

## ADEA Leadership Institute Class of 2025 Fellows Biographies

### **Ramzi V. Abou-Arraj, D.D.S., M.S.**

University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry

Dr. Abou-Arraj is Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry (UAB). He is a 2003 graduate of the Université Saint Joseph School of Dentistry, Lebanon. He received two Periodontology Certificates (Lebanese University and UAB) and an M.S. degree (UAB). As chief academic officer, his responsibilities include curriculum development and management, academic guidelines, accreditation, course administration and evaluations, academic performance, ethics and professionalism. He has experience in postgraduate education and in managing clinic operations as Clinic Director and Assistant Director of the UAB Advanced Education Program in Periodontology.



Dr. Abou-Arraj is Diplomate and Examiner of the American Board of Periodontology (ABP) and serves on the ABP oral examination and continuous certification committees. He is the recipient of the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Foundation Lazzara Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery, AAP R. Earl Robinson Periodontal Regeneration Award, and UAB President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. His national service also included chairing the AAP Education Committee and leading educational workshops and initiatives. Dr. Abou-Arraj is published in refereed journals and through abstracts, poster presentations and oral presentations on topics of periodontal regeneration, periodontal plastic surgery, dental implant site development and interdisciplinary care.

### **Kim Benton, D.D.S., M.P.H.**

Dr. Benton is the Director of the Pacific Health Care Collaborative (PHCC) and Sacramento Programs at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni, School of Dentistry. Her current responsibilities include oversight of educational activities and the clinical model of the first-of-its-kind integrated clinical facility in an academic health setting. The students involved in these activities were from the expansion and second cohort of the International Dental Studies Program, which was initially started in 1987.



Dr. Benton received her D.D.S. from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry and her M.P.H. from Capella University. She recently completed the Leadership in Health Education Certificate Program from the Eberhardt School of Business at the University of the Pacific. Previously,

Dr. Benton served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences. She facilitated case-based discussions with first- and second-year students as they integrated information from Dental Sciences and Biomedical sciences. She has co-authored an academic paper titled "A Virtual Community Health Field Project During the COVID-19 Pandemic". Dr. Benton is passionate about spreading the message of how oral health impacts total health and well-being.

**Dan Burch, D.D.S., Ph.D.**

Dr. Burch is a full-time Clinical Associate Professor, Director of the Advanced General Dentistry Fellowship in Special Care Dentistry and Chief of Community & Hospital Dentistry at Texas A&M School of Dentistry (TAMSOD). His research and intervention topics include access to care, oral health policy and clinical training. Roughly \$17 million in research and clinical interventions have been successfully funded by Health Resources and Services Administration, the Hillcrest Foundation and the Crystal Charity Ball Foundation.



Dr. Burch received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry; he completed his postgraduate endodontic training at Howard University College of Dentistry. He earned a master's degree in Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center and one in biology from Fisk University. Additionally, he is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Burch is the founder of the Special Care Dentistry Fellowship at TAMSOD and a co-founder of the General Practice Residency (GPR) program, which is being established at TAMSOD.

**Marcia Campos, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.**

Dr. Campos is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry (U-M SOD). She has a D.D.S. and M.S. in Biological Sciences and Oral Biofilms respectively, and a Ph.D./certification in Oral Pathology. She taught in prestigious universities in Brazil and practiced as a general dentist for 10 years prior to moving to the United States. She did her postdoctoral training in cancer stem cells and tumor angiogenesis at the University of Michigan. She teaches and directs several didactic and clinical courses and mentors students in clinical research. She serves in a variety of external and internal committees, such as the American Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, DEI-MAC Committee, Curriculum Committee, Election and Nominations Committee, Provost's Faculty Advisory Committee and Well-being Network Committee. She supports the Global Initiative Program at U-M SOD and has led a team of students to a trip to Honduras. She was a fellow of the Interprofessional Leadership Fellow Program and has recently been nominated as Faculty Lead of the Mental Health First Aid Program. Dr. Campos has received several teaching and research awards and published numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters. Her current research interests focus on cariology, mental health, global health and interprofessional education.



