental Medicine and began practicing general restorative dentistry in Erlangen. In 2000, Dr. Schuler relocated to Seattle to pursue periodontal training at the UW. Upon graduation, he entered private practice, focusing on periodontics and implant dentistry while also serving as an Affiliate Associate Professor in Graduate Periodontics at UW.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, Dr. Schuler has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals and lectures nationally and internationally, including at the AAP and AO as well as at meetings and universities across Europe and North America.

Dr. Schuler brings exceptional training, deep clinical expertise, and a wealth of private practice experience to our residents.



Ange Choi is our Program Manager and has faithfully served Grad Perio for 18 years

John Caindoy holds the role of Patient Service Specialist and will complete his MBA studies in November '25



Margaret Collins Ph.D serves as our Administrator, with 12 years of dedicated service

Tuuli Haigh serves as an Affiliate PreDoc Instructor since 2010 and works part-time as a Hygienist in the Grad Perio clinic



Daisy Juarez-Perez began as a Student Assistant in Endodontics and hired as Financial Specialist for both Perio and Endo in 2022

Ewing Jiang, is a DA2 and has been with the School of Dentistry for 12 years, starting in the PreDoc program and now working in Grad Perio



Lay Soon joined Grad Perio in 2022 and serves as a Research Assistant for Dr. Jeff McLean and Grad Perio Hygienist while pursuing her Ph.D

MEET THE STAFF

Kim Lang serves as Counseling Services Coordinator, PSS and Team Newsletter



MOCK BOARDS

Thank you to our Examiners! Andrew Brodsky '18, Bobby Butler, Ya-Wei Chen, Diana Cristea '07, Tom Faber '05, Caroline Herron '08, Lizzy Hsu, Jessica Hsu '19, Rusty Johnson '18, Michelle Ko, Chun-Teh Lee, Patrick Lai, Ray Liao '15, Luciana Safiotti '16, Dylan Sattler '22, and Ida Zarrabi '21

Congratulations to Dr. Yung-Ting 'Lizzy' Hsu on your well deserved appointment to Vice Chair of the UW Department of Periodontics!



Dr. Hsu was chosen to be Vice Chair in 2025 to help oversee clinical, outreach, and financial activities in the Department.

An endowment honoring Dr. Herb Selipsky has been established for UW Periodontics with the goal of providing tuition for all 12 residents for the three year program!

"This endowment will add to the quality of our outstanding interdisciplinary training program"



The Selipsky Endowment with a current value of \$264,703 is actively fundraising and looks forward to your participation!
<http://giving.uw.edu/selipsky>

DR. KENNETH K.S. LEE '79

“Dr. Ken Lee is presented with the UW Periodontics Distinguished Alumni Award for his exceptional devotion to our program, generous support of future generations, and the pride he brings to the UW Perio family!”

UW Perio Chair, Dr. Frank Roberts



Dr. Lee's Study Club Meeting May 2025 featuring an all day program by UW Perio's Dr. Ken Lee '79

Front Row: David Mathews '72, Michelle Lee '07, Ken Lee '79, Melissa Lee '09, Wally Kegel '75. 2nd Row: Patrick Bennett '12, Frank Roberts, Johnny Wang, Andrew Nordlie '25, Megan Ching '26, Christelle Tan '27. 3rd Row: Lizzy Hsu, Alexis Brito '25, Ryan O'Donnell '25, Alex Beltran '26, and Greg Montgomery '25

Having grown up in Jakarta, Indonesia as the son of a highly respected American- and Dutch-trained dentist, Dr. Ken Lee never expected to establish a successful dental specialty practice in Vancouver, BC, Canada, but we are so glad that he did!

Dr. Lee started his undergraduate education at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver BC, received his dental education at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, and received his Graduate Periodontics training at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr. Lee is a Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in both Periodontics AND Prosthodontics, a Fellow of the International Team of Implantology, and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists.

