DSB Weekly

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Dr. Brian Howe Receives the Gies Award in Clinical Research

Dr. Brian Howe, Department of Family Dentistry, received the William J. Gies Award in Clinical Research during the recent annual meeting of the International/American Association for Dental Research.

The William J. Gies Award is given to the best paper published in the Journal of Dental Research during the preceding year in the areas of biological, biomaterials and bioengineering, and clinical research. Dr. Howe received the award for his first published paper, "Spectrum of Dental Phenotypes in Nonsyndromic Orofacial Clefting."

Dr. Howe’s research mentors are Dr. Lina Moreno Uribe, Department of Orthodontics, and Dr. Mary Marazita, vice chair, Department of Oral Biology, University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine.

Co-authors on Dr. Howe’s paper included ME Cooper, AR Vieira, SM Weinberg, JM Resick, NL Nidey, GL Wehby, and Drs. Marazita and Moreno.

Dr. Steve Aquilino Receives the 2017 Garver-Staffanou Prosthodontic Program Director’s Award for Excellence

Professor Emeritus Steven Aquilino, Department of Prosthodontics, recently received the 2017 Garver-Staffanou Prosthodontic Program Director’s Award for Excellence during the Annual Session of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP).

The AAFP established the award in honor of Drs. Don Garver and Bob Staffanou, who were outstanding prosthodontic program directors. (Dr. Staffanou was a 1961 graduate of the UI fixed prosthodontics graduate program.) The award is designed to honor an individual who has displayed excellence as a director of a postdoctoral prosthodontic program.

(Above): Drs. Kent Knoernschild and Nancy Chaffee accepted the award on Dr. Aquilino’s behalf.

(Aleft to right): Dr. Jukka Meurman, IADR president; Dr. Brian Howe; Dr. Mary Marazita; and Dr. Jack Ferracane, AADR president.
Dr. Aquilino was unable to attend at the time. “Unfortunately,” he reports, “Mary and I were traveling in New Zealand during the meeting … Dr. Nancy Chaffee ('85 DDS, '90 MS) and Dr. Kent Knoernschild accepted the award on my behalf.”

Dr. Aquilino’s acceptance speech included the following comments: “I have always said that the highlight of my career in dental education was the time I spent as graduate director, mentoring, and as importantly, being mentored by prosthodontic residents. That relationship challenged me to become a better clinician, educator and person. Through the time we spent together in the classroom, the clinic, the late nights in the lab (and even in the library), many of you have become my closest, dearest, life-long friends. Knowing that former residents were responsible for my nomination makes this award even more meaningful. I would like to thank my residents from the University of Iowa and colleagues in the Academy for this honor and offer my sincere apology to all involved for not being here in person to accept this award.”

Dr. Aquilino was nominated for the award by former Prosthodontic graduates Drs. Nancy Chaffee, Kent Knoernschild and Mark Mathews (Class of ‘90) as well as Dr. Julie Holloway.

Dr. Aquilino notes that the prosthodontics graduate program has always been “a team effort that required the talent and contributions of the students, staff and faculty of the entire department and the college.”

College of Dentistry Featured on KWWL, KCRG, and KGAN!

Again this year, new dentures from the College of Dentistry Department of Prosthodontics have given five veterans something to smile about. Dr. Julie Holloway, chair of Prosthodontics, participates in an annual event called National Prosthodontists Awareness Week. The event promotes free oral health screening, lectures and community service outreach. Since 2011, Dr. Holloway’s department has used that week to provide free dentures for veterans and those in need who lack dental health benefits. The five prosthodontic residents who treated the veterans and made their dentures were Matt French, Pantip Henprasert, Miguel Garcia Loera, Wissanee Jia-Mahasap, and Salahaldeen Abuhammoud. Dr. Rick Williamson, Prosthodontics, was also involved. The KWWL news crew came to the college last Friday to film the veterans with their new dentures. To see the news story, which aired on April 7, go to: http://www.kwwl.com/story/35100011/2017/04/07/veterans-get-new-smiles-thanks-to-ui-college-of-dentistry.

The KCRG news crew visited a Cedar Rapids nursing home to cover a story about the dental care that the College of Dentistry & Dental Clinics provides to area nursing homes. Says Dr. Howard Cowen, Preventive & Community Dentistry, “They were interested in both the dental care that we provide to the local nursing facilities and our study … We are training certified nursing assistants (CNAs) with an intense full-day curriculum of oral health care, entitled ‘Mouth Care Matters.’” The college is also conducting a study, Dr. Cowen adds, to determine “whether there is a change in the oral health of residents as well as any difference in hospitalization due to a variety of oral health complications, like aspiration pneumonia.” To see the KCRG news story, which first aired April 11, go to: http://www.kcrq.com/content/news/U-of-I-dental-students-studying-older-patients-419195514.html. This news story was also noted in the April 13 American Dental Association (ADA) Morning Huddle.