**Leticia Chaves de Souza, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.**

University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Chaves de Souza is a full-time faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine (Pitt SDM). She earned her dental degree from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2004. She obtained a Master's degree in Endodontics from the Estacio de Sa University, Brazil in 2009 and a Ph.D. in Materials Science from Military Institute of Engineering in 2014. Dr. Souza later earned a certificate and M.S.D. in Endodontics from the UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry (UTHealth Houston SOD) in 2023. She is currently the course director of four clinical and didactic courses.



Prior joining Pitt SDM, while at UTHealth Houston SOD, she served for five years as Course Director for the preclinical lab in endodontics. She also served as a mentor for five Endodontic Residents in their Master's thesis project. Her research focuses on the physical-chemical, mechanical and biological properties of endodontic materials and instruments, as well as on understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying apical periodontitis. She was awarded with four research grants from the American Association of Endodontists Foundation and published over 40 peer-reviewed manuscripts in Endodontics and one book chapter in endodontic filling materials.

**Harmeet Chiang, D.D.S., M.S.**

Dr. Chiang completed both a Community Dentistry Fellowship and Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at the University of Rochester Medical Center Eastman Institute for Oral Health. She then completed an internship in Orthodontics at the University of Florida College of Dentistry before joining the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry (VCU SOD) as a full-time faculty member in the General Practice Department. There, she received her M.S. in Clinical and Translation Research. She received the Revere Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement from a faculty member and earned Fellow status in the Academy of General Dentistry. In 2018, she received her Diplomate status from the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine. In January 2023, she was appointed Interim Director of the General Practice Department at VCU SOD. There, she ensures that the Department and clinics operate as efficiently and effectively as possible for the benefit of students' education and patients' care.



Dr. Chiang has authored multiple, peer-reviewed articles in the areas of general dentistry and dental sleep medicine. She received the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine Excellence in Clinical Research Award. In addition to serving as the Director-at-Large in the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine, Dr. Chiang also serves as a Dental Director of the Virginia Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine.

**Milda Chmieliauskaite D.M.D., M.P.H.**

Dr. Chmieliauskaite is the Director of the Oral Medicine Graduate Program and an Assistant Professor at the University of Washington School of Dentistry (UW SOD). Dr. Chmieliauskaite graduated with a dual degree in dentistry and public health from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, in 2014, where she subsequently completed her Oral Medicine residency. She is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Oral Medicine and has received multiple awards of merit for her service to the Academy. She has taught and directed multiple courses at the graduate and postgraduate level for seven years, starting at Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine and now at UW SOD.



She is involved in research and works on creating interdisciplinary teams to address problems in orofacial pain and systemic diseases related to oral health. She has given local, national and international talks and enjoys teaching. Dr. Chmieliauskaite has published multiple peer-reviewed papers, mentored several students, chaired committees for national organizations and served as a Board of Director for a Community Health Center. Her experience and expertise are diverse, and she strives to bridge the gap between dentistry and medicine to provide optimal patient outcomes.

**Seok Hwan (Aaron) Cho, D.D.S., M.S., M.S., CDT, FACP, FACD**

Dr. Cho currently serves as the Department Chair of Prosthodontics and as an Associate Professor at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics. Prior to his current role, from 2017 to 2022, Dr. Cho held the position of Associate Professor and Program Director of Graduate Prosthodontics. He also directed the Post-Doctoral Implant Placement Program at Texas A&M University School of Dentistry (Texas A&M Dentistry). Dr. Cho is a board-certified prosthodontist and a certified master ceramist, demonstrating his exceptional expertise in prosthodontics and dental ceramics. He completed his Advanced Specialty Program in Prosthodontics at the Texas A&M Dentistry (formerly Baylor College of Dentistry).



He received the Robert S. Staffanou Memorial Graduate Prosthodontic Award upon graduating, in 2010, from the prosthodontic program at Texas A&M Dentistry. In 2011, he won first place in the Stanley D. Tylman Research Awards from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics. One of Dr. Cho's most notable accolades is the Claude R. Baker Faculty Award from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, which he won in 2017. The award recognizes his outstanding contributions as an exceptional junior faculty member in predoctoral fixed prosthodontic teaching.

**Tamer El-Gendy, D.M.D., B.D.S., M.S.**

Dr. El-Gendy, D.M.D., B.D.S., M.S., is a professor and the Director of Prosthodontics at A.T. Still University Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ATSU-ASDOH). He obtained his dental degree from Cairo University in 1996. He then pursued advanced training in Prosthodontics and earned his certificate and master's degree from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 2001. In 2002, he completed a Postdoctoral Implant Dentistry Fellowship at The Ohio State University, after which he joined The Ohio State University College of Dentistry later that year as a full-time Assistant Professor. He was awarded the Larry Peterson Outstanding Young Educator Award from The Ohio State University, in 2004, and named The Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 2005 and 2009.



In 2004, Dr. El-Gendy joined ATSU-ASDOH as the Director of Prosthodontics. He lectures nationally and internationally, where he speaks about various continuing education courses and meetings. He practices in the Phoenix, AZ, area. He has been appointed at the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners since January 2021 and has served as a Commission on Dental Competency Assessment (CDCA) Examiner since 2020. Dr. El-Gendy maintains active membership in the Egyptian Dental Association, Academy of Osseointegration, American College of Prosthodontics and ADEA.

**Julie A. Gray, D.D.S., M.A., FICD**

Dr. Gray is the Associate Dean of External Affairs, Associate Professor in Restorative Dentistry and Course Director for the Expanded Function Auxiliary Course in Restorative Function at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry (Meharry SOD). She earned her D.D.S. from Meharry SOD and a Master of Art in Education at the University of Pacific Gladys E. Benerd School of Education.



A graduate of the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching and Learning, the ADEA Emerging Leaders Program and the American Dental Association's Institute for Diversity in Leadership, Dr. Gray serves as Chair of the ADEA Minority Affairs Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She is also the Advisor of the Student National Dental Association, Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee and Administrative Marshall for the College. Moreover, she is a member of the American Dental Association, National Dental Association, Tennessee Dental Association and the Pan-Tennessee Dental Association. She maintains a private practice in Nashville, TN. Dr. Gray is a fellow in the International College of Dentists and a recipient of the Distinguished Exemplary Teacher Award and the St. Jude Dr. Hildreth Service Award. Her passion is service to the profession and others.

**Upoma Guha, B.D.S., M.S.**

Dr. Guha is an Associate Professor and the Director of Clinics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry (UNMC COD). She earned her B.D.S. degree from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. She completed a Master of Science and Clinical Certificate in Operative Dentistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry. As the Director of Clinics, Dr. Guha oversees all clinical operations at the UNMC COD facility, in addition to her teaching and research contributions. Before joining UNMC COD, Dr. Guha served as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University at Buffalo and later at the University of Florida.



Dr. Guha is a fellow of the ADEA Emerging Leaders Program 2020 and is the 2020 recipient of the ADEA Faculty of Colors Award. She serves as the Executive Councilor at the Academy of Operative Dentistry. She leads UNMC COD at the Consortium of Operative Dentistry Educators Annual Meeting. Dr. Guha has been involved in research activities in dental education, digital dentistry and dental materials. Her research was published in many prestigious journals, including the *Journal of Dental Education*, *Archives of Oral Biology* and *Journal of Nanoparticle Research*. Dr. Guha has presented her research at numerous national conferences.

**Lindsey Hamil, Ph.D.**

Dr. Hamil is Assistant Dean of Student Success and Associate Professor at Medical University of South Carolina James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine (MUSC CDM). She has a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and an M.S. in Communications. Dr. Hamil has published several articles on predoctoral dental education and was invited to write about Interprofessional Education for “Advancing Dental Education: Gies in the 21st Century.”



She serves as a Behavioral Support Intervention Team (BSIT) member for MUSC and provides case management and mentorship to students. In addition to her administrative roles, Dr. Hamil serves as Course Director for courses in the predoctoral and postdoctoral curriculum at MUSC CDM. Dr. Hamil has served on the ADEA Council of Faculties since 2019; she received MUSC’s Earl B. Higgins Leadership in Diversity award in 2021. She is an advocate for case-based learning and writing. In 2013, she was named as a Fellow of the Southeast Case Research Association.

