Dr. Azeez Butali Receives 5-year Grant for Over $3.2M

The National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research awarded Dr. Azeez Butali, associate professor in the Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine, a 5-year grant exceeding $3.2M. Dr. Butali’s project, “Refining the Genetic and Genomic Architecture of Non-syndromic Orofacial Clefts,” aims to identify new, genetic variants of cleft lip in African populations with the goal of providing new insight into the pathogenesis of cleft lip.

World-Renowned Researcher Receives Prestigious Award for Her Cutting-Edge Blood-Clotting Research

Dr. Isabelle Denry’s outside-the-box thinking helped her discover an exciting new blood-clotting agent, for which she is receiving a 2020 IADR Innovation in Oral Care Award. Read more about her unique approach to research and this exciting new discovery.
The College of Dentistry Welcomes Three New Greeters

Clare Swanson is a first-year student at Iowa, and comes to us from Shueyville just outside of Cedar Rapids. She is studying Speech and Hearing Sciences in the hope of becoming a speech pathologist. She enjoys traveling, calligraphy and spending time with family and friends.

Jessica Day is a sophomore studying Human Physiology on the pre-dental track. On campus, she regularly attends pre-dental club meetings and Salt Company, and she is one of the Coffee House Chairs on the Campus Activities Board. In her free time, she enjoys playing board games, watching shows like New Girl or Grey’s Anatomy, and watching movies.

Julia Paul is a third-year biochemistry major from Omaha, Nebraska. She volunteers at the Domestic Violence Intervention Program and is a member of Alpha Chi Omega. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her friends and sitting down with a good book.


March 3, Dr. Liu Hong, MicroRNA-Based Gene Therapy for Oral and Craniofacial Diseases, Galagan C, 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

March 6, Dr. Howard Cowen, The New Geriatric Patient: Medical, Restorative and Prosthetic Considerations and Techniques, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

March 11, Dr. Moamen Sheba, “Factors Associated With Pre-Doctoral Students’ Intention To Use Digital Dental Technology,” Sunlear Seminar Room (S422), 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

March 12, Dr. Stefania Martignon, Oral Health Care and Dental Education System in Colombia with Emphasis in Dental Caries, Galagan C, 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

March 13, Parrott-Stiles Free Dental Clinic Open House, 2440 Towncrest Dr., Iowa City, 4:30–6:00 p.m.

March 25, Dr. Azeez Fashina, An overview of the Oral Health Care and Dental Education in Nigeria, Galagan C, 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

March 25, Dr. Hyunok Jo, “Correlation Between Patient Satisfaction and the Location of Incisive Papilla as a Guide to Anterior Tooth Position on Maxillary Complete Denture,” Sunlear Seminar Room (S422), 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

April 3, Dr. Erica Teixeira and Dr. Cristina Vidal, Treating Discolored Teeth – From Diagnosis to Bonding Implications, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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