Dr. Liu Hong Receives a Two-Year, $409,697 NIH Grant

Dr. Liu Hong, Dental Research, and Department of Prosthodontics has received a two-year, $409,697 NIH grant for his research project, “A MicroRNA-based Approach for Bone Regeneration.”

This project will demonstrate the function mediated by a member of the microRNA-200 family to enhance osteogenic differentiation of human bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells and bone formation. It will also establish a proof of concept in which this specific microRNA delivered by a non-viral vector can be used to develop a novel therapeutics for bone regeneration.

Dr. Hong is principal investigator for the research project. Drs. Aliasger Salem, Colleges of Pharmacy and Dentistry (joint appointed) and Brad A. Amendt, associate dean for research, are co-investigators.

Dr. Fabricio Teixeira Accepts Nomination to be a Director on the American Board of Endodontics

Dr. Fabricio Teixeira, DEO, Department of Endodontics, has accepted the nomination to be a director on the American Board of Endodontics (ABE).

The board directors are elected for a term of three years and usually serve two terms. One of their responsibilities is preparing and conducting the annual board certification examinations.

Dr. Anne Williamson is currently serving as a director on the ABE board. Her term will conclude in 2021.
Drs. Mike Kanellis, Arwa Owais, Joan Attridge, and John Warren Attend Symposium in Oregon

Drs. Mike Kanellis (Clinic Administration and Pediatric Dentistry), Arwa Owais (Pediatric Dentistry), Joan Attridge (Pediatric Dentistry resident) and John Warren (Preventive & Community Dentistry) attended the QUEST 2016 Symposium on Caries in American Indian and Alaska Native Children, which was held in Hood River, Oregon. Drs. Owais and Kanellis presented data from their ongoing clinical trial comparing silver nitrate to conventional restorations in a population of Amish children.

Surprise Party for Dr. Steven Levy: Celebrating 25 Years of the Iowa Fluoride Study

(Left): Dr. Steven Levy, Preventive & Community Dentistry, was given a surprise party in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Iowa Fluoride Study. “This is a great celebration of the success of the whole project research team over these 25 years,” said Dr. Levy. “It’s great that so many past and current team members are here today. We are so fortunate to have been able to continue this project, and for so long, and provide some important scientific information to inform public policy decisions and recommendations concerning fluoride use, dental fluorosis, caries, and bone health.”

Dr. Levy’s grandson, Isaac, sporting a moustache.
Dottie Ray: Legendary Radio Broadcaster

Born and raised in Eagle Grove, Iowa, Dorothy (Dottie) Klein Ray received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in journalism from the University of Iowa. As an Iowa student during World War II, Dottie became editor-in-chief of the Daily Iowan (DI) and her staff was entirely female. Not surprisingly, she hired the first female sports editor, too. On D-Day, Dottie and her staff produced an extra paper, which they sold on street corners.

Her future husband, Robert F. Ray, met her when he stopped by the DI office to complain about the DI’s editorial page. (Robert Ray later served as a speech writer for Thomas Dewey, who was then governor of New York.) Dottie and Robert eloped in 1947.

The Rays returned to Iowa City in 1949 when Robert became the first director of the UI Institute of Public Affairs. Dottie assumed a radio show career at KXIC that began with “The President Alice Show,” a weekly children’s birthday show. After three years, she became one of the first women to have a talk show – the “Dottie Ray Show.”

Parenthood didn’t slow her down. When daughters, Jenny and Amy (wife of Dr. Mike Kanellis, Clinic Administration), were growing up, Dottie’s radio show was moved to the Rays’ house.

As the host of the five-days-a-week, 15-minute “Dottie Ray Show,” she highlighted upcoming community events such as fundraisers and charitable causes as well as art and cultural events. Perhaps because Dottie offered coffee to guests and conversed with them on the homey set in such a welcoming manner, they were relaxed during the interviews. Dottie became well known for making people feel comfortable, a reputation she brushed off. “I’m just naturally snoopy,” she said.

Dottie had an excellent radio voice, too. She asked perceptive questions, was adept at drawing out guests’ personal stories, was easy to talk with, and was very likeable. Her daughter, Amy Kanellis, says of her mother’s career, “She carved a niche.”

In 1980, the KXIC radio station was sold and the new owners planned to cancel Dottie’s talk show. The local advertisers, however, thought differently: they began calling the radio station to suspend their advertising. Her talk show, needless to say, remained on the air.

Dottie’s connection with the College of Dentistry was not only through marriage. She also used to do a live broadcast of the College’s annual dental commencements. By talking with visitors, graduates, and families, she could convey personal stories to listeners who often felt they were also at graduation. Says Vicki Green, Dental Human Resources, “During years when I was unable to leave my office to attend [commencement], I could still “be there” on my radio with Dottie. She was a lovely, loving woman.”

Dottie Ray was on the air for 55 years – the longest running radio talk show in the U.S. During those years, she produced more than 14,000 shows and interviewed more than 32,000 guests. She was acknowledged for her achievements in 2008 when she was inducted into the Iowa Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame. In 2014, Dottie was recognized nationally when she won the Marconi Small Market Personality of the Year Award.

Dottie retired in 2014. This past June, she attended a documentary which honors her life. Then in August, Dottie Ray passed away at the age of 93.