**Roopwant Kaur, B.D.S., M.S.**

After obtaining her dental degree and a general dentistry internship in India, Dr. Kaur pursued advanced education in the United States, earning a master's degree in Operative Dentistry from the University of North Carolina Adams School of Dentistry. Dr. Kaur has been a vital member of the faculty in the Department of General Dentistry at East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine (ECU SoDM) for the past 11 years, where she has served as an Associate Professor. Her focus is on instructing predoctoral students in operative dentistry and administrative duties, research and patient care.



She chairs the Humanistic Environment Committee, co-chairs the Inclusion and Diversity Committee and actively participates in such committees as admissions, student progress and student affairs at ECU SoDM. She plays a pivotal role on executive boards for national CAMBRA, National CODE and North Carolina Dental Society's Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Inclusion Taskforce Committee. Her accolades include awards and recognitions like the ECU Health Sciences Author Recognition Award. Dr. Kaur is an active member of several dental associations, underscoring her global perspective. Her research pursuits focus on caries risk assessment and innovative student learning methodologies. Dr. Kaur's multifaceted career is dedicated to the art and science of dentistry and the urgent mission of promoting diversity and inclusion in education.

**Divya Khera, D.D.S.**

Dr. Khera is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at NYU College of Dentistry (NYU Dentistry). She received her dental degree from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine and subsequently pursued postdoctoral training in Pediatric Dentistry at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Irving Medical Center. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Khera is actively involved in predoctoral and postdoctoral curriculum development and clinical teaching. She serves as a faculty mentor and the faculty advisor of the NYU Dentistry's chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.



Dr. Khera serves as a co-investigator for the NYU site on the National Institutes of Health-funded randomized clinical trial, "The Effectiveness of Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) in Arresting Cavitated Caries Lesions in Young Children." She has delivered several lectures on this topic to her colleagues and students and served on the American Academy of Pediatrics workgroup for "SDF in the Pediatric Medical Setting." Dr. Khera values the importance of individualistic health care's movement toward a more collaborative model. She hopes to continue to make an impact on her patients, students and the field.

**Yonca Korkmaz Ceyhan, D.D.S., Ph.D.**

Dr. Ceyhan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics at the UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry (UTHealth Houston SOD). Dr. Ceyhan earned her D.D.S. from University of Gazi, Turkey, in 1997. She holds a Ph.D. in Operative Dentistry with an emphasis on biomaterials and has been involved in teaching courses ranging from Dental Anatomy and Operative Dentistry to Esthetics. Dr. Ceyhan has 24 years of experience in teaching positions, including course directors.



As an investigator, she has published more than 40 peer-reviewed papers and presented numerous research studies in national and international meetings primarily related to dental materials. She also received the Kuraray Young Investigator Award. Dr. Ceyhan is a reviewer in selected dental journals. She has served actively in dental organizations and dental meetings as abstract reviewer and session chair. Dr. Ceyhan has been honored as an invited speaker at international meetings and lectures.

**Kecia Leary, D.D.S., M.S.**

Dr. Leary earned her D.D.S., Certificate of Pediatric Dentistry and M.S. in Dental Public Health from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics (UI COD). She is the current Associate Dean of Clinics for the UI COD and is responsible for the clinical operations of all the predoctoral/graduate/faculty clinics of the university. Prior to her current position, she was the Graduate Program Director in Pediatric Dentistry at UI COD and Chair of the Advanced Education Committee. Prior to a full-time position in academics, she was the Pediatric Dental Director of an federally qualified health center.



Dr. Leary is a Diplomate in the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Board of Dental Public Health. She is a member of several professional organizations, including ADEA, the American Dental Association, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Association of Public Health Dentistry and National Network for Oral Health Access.

**Sarah Lowman, D.D.S., M.P.H.**

Dr. Lowman is the Assistant Dean for Admissions and an Assistant Professor at The University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry (UNMC COD). She graduated with a D.D.S. and M.P.H. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed the North Carolina Dental Public Health Residency Program at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.