There was also a KGAN news story about the Geriatric Mobile Dental Unit (GMU) visits to area nursing homes that first aired on April 11, 2017: http://cbs2iowa.com/news/local/419195514.html

Don’t forget to Like our Facebook stories! https://www.facebook.com/uidentistry/?ref=stream.
Oral Screenings Given at the 2nd Annual Community Health Fair at the Salvation Army of Johnson County

Students and staff from the College of Dentistry gave oral screenings during the 2nd Annual Community Health Fair, which was held April 10 at the Salvation Army of Johnson County.

The event was sponsored by the UI College of Nursing to provide health screenings to those who utilize services provided by the Salvation Army.

Pictured above, left to right: Matt Oishi, geriatric & special needs resident; Sherry Ryan, dental assistant in Preventive & Community Dentistry; Lucas Borg (D4); Terry Schmitt (D4); and Kelli Purkapile, a dental assistant in Preventive & Community Dentistry.
Once again, warm weather brings with it highway cleanup for Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity. Several members of the Gamma Gamma Chapter spent Saturday afternoon, April 8, picking up debris and trash along a stretch of Highway 218 just south of Iowa City. (The fraternity chapter has adopted the stretch of highway to clean once each year.)

(Photo, left to right): Chapter members participating included Shelby Perkins (D1), Carl Reitz (D2), Sophia Ringsdorf (D4), Elliott Glenn (D3), Bethany Keane (D3), Erik Blomquist (D3), Sarah McGowan (D2), Tara Sears (D2), Chris Lawhead (D3), Josh Colvin (D2), and (not pictured) Dr. Bruce Justman, Endodontics emeritus, who is chapter advisor.

Not to disappoint anyone, once again there was a wide variety of interesting and disgusting items to be collected, ranging from tossed beverage containers to broken auto parts, and a make-shift bed under the overpass. A total of 21 big orange bags of debris were collected. The group retreated to Cheddar’s afterwards for well-deserved food and all-important beverages.
Vote for the “Dental Care for Kids in Need” Proposal for Gannett Foundation to Start a Free Pediatric Dentistry Clinic at the IC FMC!

The Iowa City Free Medical & Dental Clinic (FMC) staff and the volunteers have worked diligently with VIDEO CENTER Media (Iowa City) to put together a proposal for $100,000 from the Gannett Foundation to start a free pediatric dentistry clinic at the FMC.

“Dental Care for Kids in Need” will be a partnership between the FMC and the Iowa City Healthy Kids School-Based Clinic (HKC). Gannett Foundation grant funding would allow FMC to hire a part-time dentist and a part-time dental assistant who will provide services for HKC children in need of dental care. Many children will be able to receive dental care and more fully utilize FMC’s excellent dental facility.

The FMC, established in 1971, provides outpatient health care for uninsured people in the community. In addition to six medical exam rooms, the clinic has two dental rooms, both with state-of-the-art operating units. Patients in the dental clinic receive exams, x-rays, treatment plans, fillings, extractions and hygiene.

Through “Dental Care for Kids in Need,” children referred from HKC will be seen in a new Kids Dental Clinic at FMC. A $100,000 grant will provide project funding for two years; a $50,000 grant for one year. Through the project’s demonstrated success, FMC and HKC will propose partnering with the UI College of Dentistry to continue these very important and much-needed services.

This is a huge opportunity for the clinic as well as for Iowa City the surrounding communities.

Please take a minute to vote for the project. You can vote once a day for the next 30 days! Click on the link below to view the FMC video proposal (which includes Associate Dean for Patient Care Michael Kanellis!).

http://act.usatoday.com/submit-an-idea/#/gallery/60406878/

Please spread the word and love with friends and family!
An Interview with Jesse Helgerson, Our Temporary Custodian at the College of Dentistry
(Note: Jesse has been filling in for Sherry Harris, the CoD’s regular custodian.)

Q: Where were you raised?
A: I was raised in Ottumwa, IA, on a farm, living close by my uncles and grandparents, who also lived on farms.

Q: From which high school did you graduate?
A: I have a high school diploma from Ottumwa High School.

Q: Have you attended (or are you attending) college here or elsewhere?
A: I have attended both Indian Hills Community College (Ottumwa campus) and the University of Iowa. My studies at the university were music-emphasized.

Q: How long have you been an employee of the University of Iowa?
A: I have been an employee of our university for approximately 1 year but 7 months of that was served in 2013.

Q: In what other buildings have you worked?
A: My assignments have been UIHC (2013), Voxman Music Building (new location, Jan-Feb 2017), and the College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics (current).

Q: What do you enjoy doing during your spare time?
A: During my spare time, I engage in attending instrumental and vocal recitals and choir rehearsals.

Q: What are some of your hobbies?
A: My ultimate and most rewarding hobby in the past has been snowboarding. I plan to begin a weight training regimen sometime soon, and to become fit like I once was.

Q: What are your future plans?
A: My future plans would include owning a motorcycle again and snowboarding in Canada, Europe, and Japan.

