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Presented by the American Dental Education Association during the 2023 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition
Dr. Sinkford is a nationally and internationally renowned dental educator, administrator, researcher and clinician. She finished first in the dental class of 1958 at Howard University before pursuing graduate study at Northwestern University, where she received her M.S. (1962) and Ph.D. (1963). She completed a Pedodontic Residency at Children's Hospital National Medical Center in 1975. Dr. Sinkford became the first woman dean of a U.S. dental school in 1975 and served until 1991.

Dr. Sinkford has served on numerous committees and advisory councils of national significance and published more than 100 articles in refereed journals. She wrote an instructional manual for Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics. She is a co-author of the 2021 book, *Undaunted Trailblazers: Minority Women Leaders for Oral Health*. Her oral history is included in The History Makers Collection, housed in the Library of Congress.

From 1992 to 2011, she led ADEA diversity programming initiatives. In 1998, Dr. Sinkford was instrumental in establishing the ADEA Center for Equity and Diversity (CED). ADEA CED received more than $22M in grants to support diversity, equity and inclusion programming; research; and collaborations throughout academic dentistry. In 2015 she joined ADEA as a Senior Scholar in Residence, and under her leadership, ADEA created numerous opportunities for the advancement of women and underrepresented minorities, including the ADEA Enid A. Neidle Scholar-in-Residence Program and the ADEA International Women’s Leadership Conferences (1998, 2003, 2005, 2010, 2019).

Dr. Sinkford’s numerous awards include Alumni Achievement Awards from Northwestern University and Howard University in 1970 and 1976, one of the first Candace Awards from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women in 1982, the 1984 Award of Merit from the American Fund for Dental Health, the 2007 Trailblazer Award from the National Dental Association (NDA), the 2009 Herbert W. Nickens Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the 2010 Fauchard Gold Medal. In 2015, she was presented with an ADEAGies Foundation William J. Gies Award for Vision, Innovation and Achievement for Outstanding Vision by a Dental Educator and also received the American Dental Association’s Distinguished Service Award. In 2017, Dr. Sinkford received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Dentists.

Dr. Sinkford has received honorary doctorate degrees from Georgetown University School of Dentistry in 1978, the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey in 1992, Meharry Medical College in 2008, the University of Michigan in 2018, and Howard University in 2019. She is a life member in the American Dental Association and in 2012 was elected to life membership in the NDA. She has been a member of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences since 1975.
SUNDAY, March 12 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

ADEA Opening Ceremony With Awards and Plenary
Believe I’mPossible: Burn Bright and Blaze a Trail for Others

2023 ADEA Distinguished Service Award
Jeanne C. Sinkford, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., FACD, FICD
Senior Scholar-in-Residence Emerita, American Dental Education Association; Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita, Howard University College of Dentistry

Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors Citations
Dr. Todd V. Ester, University of Michigan School of Dentistry
Dr. Andrea Esteves, University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry

Dr. Janet M Guthmiller, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry
Dr. Joyce Hudson, Ivy Tech Community College - Anderson Campus
Dr. Nadeem Karimbux, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Dr. Afsheen Lakhani, Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine
Dr. Fotinos Panagakos, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences
Dr. Hubert Chan, Western University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine

MONDAY, March 13 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Monday Plenary
ADEA Tapestry Table: Embroidering Within the Boundaries: Weaving Global Change for Women and Girls

ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. Dharini van der Hoeven, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Co./National Dental Association Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute
Dr. Alayna Smiley, Howard University College of Dentistry

ADEA Leadership Institute Alumni Association Award to Honor Jack Bresch
Dr. Pamela Linder, Indiana University School of Dentistry

ADEA/AADOCR/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Dr. Dominick P. DePaola Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute
Dr. Wanida Ono, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

ADEA/American Association of Endodontists Foundation Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute
Dr. Lorel Burns, NYU College of Dentistry

ADEA/American College of Dentists Dr. Jerome Bright Miller Scholars in the ADEA Leadership Institute
Dr. Paul Edwards, Indiana University School of Dentistry

Dr. Valerie Perrine, West Virginia University School of Dentistry

ADEA Enid A. Neidle Scholar-in-Residence Program
Dr. Kelly Holst, The Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry, Temple University

ADEA/ADEA Council of Students, Residents and Fellows/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Junior Faculty Award
Prof. Emily Ludwig, Old Dominion University College of Health Sciences School of Dental Hygiene

ADEA Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarships for Professional Development: ADEA Emerging Leaders Program
Dr. Ahmad Alkhazaleh, Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry

Dr. Lan-Lin Chiou, University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Paula Coates, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry

Prof. Kayla Reed, Texas A&M University School of Dentistry

ADEA Leadership Institute Phase V Leadership Development Tuition Scholarship: ADEA Emerging Leaders Program
Dr. Chenshuang Li, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

ADEA/Gillette Hayden Memorial Foundation/AAWD Woman Dentist Tuition Scholarship
Dr. Samantha Parad, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

ADEA Student Poster Awards, sponsored by Dentsply Sirona
To be announced.