Ken and wife Meelang are proud parents of son, Dr. Michael Lee, a family practice physician in Vancouver and 2 daughters, Dr. Michelle Lee '07, a periodontist in Vancouver, and Dr. Melissa Lee '09, a periodontist in Waterford, Ireland, who both followed in their fathers footsteps and pursued their UW Grad Perio training with distinction. Notably, he is also the proud father-in-law to yet another UW Perio graduate, Dr. Traelach Tuohy '08, practicing with Melissa in Waterford.

Dr. Lee has served as an Affiliate Faculty member for UW Grad Perio, as an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill University, Montreal, Canada; and as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC.

Dr. Lee is a prolific lecturer, has presented extensively at dental conferences both nationally and internationally, and has mentored multiple dental study clubs for over 40 years. Congratulations Ken--you're a superstar!

Flash from the past (2015)--How many can you name?



CONGRATULATIONS UW PERIO '25!



Greg & Erica Montgomery, Alexis & Eric Brito, Andrew & Andrea Nordlie, Ryan O'Donnell & Lily Du



Front Row: Wally Kegel, Frank Roberts, Herb Selipsky, Johnny Wang, Bobby Butler, Er-Jia Mao. Middle Row: Luciana Safioti, Angela Choi, Christelle Tan, Megan Ching, Greg Montgomery, Andrew Nordlie, Lizzy Hsu, Diane Daubert, Rusty Johnson, Bart Coppin. Back Row: Tom Faber, Min Oh, Alex Beltran, Ryan O'Donnell, Luke Nordlie, Demetrius Flood, Alexis Brito.

CLASS OF 2028 HAS ARRIVED!

On June 23rd the class of 2028 began their rigorous 36-month periodontics program. Nearly 100 applicants applied for entrance with 21 invited to visit and interview. This outstanding group of four were selected and began their training June 23, 2025.



Dr. Euiyoung Chong: BS in Biochemistry & Cell Biology from the University of California in 2008. A Masters of Biomedical Science from Western University of Health Sciences CA in 2014. DMD awarded from Western University, CA in 2018. He joins us from private practice in Brookfield, Wisconsin.



Dr. Deborah Lee: BS in Biochemistry from University of Washington in 2019. Awarded DDS from University of Washington in 2024 and joins us from private practice in Seattle, Washington



Dr. Kirk Davidson: BS in Chemistry & Biology from Western Kentucky University in 2006. DDS awarded from Ceighton University in 2010. He joins us from private practice in Ponderay, Idaho



Dr. Jordon McAdam: BS in Biology from University of Victoria, BC in 2012. DMD from University of British Columbia in 2020. He joins us from private practice in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

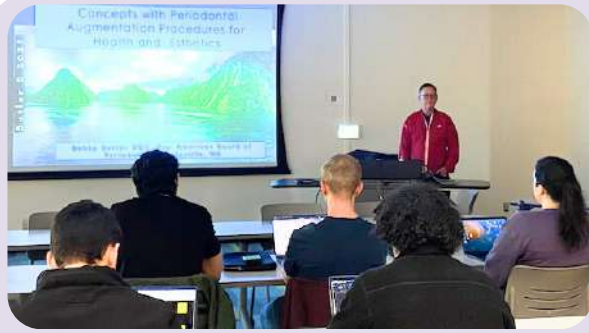


Faculty Promotions



Promotions: Dr. Diane Daubert: Professor of Clinical Practice, Dr Lizzy Hsu: Associate Professor with Tenure, Dr. Luciana Safioti: Clinical Professor, and Dr. Johnny Wang: Professor of Clinical Practice

