

**University of Washington
School of Dentistry
Graduate Prosthodontics Program
Newsletter**



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Message from Restorative Department Chair



Welcome to the second edition of the Prosthodontics Graduate Program newsletter. Thanks to Dr. Hai Zhang, our Assistant Program Director who initiated this project, the 2016 first edition received great comments. Our alumni, donors and potential candidates loved to read about the news and achievements of our students and faculty. I am pleased that so many are interested in this newsletter, which will help us spread the word and reach high-caliber candidates. The key to any excellent training program is the quality of its students and faculty. This newsletter serves as an excellent platform to connect.

One of my contributions last year as chair was to facilitate the recruitment of our Program's new Director, Dr. Van Ramos. He is a superb and well-respected clinician who prefers to teach with a hands-on approach. Our current students will eagerly attest to that. Dr. Ramos has already put in many changes and is thinking of other long-term plans. We will need the support of our alumni and donors to carry it to fruition. I am sure with the help of Dr. Zhang, our program will continue to be top-notch and much sought after.

We are fortunate to have superb students in the program who are bright, caring, professional and very supportive of one another. They are a diverse group that functions well individually and in the team setting. The faculty in the Department of Restorative Dentistry also devotes much effort to the program. As a result, our Program has a long tradition of training outstanding prosthodontists, and I am absolutely committed to continuing that tradition.

Dr. John Townsend, previous interim co-director of the program, retired this past spring. However, I am happy to say that Dr. Townsend has continued to help in this year's bench examination of incoming candidates. Along the same line, Dr. Ariel Raigrodski, former Graduate Director, has taken up private practice full time in September. He will still be teaching as an affiliate. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated faculty!

I could keep on writing to trumpet the virtues of our program. Instead, I invite you to read further and see for yourself!. Have a great year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel C.N. Chan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Daniel C.N. Chan,
Professor and Chair
Department of Restorative Dentistry

Message from Program Director



My tenure as the program director started about the middle of December 2016, and I can tell you that I'm very happy to be here. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Hai Zhang and John Townsend for keeping the program on track for the past few years. They picked motivated and hardworking residents, and they have done a great job of educating them. As you may know, John retired at the end of June, but fortunately he comes around occasionally to help us out. Most recently he helped to set up the tooth preparation portion for the 2-day interview process to choose residents for the class of 2021.

Speaking of the class of 2021, we should have the names by December 2017. This is later than in past years. However, this is because we are now participating in the ADA Match Program. Match has their own rules and guidelines on when applicants can be offered positions in the residency program. More to come on that. We did start a new class in June (class of 2020) and they are already hard at it. They are Shervin Hashemzadeh (Iran), Unnur Jensen (Iceland), and Pakwan Varapongsittkul (Thailand).

Graduation for Mick Buda, Tina Angelara, and Josh Manchester was on June 6, 2017. They also all successfully defended their Master's thesis. Mick returned to Italy to practice with his father; Tina is off to Maryland to do a 1-year fellowship, and Josh bought a practice in Olympia. Good luck to all of them.

I also want to mention and thank all the alumni who came to visit the program and provide a lecture to the residents. These include Nuno Guilherme, Bernie Linke, Bob Simon, Keith Phillips, Ward Smalley, Oscar Ramirez, Manuel Bratos, Carlota Suarez, Marta Revilla-Leon, Yoshi Goto and Alex Shor. I try to get pictures on our Facebook page so you can see who was here. Please contact Elisa for the access.

The residents have attended many meetings in 2017. These include the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, Quintessence Ceramics Symposium, The Pacific Coast Society of Prosthodontists, The International Academy of Gnathology Congress, Annual Session of the American College of Prosthodontists, and a special program put on by the Beverly Hills Dental Lab Educational Center (set up by Bob Simon).

Finally, I would like to mention that second-year residents Jack Keesler and Dana Buglione were awarded the David H. Wands Fellowship in Graduate Prosthodontics for 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively. Congratulations to them and a big thanks to Dave for providing this scholarship fund.

Dr. Van Ramos, Jr.
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Message from Dr. John Townsend



Dear fellow alumni of the Graduate Prosthodontics program:

Hai Zhang has asked me to write a brief note for this newsletter, and it is my pleasure to do so.

Five years ago, our School's Dean asked Hai and me to direct the program. I believe that we maintained the high historical standards with which you are all familiar. The knowledge, the clinical skills, and research of recent students have continued to be outstanding.

Program details are currently managed superbly by Elisa Quintana. If you have not met her, drop by the office (D-780) and introduce yourself.

Dr. Van Ramos Jr. has been directing the Graduate Prosthodontics program. He served for 30 years in the U.S. Army Dental Corps and, most recently, he directed the Army's only prosthodontics residency program in Fort Gordon, Georgia. He "hit the ground running" and is enthusiastically leading our program.

On a personal note, I retired at the end of June after almost forty years at the UW. I have great memories of past mentors Ralph Yuodelis, Saul Schluger and Bill Ammons and, of course, former graduate students. Diane and I now focus on our three children and eight grandchildren. I have been invited to join four different music ensembles to play trombone. Please accept my warmest best wishes. See you at the future meetings and in Portugal in two years, when recent graduate Nuno Guilherme has agreed to be our host.