Dr. Lowman has been a dental public health faculty member at UNMC COD since 2020 and has served as Assistant Dean for Admissions since January 2023. She directs two courses, one of which is an intraprofessional introduction to Geriatric Dentistry for dental and dental hygiene students. She is passionate about Objective Structured Clinical Examination development, partnering across health care disciplines, using standardized patients to enhance learning and assessment and mentorship. She serves as the Primary Investigator for multiple externally funded projects that aim to strengthen the dental workforce and improve care access for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, medically complex patients, military veterans and patients seeking care at community health centers. Her research focuses on trends in dental education and admissions, antibiotic prescribing patterns for non-traumatic dental conditions in the emergency department and social determinants of oral health. Prior to becoming a dentist, Dr. Lowman was Senior Editor of the *Kyiv Post* newspaper.

**Salwa Mekled, D.M.D.**

Dr. Mekled is a Clinical Associate Professor and the Restorative Department of The Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry, Temple University (Kornberg SOD). She earned her dental degree from Alexandria University School of Dental Medicine in Egypt. Dr. Mekled completed a one-year residency program in General Practice Dentistry and a one-year Orofacial Pain residency. He was a general dentist in private practice for several years before joining academia. She was a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Restorative Department at the University of Texas and a Clinical Assistant Professor in Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine before joining Kornberg SOD.



Dr. Mekled's teaching activities include all aspects of General Dentistry. Her clinical interests include fixed, removable prostheses and digital dentistry. Her research interests include Biomaterials Science with a focus on zirconia ceramics for dental applications. She is the Associate Director of Clinics at Kornberg SOD and serves as Co-director at Committee of International program.

**Madhu Mohan, D.M.D.**

Dr. Mohan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (RSDM). She earned a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and her D.M.D. and a Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry, both from RSDM. She is board certified in Pediatric Dentistry and is a Fellow of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. She is the Residency Program Director in Pediatric Dentistry at RSDM.



Dr. Mohan works closely with third- and fourth-year students as well as residents in the clinical setting. She guides residents with oral conscious sedation procedures and treatment in the operating room setting. Dr. Mohan is engaged in many departmental research projects and currently has two grants with New Jersey Department of Health Division of Community Health Services Funded Grant Award. Research projects include studies on caries, nutrition, Silver Diamine Fluoride dental materials such as glass ionomer and composite resins. Some notable publications include, "An objective criteria used to support a practitioner's decision between sedation versus general anesthesia for the dental treatment of uncooperative pediatric patients" and "Effect of a Wear Resistant Resin Coat on the Color Stability of a Resin Modified Glass Ionomer Restorative Material."

**Elías Moisés Morón, D.D.S., M.P.H., M.H.L.**

Dr. Moron currently serves as Professor of the Department of Restorative Sciences and Public Health Dentistry at Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine (NSU CDM). He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Diverse Dental Society and the Board of Trustees of the Hispanic Dental Association. His professional experience includes public health, private practice, health services administration, health law, teaching and research. His job mainly focuses on helping vulnerable and underserved populations living with the negative consequences of oral health disparities to obtain periodic and regular dental care. Throughout his career, he has worked with people experiencing homelessness, people with a substance use disorder, people living with mental illness, people living with HIV, people arrested and placed in jail, children in foster care, children with autism, children living in poverty, children living in rural areas, and high school students who are pregnant and parenting.



Dr. Morón earned his D.D.S. from Universidad Metropolitana in Colombia, Postdoctoral Certificate in Health Services Management from Universidad del Norte in Colombia, Health Auditing Diploma from Universidad del Norte in Colombia, M.P.H. from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, M.S. in Health Law (Magna Cum Laude) from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, Postdoctoral Certificate in Advanced Education in Dental Public Health from NYU Langone, and Postdoctoral Certificate in Principles and Practice of Clinical Research from Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He has made significant scholarly contributions, publishing in peer-reviewed journals and presenting at national and international conferences.

**Karo Parsegian, D.M.D., M.D.Sc., Ph.D.**

Dr. Parsegian is an Associate Professor and Predoctoral Periodontics Program Director in the Department of Surgical Dentistry at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine. He received his D.M.D. degree at the First Tashkent Medical Institute in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. He completed his Ph.D. in Biomedical Science, M.D.Sc., and Certificate in Periodontology at the University of Connecticut Health, Health Educators Fellowship Program and Certificate in Clinical Research at the McGovern Medical School and Certificate in Quality and Safety from the University of Colorado.