ADEA Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford Faculty Leadership Award
Dr. Carlos Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry
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TUESDAY, MARCH 14  10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday Plenary
Answering the Call for Better Health: Global Health Initiatives That Improve Health Access for All

ADEA/Haleon Preventive Dentistry Scholarships
Ms. Reem Al-Sayyad, Texas A&M University School of Dentistry
Ms. Bilal Amin, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Ms. Amber Courtney, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Dr. Shayan Darvish, University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry
Mr. Chao Dong, University of Washington School of Dentistry
Ms. Stephanie Ellman, University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry
Ms. Tiffany Huang, University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry
Mr. Byron Trinh, University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry
Ms. Clara Kim, University of Michigan School of Dentistry
Ms. Skylar McGaughey, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry
Ms. Sejal Menghani, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

Ms. Hilary Wong, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

ADEA/MouthWatch Patti DiGangi Scholarship for Dental Hygiene Innovation
Ms. Victoria King, University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

ADEA/MouthWatch Predoctoral Dental Student Scholarship for Innovation
Mr. Nam Nguyen, University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry

ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarships for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers
Ms. Rowie Fuertes, University of Michigan School of Dentistry
Ms. Johanna Owen, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry

ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarships for Predoctoral Dental Students Pursuing Academic Careers
Ms. Christina Jones, University of Michigan School of Dentistry
Ms. Min Lin, University of Washington School of Dentistry

ADEA/Sigma Phi Alpha Linda DeVore Scholarship
Ms. Rylie Sines, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry
ADEA President Centennial Awards for Oral Health Education

As a special one-time element in our centennial year, ADEA is presenting the ADEA President Centennial Awards for Oral Health Education. Two awards will be given: one to a U.S. or Canadian dental school faculty member and one to a U.S. or Canadian allied dental faculty member. Both awards honor a mid-career faculty member who has made—and continues to make—a significant and positive impact on oral health education.

ADEA President Centennial Award for Oral Health Education: Dental Faculty

SANG E. PARK, D.D.S., M.M.SC.

Dr. Park received her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from New York University in 1994 and her D.D.S. from the NYU College of Dentistry in 1998. She attended Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM), where she received an M.M.Sc. in Oral Biology and a Certificate in Prosthodontics. She has been a faculty member at HSDM since 2001. As Associate Dean for Dental Education, she leads the Office of Dental Education, which includes administrative functions of predoctoral and advanced graduate education. She oversees operations of the Office for Dental Education, including Admissions, Student Affairs, the Registrar, Financial Aid, and Academic Advising.

Dr. Park has been instrumental in converting the HSDM clinical education from a procedure-based system to a patient-centered case completion curriculum, which has led to multiple published journal articles and consultations with dental schools around the globe. She introduced the flipped classroom educational model to didactic and skills-based courses at HSDM and has incorporated the case-based collaborative learning model that includes peer-to-peer learning methods.

To further engage predoctoral students who are interested in careers in academic dentistry, Dr. Park established the Scholars in Dental Education program. Predoctoral students are selected from a pool of applicants and are exposed to dental academia beyond teaching, including administrative and committee service and leadership perspectives.

Dr. Park is the founding Program Director of HDSM’s postdoctoral M.M.Sc. in Dental Education, which she designed and implemented in 2017. The program trains educational leaders to shape the future of dental education. Its graduates are transforming dental education in a variety of fields, including interprofessional education, predoctoral curriculum design, and clinical and laboratory teaching.

Dr. Park’s future aspirations include further developing and creating predoctoral and postdoctoral programs to increase students’ exposure to teaching, encourage student interest in academic dentistry as a future career, and train leaders who can drive change to meet the technological and pedagogical advances in dental education.
ADEA President Centennial Award for Oral Health Education: Allied Dental Faculty

MICHELLE ARNETT, RDH, M.S., B.S.