Q: Have you developed a better appreciation for oral health care now that you’re working in our building?
A: My mother has been my personal dental hygienist for more than 30 years, until probably 2008. I always appreciated the way her clothes/scrubs smelled when she would come home from work at the dental office. I have absolutely developed a stronger appreciation for the care provided at this building, since beginning work here and since receiving professional care from the crew here about four years ago. Doctor Joanna Clancy helped supervise my first fillings in this school. Being able to see behind the scenes, so to speak, in my current work role offers me the insight to achieve a better understanding about how broad the oral health care industry’s role evidently is. I have a lot of fun listening to what seems like a foreign language being spoken between students using medical terminology when describing their current scholastic undertakings to each other.

Q: What do you like about working at the College of Dentistry?
A: I most enjoy the flexibility my unique post offers for assisting in so many different ways of cleaning throughout the day. I can be vacuuming an elevator one moment, and suddenly find myself outside blowing trash off the loading dock with a miniature leaf blower! I might mosey over and brush-scrub a water fountain next.

Q: Do you have any advice for CoD faculty, staff or students for keeping the building clean?
A: Some advice I would offer is to use a grout brush, one of my favorite tools, on your sinks and to sometimes stick the nozzle of the hose of your vacuum into spaces that you’d never be able to get eyes on. You would not believe the debris you will collect! As far as restrooms, I believe we could try to stop flushing the stools with our shoe [!] and just use the handle the way it is made to be used. Those kicks leave black streaks on the toilet lid if you graze it on the way down and the sand in our shoes’ tread can scratch the surface of the handle, making it less sanitary after a Virex wipe-down. I have seen the damage taking place. Also, if you have adequate counter space, using a dish rack to dry dishes will help keep the sink cleaner. Thanks for making my job fun!

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Recent Publications

Caplan DJ, Ghazal TS, Cowen HJ, Oliveira DC. Dental status as a predictor of mortality among nursing facility residents in eastern Iowa. Gerontology 2017 [Epub before print].

Lend a Hand to a Co-Worker

Due to a serious medical issue, Sherry L. Harris, our College of Dentistry custodian from Facilities Management, will soon exhaust her sick leave and vacation. Anyone who wishes to help Sherry by contributing vacation time can go to https://hr.uiowa.edu/sites/hr.uiowa.edu/files/contrib.pdf. Once the form is completed, please send it to the Benefits Office, USB. Any contributions of one hour or more on Sherry’s behalf will be truly appreciated.

Houchen Bindery Schedule

April 17-20, 2017

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

In a moment of jocularity during last week’s Executive Committee meeting, Orthodontics DEO Tom Southard pronounced Scott Arneson, associate dean for finance and facilities, “One Bullet Barney.”

Word Play: Spring Jokes

Why is the letter A like a flower? A bee (B) comes after it!

What does the Easter Bunny order at a Chinese Restaurant? Hop Suey!

What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny.

Joke: Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief, she smiled and said, “Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper.” Still smiling, she waited for them all to sit down. Then she said, “First question: which tire was flat?”
The University of Iowa College of Dentistry Presents:

THE 6th ANNUAL COD TALENT SHOW

Open to all COD students and staff members. Friends and family welcome to this FREE event! Donations to the 2011 Fund are appreciated :)

Coralville Center for Performing Arts
5:30PM Cocktails
6:30PM Show

Monday, April 17, 2017

All talents welcome; please e-mail josephine-meis@uiowa.edu or andrea-montana@uiowa.edu for any questions.
Jacob Eisenbach was born in Poland in 1923. Nicknamed “Kuba” by his father, Eisenbach grew up in a loving household with all of the hopes and dreams of any family... he was to be a doctor, his brother Sam, an author... his sister dreamed of a career as a pharmacist. That all changed when Hitler’s army invaded Poland in 1939.

His mother died before the invasion, his father in a forced labor camp, his brother Henry at Auschwitz at age eleven. His sister was killed by machine gun fire in the city of Lwow, where Nazis killed over 100,000 Jews in three days. Only Jacob and his brother Sam were left alive, hiding out and fending for themselves...
Please join
Family Dentistry
in honoring
Cheryl Jennings
At her Retirement Party

NO GIFTS PLEASE

April 28, 2017
2:00-4:30 pm
W220 A/B DSB
Please join the Department of Pediatric Dentistry

For a reception to help

Cindy Becker
(who has been in Pediatric Dentistry for 32 years!)

celebrate her retirement

May 1, 2017
From 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
W220 A/B DSB
THE MAGIC BEGINS . . .

Help Us Celebrate

Jan Lawler

retiring after 20 years at the
College of Dentistry

CAKE RECEPTION

May 5th
1:00-2:30 pm

Student Affairs Office
New Exhibit, April 2017 to Fall, 2018
Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, 3rd floor

Early Modern England: Medicine, Shakespeare, and Books

Seven books from Shakespeare’s era are on display. Wall displays highlight general medical beliefs, herbals, monsters, poisons and cures, contemporaries of Shakespeare, and doctors in Shakespeare’s plays.

- Wolfsbane. *Henry IV, Part II*
- Sir Francis Bacon. *Sylva Sylvarum, or A natural history*, 1670