**Recent Publications**


**Recognize Your Co-Worker**

The Ambassador Club Program recognizes a staff person who has shown a special commitment to promoting excellence in the teaching, research, patient care, or administrative functions of the College of Dentistry. One individual is recognized semiannually from a list of nominations, which are screened and selected by a committee made up of previous Ambassador Club awardees. Eligible for consideration is any merit staff or professional and scientific employee who has demonstrated special qualities in performing their daily tasks. Nomination forms, program guidelines, and a listing of ambassadors are available on the IntraDent under Services > Dental Human Resources > Rewards & Recognition-COD. Guidelines and nomination forms are also available from Jan Swartzendruber, assistant to the dean, N307 DSB.

**Houchen Bindery Schedule**

September 19-22, 2016

The above dates reflect Monday-Thursday pickup and delivery. Please have orders ready by Monday at noon. Routes may change without warning.

**College of Dentistry Apparel Sale**: Friday, September 16, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

UI College of Dentistry, men’s polo shirts, pullovers, women’s polo shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, umbrellas and caps will be on sale Friday, September 16, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., on the first floor Link area.
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College of Dentistry
University of Tennessee HSC

Noon Presentation
“Sleep Medicine: Is it time of Dentistry to Wake Up?”

Galagan C (14C DSB)
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Elizabeth Curl at (319) 335-7258 or elizabeth-curl@uiowa.edu.
**SAVE THE DATE**
We Are Phil Week – October 10-14

**WE ARE PHIL** is the annual, campus-wide giving program for faculty and staff.

“PHIL” (short for philanthropy) is a nickname used during this effort for anyone who makes a gift to support the university, as well as those who benefit from private support.

As faculty and staff members, we are Phil all the time—we give our time, talent, and treasure to Iowa and we benefit from the generosity of others every day. We Are Phil Week is our chance to celebrate our many contributions and encourage each other to donate in support of the college and university we serve.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What if I already gave this year?** Thank you, Phil! If you made a gift to any area of the University on or after July 1, 2016—or if you have an ongoing payroll deduction—your contribution will be counted in the FY17 participation total. We will remind you before October 10 if you have already given.

**May I designate my gift to a particular area?** Yes! You can support any UI area—at the College of Dentistry and beyond. Throughout the week, we will feature some COD funds for you to consider supporting but the possibilities are endless.

**How do I make a gift?** During We Are Phil week, we will give you the tools to set up payroll withholding, pay with credit card online, or give a gift of cash or check in person or by mail. In the meantime, visit [www.uifoundation.org/facultystaff](http://www.uifoundation.org/facultystaff) or contact Katie Geiken at 319-467-3807 or katie-geiken@uiowa.edu.

**Is participation mandatory?** Absolutely not. By giving of yourselves every day through your work, you help make the College of Dentistry a remarkable institution. We Are Phil week will showcase some opportunities for giving that you may not have known about. We hope to make participation fun but it is not required.

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**WHAT TO EXPECT**

**EVENTS**
Dessert First Kickoff Party  
Mon., 10/10, 12-1 p.m., W220  
Info session with cupcakes, fruit, prize drawings, and more

Donate for Donuts  
Wed., 10/12, 7:30-9:00 a.m., Filling Station Dining Room  
Drop by to donate a dollar and pick up a Hurts Donut. Your donation counts toward our participation goal and give you another entry in the prize drawing.

We Are Phil Wrap Party  
Fri., 10/14, 12-1 p.m., W220  
Frozen yogurt social, closing remarks, and grand prize drawing

**PRIZES**
Every half time or more employee’s name will be entered in a drawing. When you make a gift, your name will be entered again. Prizes will include gift certificates, Hawkeye gear, and much more.

**COMMUNICATION**
Check the DSB Weekly in the weeks leading up to October 10. Every day during the week, you will receive an email featuring a giving opportunity and reminding you of upcoming events.

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**THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING A GIFT THIS YEAR AND FOR ALL YOU DO!**  
FY17 We Are Phil Committee: Kecia Leary, Ann Synan, Chris White
Save the date: We Are Phil,
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FEATURED FUND

Wellness Garden
A gift from the faculty and staff of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry

We have an opportunity to add some beauty and tranquility to the outdoor seating area currently under construction on the SE side of the Dental Science Building. The benches, walkway, and picnic tables are scheduled to be installed by September 30. By designating your gift to the Wellness Garden Fund, you can help create a patch of green for us all to enjoy.

More details about design and fundraising goal coming soon.

You can help our garden grow!

WE ARE PHIL
College of Dentistry Biorepository Employee Participation Event.

We are inviting you to participate in a data and sample repository because you are a University of Iowa employee. We will collect your clinical information (dental and medical) and saliva for researchers to use in the future to study and learn more about dental conditions and diseases.

The overall goal is to find causes, better treatments, and ways to prevent health conditions and diseases.

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Your decision to participate or not will in no way affect your academic or professional position with the University of Iowa.

Approximately 20,000 people will take part in this study conducted by investigators at the University of Iowa.

You will drool into a container for the saliva to be collected. It may take 15-30 minutes to drool the ideal amount of saliva we need, but most participants usually take about 5 to 10 minutes.

To participate you must not eat or drink for 90 minutes prior to specimen collection.

You will be given a choice of a $5.00 gift card or 4 hours of University of Iowa parking passes currently valued at $4.80 as compensation.

We have set aside Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 8 am to 3 pm in room 14D (outside of Galagan A), first floor of the College of Dentistry for a special employee collection day.

Please contact Karen Kluesner 319-335-7377, Amber Marolf 319-335-7411 or email dentistry-biorepository@uiowa.edu for more information or to schedule an appointment.
A display about early scientific innovators that paved the way for discoveries and medical knowledge of today, including pioneers such as Charles Darwin, John Snow, Florence Nightingale, Louis Pasteur, and Sigmund Freud.

Now on display, 3rd floor, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences