

AWARDS

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AWARDS

2026 ADEA Distinguished Service Award

GEORGE W. TAYLOR, D.M.D., DR.P.H.



Dr. George Taylor is a Professor of Preventive and Restorative Dental Science at the University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry (UCSF SOD). He received his D.M.D. from Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 1974, and his M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1982 and 1994, respectively.

In 1993, Dr. Taylor joined the faculty of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry (U-M SOD) as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2000 and Professor in 2009. He was appointed Associate Professor of Epidemiology in 2004 at U-M and promoted to Professor in 2009. U-M Regents saluted this distinguished faculty member by naming George W. Taylor Professor Emeritus of Dentistry and Professor Emeritus of Epidemiology. He later joined UCSF SOD in 2011.

Dr. Taylor has published four book chapters, 56 peer-reviewed papers and 55 research abstracts focusing on the public health threats of diabetes and the impact of diabetes on all aspects of dental health, particularly periodontal disease. Using information from insurance and employee databases, Dr. Taylor established key recommendations for health care decision-making that have had an important influence on dental health care policies. He served with distinction as a teacher at U-M SOD and U-M School of Public Health, while also maintaining a dental practice and serving as a consultant to major dental professional organizations.

Dr. Taylor is in constant demand as a speaker, having delivered more than 120 national invited presentations. He served on five editorial boards, was a reviewer for 20 journals, a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a Director of the American Board of Dental Public Health, and a member of the American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs and participated in a number of international committees.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

ADEA OPENING CEREMONY WITH AWARDS AND PLENARY

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2025 – Dr. Marsha A. Pyle

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2020 – Dr. R. Bruce Donoff

2019 – Dr. James J. Koelbl

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1998 – Dr. Wallace V. Mann

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S. MacKenzie

1996 – Dr. Joseph L. Henry

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MONDAY, MARCH 23 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

MONDAY PLENARY

ADEA Tapestry Table: The Lacks Family

*ADEA/Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Excellence in Teaching Award*

Dr. Ram Vaderhobli, University of California, San Francisco,
School of Dentistry

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National Dental Association Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford
Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute*

Dr. Salma Elwazeer, Texas Tech University Health Sciences
Center El Paso, Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine

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and Richard R. Drisko Scholar in the ADEA
Leadership Institute*

Dr. Cristina Vidal, University of Iowa College of Dentistry
and Dental Clinics

*ADEA/American College of Dentists
Dr. Jerome Bright Miller Scholars in the
ADEA Leadership Institute*

Dr. Rinku Saini, University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni
School of Dentistry

Dr. James Harrison, University of Louisville
School of Dentistry

ADEA Enid A. Neidle Scholar-in-Residence Program

Dr. Caroline Sawicki, University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry

*ADEA/ADEA Council of Students, Residents and
Fellows/Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Junior
Faculty Award*

Dr. Zaid Badr, Marquette University School of Dentistry

*ADEA Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford Faculty
Leadership Award*

Dr. Esther Kuyinu, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

*ADEA Bell Leadership Institute Achievers
Program Scholarships for Assistant/Associate
Deans or Department Chairs*

Dr. Carlos Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University
School of Dentistry

Dr. Nikola Angelov, UT Health School of Dentistry at Houston

Dr. Mary Anne Melo, University of Maryland
School of Dentistry

*ADEAGies Foundation Junior Faculty Achievement
in Oral Health Education*

Dr. Erinne Kennedy, Kansas City University College
of Dental Medicine

*ADEAGies Foundation Junior Faculty Achievement
in Allied Oral Health Education*

Ms. Emily Ludwig, Old Dominion University

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

TUESDAY PLENARY

Radical Recovery: How Great Leaders Prepare for and Come Back From Tough Times

ADEA/Haleon Dental Hygiene Scholarship

Ms. Chelsi Laing, University of New England
Westbrook College of Health Professions

ADEA/Haleon Preventive Dentistry Scholarships

Mr. Alex Matthews, Case Western Reserve University
School of Dental Medicine

Ms. Abigail Brewer, The Ohio State University
College of Dentistry

Ms. Anny Yang, University of California, San Francisco,
School of Dentistry

Mr. Dylan Holder, University of California, San Francisco,
School of Dentistry

Dr. Aminollah Khormali, University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry

Ms. Peyton Maccarone, University of Pennsylvania
School of Dental Medicine

Ms. Christina Xu, Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Ms. Whittley Deleveaux, Howard University
College of Dentistry

Ms. Neeku Amanat, University of British Columbia
Faculty of Dentistry

Ms. Priyanka Prajapati, University of Washington
School of Dentistry

Mr. Harsh Chheda, Columbia University
College of Dental Medicine

Ms. Anna Lubitz, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

ADEA/MouthWatch Patti DiGangi Scholarship for Dental Hygiene Innovation

Mr. Gregory Guyumdzhyan, Massachusetts College of
Pharmacy and Health Sciences – Boston

ADEA/MouthWatch Predoctoral Dental Student Scholarship for Innovation

Mr. Arshia Sabet, University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry

ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarships for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers

Ms. Stephanie Bettis, Old Dominion University

Ms. Lejini Roy, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarships for Predoctoral Dental Students Pursuing Academic Careers

Mr. Denerick Simpson, High Point University Workman School
of Dental Medicine

Mr. Jonathan Banks, University of Illinois Chicago
College of Dentistry

ADEA/Sigma Phi Alpha Linda DeVore Scholarship

Ms. Emily-Marie Roberts, University of Alberta
Faculty of Dentistry

ADEA Student Poster Awards

To be announced



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