Dr. Parsegian is an active member of the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP), a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, a CDCA-WREB-CITA site examiner and an American Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research Ambassador. He is a peer reviewer and a member of the Editorial Board for several journals, including the *Journal of Dental Education*. Dr. Parsegian received the ADEA Colgate Junior Faculty Award; the AAP Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring; the Dean's Excellent in Teaching Award; and the AAP Award in Leadership, Engagement, Action and Development along with other recognitions. He has an extensive track record of conference presentations, peer-reviewed publications and book chapters on periodontics, educational technology, dental pulp and kidney diseases.

**Shankargouda Patil, B.D.S., M.D.S., Ph.D.**

Dr. Patil is a highly regarded researcher in the fields of oral oncology, immunobiology and tobacco research. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Siena and is a Visiting Professor of Oral Pathology at the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Siena, Italy. Dr. Patil is presently serving as Professor at the Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine – South Jordan, Utah, and shoulders the responsibility of instructing undergraduates, guiding research endeavors and ensuring research projects' seamless implementation. He is a distinguished Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists in the United Kingdom and is also a Fellow of Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, also in the United Kingdom.



As an established academic with over 14 years of experience in the field, Dr. Patil has published widely (over 11,000 citations, h-index 40 – Google Scholar), including publications in journals such as *Lancet*, *Journal of the American Dental Association* and *Clinical Oral Investigations*. Dr. Patil is in the top 2% of scientists in the world, based on data from Stanford University. He is a member of the Global Burden of Disease Collaborative Network, which is a network of leading researchers, health care providers and policymakers dedicated to improving health care around the world.

**Teresa M. Pulido, D.D.S., M.S.**

Dr. Pulido received her D.D.S. at the European University in Madrid, Spain, in 2001; she earned a certificate and M.S. in operative dentistry from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics in 2006. Dr. Pulido started her academic career at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry and continued it at Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Arizona (CDMA), where she has been since 2009. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 2015. In 2018, she was asked to move to the Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois as Associate Dean for Preclinical Education. In 2021, she returned to CDMA where, in 2022, she was promoted to Professor and appointed as Associate Dean for Preclinical Education. Dr. Pulido is a 2017 Costin Leadership Institute graduate; she was awarded the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society faculty member in 2016. In 2019, Dr. Pulido received the American Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) National Student Research Group Mentor of the Year award.



Dr. Pulido oversees the curriculum for the first- and second-year students, meeting regularly with students and faculty to improve the curriculum and students' experiences. She is a member of the American Dental Association, International and American Associations for Dental Research, AADOCR and ADEA. She has served as Vice-president for the AADOCR-Arizona Section and is currently the Vice-President Midwestern Chapter of the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society.

**Jorgelin Rodriguez, D.M.D., M.S.Ed.**

Dr. Rodriguez is Assistant Professor of the Department of Restorative Sciences and Public Health Dentistry at Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine (NSU CDM). He is Director of Clinical Restorative Dentistry and Clinic Director, Course Director for Clinical Restorative Dentistry and a member of the Curriculum, Quality Improvement, Clinic and Diversity and Humanism Committees.

Before this role, Dr. Rodriguez worked as a Clinical Team Leader. His responsibilities include administrative duties, teaching and patient care. He participates in the admission process for the International Dental Program and in the Predoctoral Admissions Committee. Dr. Rodriguez is licensed in the State of Florida. He keeps his private practice, which combines his roles as dental educator and private practitioner. In 1992, Dr. Rodriguez earned his D.D.S. in Stomatology and a M.S. in Orthodontics. He obtained his D.M.D in 2006 from NSU CDM. He joined a private practice in 2006 and, in 2009, entered academia. In 2013, he earned his M.S.Ed. He has been an active member of ADEA for more than 10 years and has been a presenter during the ADEA Annual Session & Exhibitions.