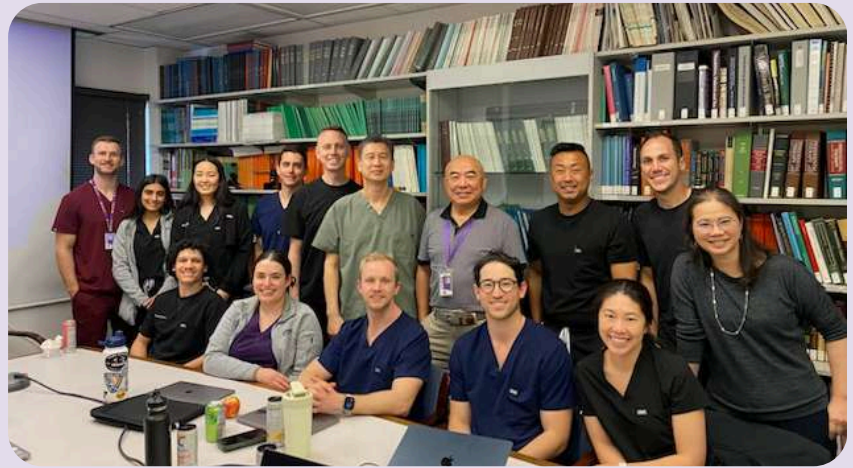
We deeply appreciate our Guest Lecturers and Speakers. Their commitment to excellence in periodontics is inspiring!



Dr. Bobby Butler
Periodontal Augmentation Procedures for Health and Esthetics



Dr. Mitch Katafuchi '16
Impact of Restoration Contour on Peri-Implant Tissue and Bone



Dr. Allen Chen '97
Full Arch Implant Supported Fixed-Detachable Treatment



Thanks to Nobel Biocare for sponsoring **Dr. Joseph Kan** Implants, Extending Aesthetics' Boundaries



Perio-Pros Seminar with Dr. Kan Front Row L->R: Lizzy Hsu, Er-Jia Mao, Joseph Kan, Van Ramos, Alvin Wee, Hasan Dbark, Demetrius Flood, 2nd Row: Mevadee Pibulniyom, Nivedita Chinam, Sanya Sandhu, Sarah Haddad, Trisawan Limmaneevichitr, Alexis Brito, Greg Montgomery, Esther Chen, Shayan Niaki, 3rd Row: Christelle Tan, Jayden Park, Alex Beltran, Ryan O'Donnell, Ludovic de Carle, Luke Nordlie



Schluger Ammons Study Club at the AAP Meeting

Scientific Session & Dinner

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Sutton Place Hotel

355 King St W, Toronto, Canada

Scientific Session, Porter Ballroom B

1:30 - 3:00 pm Presentation by Jim Janakievski '04

3:15 - 4:45 pm Presentation by Ralf Schuler '03

3 hr CE credits available. Instructions for obtaining CE will be sent AFTER the event.

5:00 - 6:00 PM No Host Cocktails, Porter Ballroom Foyer

6:00 PM Dinner, Porter Ballroom A

Cost: \$200 USD per person

Dinner limited to 75 people so Register NOW!

Venmo: Lorne-Lavine (last 4 digits of phone are 3962 if asked)

Zelle: gumdoc9@hotmail.com

Paypal: paypal.me/gumdoc9hotmailcom

Credit Card: Call Kandace, 866.204.3398, ext 200 (reg. for SADC event)

Please indicate Beef, Chicken, or Veggie on your registration/Venmo



Dr. Demetrius Flood '27 was awarded the 2025 UW Perio Curtis E. Carlson '72 Endowed Fellowship in Periodontics. The award is presented to an outstanding 1st year resident.

Research at UW Perio leads to fundamental scientific discoveries and advances in health care...



Faculty researchers and MSD mentors Jonathan An and Kristopher Kerns



Look at those happy faces-- MSD Presentations are complete! Interim Grad Program Director Johnny Wang, Alexis Brito, Ryan O'Donnell, Greg Montgomery, Department Chair Frank Roberts, and Andrew Nordlie.



Researcher Sumita Jain and collaborator presenting at the International Association for Dental Research in Barcelona, Spain



Researcher and Associate Professor Yung-Ting (Lizzy) Hsu presenting at the International Association for Dental Research in Barcelona, Spain



Researcher and Professor of Clinical Practice Diane Daubert. The MSD mentor signature is a formal acknowledgement and endorsement stating the project has been completed.

Yet curiosity is never quenched!



Researcher and Research Assistant Professor, MSD mentor Sumita Jain and Gregory Montgomery



Researcher and Professor Jeffrey McLean, Mentor for Lay Soon's Ph.D.

Lay Soon, Ph.D Student