Prof. Arnett graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry in 2004 with her certification in Dental Hygiene and a Bachelor of Science degree. She worked in private clinical practice before pursuing a graduate degree. Her interest in education and research led her to the University of Michigan School of Dentistry (U-M SOD), where she earned a Master of Science in Dental Hygiene in 2016.

As an M.S.D.H. student, she was invited to join the U-M Dental Hygiene faculty. From 2015-2018, she taught in the entry-level and degree-completion B.S.D.H. programs and was a clinical research coordinator and practicing dental hygienist in the U-M Department of Graduate Periodontics.

Prof. Arnett joined the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry (UMN SOD) in 2018 as a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in the Department of Primary Dental Care. She teaches Communications, Periodontology, and the Process of Care in Allied Dental Health: Clinical Application III and IV in the UMN SOD B.S.D.H. program and Instructional Strategies in the UMN M.S.D.H. program. In addition to teaching in a didactic setting, she also teaches in clinic.

Prof. Arnett has published 27 articles in peer-reviewed journals and one textbook chapter. Seventeen articles are specific to her research niche of motivational interviewing and periodontology and 10 articles are in areas that support her teaching and demonstrate scholarly contributions as a result of student mentorship.

Prof. Arnett held a three-year leadership position on the ADEA Section on Dental Hygiene Education and was selected to serve as a member of the ADEA Allied Dental Competency work group that will drive allied oral education for the next decade. Her professional memberships include Sigma Phi Alpha-Nu Chapter, American Dental Hygienists’ Association, and ADEA.

ADEA President Centennial Award for Oral Health Education: Runners Up

Dental Faculty Award Runner Up

ELISA M. CHÁVEZ, D.D.S.
Professor, Department of Diagnostic Sciences
University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

D. Chávez graduated from the University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry and earned her certificate in Geriatric Dentistry from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She has practiced in private, community health, long-term care and hospital settings. She developed and directed a clinical teaching program for Dugoni School, which was recognized with the ADEA/IFDEA Orna Shanley Prize for Enhancing Access to Care. Dr. Chávez has participated in numerous professional development programs and fellowships to enhance her understanding of the needs and barriers to oral health care for those who are vulnerable to poor oral health and limited access to health care.
Dental Faculty Award Runner Up
M. NATHALIA GARCIA, D.D.S., M.S.
Professor, Chair of the Applied Dental Medicine Department
Head of Periodontics, Interim Research Director
Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Garcia earned a diploma in University Teaching and Education and teaches predoctoral and postdoctoral students. She has developed teaching methodologies and curriculum initiatives in periodontics, with the results published in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Garcia has participated in multiple NIH-funded projects, serves as a test constructor for the INBDE and contributes to the American Academy of Pediatrics Education Committee. She has served ADEA in several leadership positions, and was the 2017 ADEA Enid Neidle Scholar and a Fellow in the ADEA Leadership Institute Class of 2021. One of her main interests is to promote the development of women in the profession.

Allied Dental Faculty Award Runner Up
Professor and Chair of Dental Hygiene
University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry

Dr. Carr earned a B.S. in Dental Hygiene in 2000 from the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), an M.D.H. in 2010 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and a D.H.A. in 2015 from UMMC. She was selected as a Healthcare Hero by the Mississippi Business Journal in 2018 and was the UMMC School of Health Related Professions Alumnus of the Year in 2016. The UMMC student-selected Nelson Order for Teaching Excellence recognized Dr. Carr for her teaching in 2011, 2014 and 2016. She attended the ADEA Emerging Leaders Program in 2017, is involved with ADEA councils, and has served in several leadership roles in the Mississippi Dental Hygienists’ Association.

Allied Dental Faculty Award Runner Up
DENISE CLAIBORNE, PH.D., RDH
Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Director
Old Dominion University Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene

Dr. Claiborne has over a decade of experience in clinical practice and academia. She is course director for seminar courses and a faculty member in second-year dental hygiene clinical services courses. Her research expertise is in maternal and child oral health that has primarily investigated oral health outcomes, oral health disparities, and oral health literacy among low-income children and caregivers. She is published in several peer-reviewed dental, dental hygiene, nursing, and interprofessional journals and has presented her research both nationally and internationally. In 2023, she was recognized by the Dimensions of Dental Hygiene “Six Dental Hygienists You Want to Know” for Research.