**Dara K. Rogers, D.M.D.**

Dr. Rogers is the Interim Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs and Lead for the predoctoral clinic in all matters at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. She has been a private practice owner for over 30 years in General Dentistry. She has previously served as Director of Student Clinical Integration, where she was responsible for tracking and remediating all predoctoral students in clinical assessment and their progress toward graduation requirements. She has also served as Group Practice Coordinator where she managed the comprehensive patient care for one-sixth of the predoctoral students. Her paper, "Advancement of qualitative, longitudinal clinical assessment: The daily clinical assessment" appeared in the *Journal of Dental Education*.



**Reginald O. Salter D.D.S., M.B.A., Ph.D., FICD**

Dr. Salter is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Comprehensive Care and Director for Admissions and Student Activities at Howard University College of Dentistry (HUCD). He received a B.S. from Xavier University in Louisiana, a D.D.S. from HUCD, an M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix and a Ph.D. in Higher Education. He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps. Following his tenure with the Navy, he opened a practice in Waldorf, MD.



He has served on many committees both university-wide and at HUCD. He has received Faculty of the Year and Outstanding Pre-clinical Faculty multiple years from the Dental Student Council during his tenure. He has led many student groups on international and local medical missions. He has presented at various conferences on topics that range from Diversifying Dentistry Through Mentorship and Recruitment, Education Empowerment for First Generation Students and Health Equity and Social Justice at Home and Abroad. He is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Treasurer of the National Dental Association, Faculty Advisor of Delta Mu Chi Fraternity, Inc. and a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**Adriana Semprum-Clavier, D.D.S.**

Dr. Semprum-Clavier is a Clinical Associate Professor at the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry (UIC COD). She serves as the Director of the Advanced Standing D.M.D. Program at UIC COD. Her responsibilities include curriculum development, designing, implementing and evaluating students' outcomes, among others. Her area of expertise is early management and treatment of dental caries, as well as teaching different technique courses in Operative and Restorative and Digital Dentistry. Her research focuses on remineralization/demineralization of hard tissues in a high-risk population for dental caries.



Dr. Semprum-Clavier received the Dr. Amarjit Marwah Fellowship Award and the Teaching Recognition Award from UIC. She has also been awarded teaching honors such as the Jon Daniel Teaching Award and the Golden Apple. She received her D.D.S. from Universidad Central de Venezuela in Caracas, Venezuela, and her U.S. D.D.S. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry in 2003. In 2001, Dr. Semprum-Clavier completed postgraduate training in Advanced Restorative Dentistry Training from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and a master's degree in clinical and translational sciences at University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Semprum-Clavier also serves as the Faculty Advisor for the Hispanic Dental Association Student Chapter.

**Kumar Shah, B.D.S., M.S., M.B.A., FACP, FAP**

Dr. Shah is a Professor of Clinical Dentistry and a Board-Certified Prosthodontist & Maxillofacial Prosthodontist at University of California, Los Angeles, School of Dentistry (UCLA SOD). He received his dental degree from The National University of Singapore and earned his M.S. degree and a certificate in Prosthodontics at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. He subsequently completed Maxillofacial Prosthetics fellowship training at UCLA SOD. He also completed Certificate Training Program in Translational Science through the UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute. He recently completed his M.B.A. at the University of Illinois.



Dr. Shah is Director of both the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Residency Program at UCLA SOD and the Advanced Prosthodontics and Implantology Preceptorship Programs for international dentists. He was the former Director of the Faculty Group Dental practice at UCLA SOD. He is currently a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists and a Fellow of the International Team for Implantology. He has been on the Board of Directors for several nonprofit organizations within dentistry. He is co-editor of a textbook on dental implants, with two editions, and is a member of the Editorial Review Board of the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*.

**Hanann Tomeh, D.D.S., M.P.H.**

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In March 2023, she completed her four years of service with the ADEA EBD SIG/Section from Secretary to Chair. Her research interests include student motivation in learning, student perception of faculty and its effect on learning and clinical outcomes and patient education. She now serves as Secretary of the Educational Research and Curriculum Development Section. Previously, she was involved in preclinical simulation education at ATSU-ASDOH and then transitioned to the clinic in 2016. Dr. Tomeh was awarded a university scholarship to pursue an M.P.H., which she obtained in 2020. Currently, she looks forward to working with vibrant ADEA Leadership Fellows.

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