Warmest personal regards,



John Townsend, DDS, MSD, FRCD (C), FACD

Student Achievements

Student National Awards

- 2017 American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP) Tylman Research Competition, Chicago, IL – Dr. Mick Buda (1st place)
- 2017 AAFP Tylman Research Competition, Chicago, IL – Dr. Tina Angelara (3rd place)
Both recipients will be honored in 2018 AAFP annual conference in Chicago, IL.
- 2017 International Association of Gnathology (IAG) Congress XXVIII Table Clinic Competition, Tucson, AZ – Dr. Bree (Pi-Yu) Hsu (2nd place)

Student Research Grants

- 2017 AAFP Tylman Research Grant – Dr. Jean Peng

Student MSD Research Projects (2017)

- Dr. Mick Buda: *“Accuracy of 3D printed single tooth implant master cast.”* (Mentors: Drs. John Sorensen, James Brudvik, Van Ramos and Hai Zhang)
- Dr. Tina Angelara: *“Comparison of strength of CAD/CAM and conventionally processed PMMA materials for full arch implant fixed provisional prostheses.”* (Mentors: Drs. John Sorensen, James Brudvik and Hai Zhang)
- Dr. Josh Manchester: *“Fracture Resistance of Cingulum Rest Seats in CAD/CAM Crowns for Removable Partial Denture Abutments.”* (Mentors: Drs. Albert Chung, James Brudvik and Yen-Wei Chen)



Dr. Armand Putra and Dr. Manuel Bratos were honored for their 2nd and 3rd place of 2016 Tylman Research Award at 2017 AAFP in Chicago, IL.

Graduation Reception for Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 had a Graduation Ceremony on June 6th, 2017 at the UW Water Activities Center. Dr. Tina Angelara earned her DDS at the National Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece). Dr. Angelara is now doing a fellowship program in Baltimore. Dr. Mick Buda earned his DDS at the Università di Trieste (Italy). Dr. Buda is in practicing back home in Italy. Dr. Josh Manchester earned his DDS at the University of Washington. Dr. Manchester's career plan is to join a private prosthodontic practice in Olympia, WA. This year's graduation ceremony was sponsored by the University of Washington Graduate Prosthodontics Alumni Association (UWGPA).



From left to right: Drs. Van Ramos, Mick Buda, Tina Angelara, Josh Manchester, John Townsend and Hai Zhang



Current Students

3rd Year Students

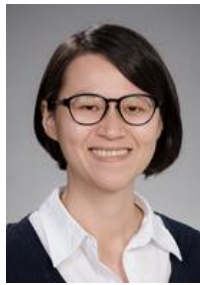
Dr. Armand Bedrossian earned his DDS at the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry (CA)

Dr. Jean Peng earned her DDS at Chung Shan Medical University (Taiwan)

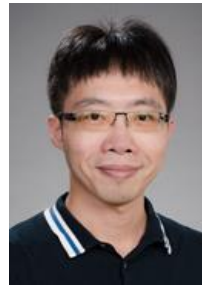
Dr. Min Jui Su earned his DDS at Taipei Medical University (Taiwan)



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2nd Year Students

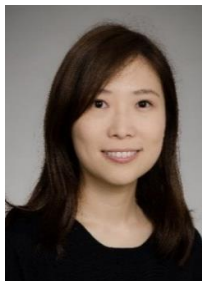
Dr. Dana Buglione earned his DMD from the University of Connecticut

Dr. Bree Hsu earned her DDS and MSD from Kaohsiung Medical University (Taiwan)

Dr. Jack Keesler earned his DDS from Marquette University (WI)



Dana



Bree



Jack

1st Year Students

Dr. Shervin Hashemzadeh earned his DDS from Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences (Iran)

Dr. Unnur Jensen earned her DDS from the University of Iceland

Dr. Pakwan Varapongsittikul earned her DDS from Srinakharinwirot University (Thailand)



Shervin



Unnur



Pakwan

Wands Fellows in Prosthodontics Named for 2017-18 and 2018-19

The David H. Wands Fellowship in Graduate Prosthodontics was awarded for both 2017-18 and 2018-2019.

Dr. Jack Keesler and Dr. Dana Buglione, now second-year residents in our Graduate Prosthodontics program, are the fellowship recipients, Dr. Keesler for 2017-18 and Dr. Buglione for 2018-19.

The unusual award of fellowships for two years was prompted by the high quality of the candidates, said Dr. Van Ramos, Associate Professor of Restorative Dentistry and director of the Graduate Prosthodontics program.

“In the past, we have had many exceptional winners of the Wands fellowship, but this year we’re extremely fortunate to have two outstanding and deserving individuals,” he said.

Dr. Keesler and Dr. Buglione will be the 15th and 16th recipients of the \$10,000 fellowship, which was established by Dr. Wands, a longtime member of our Graduate Prosthodontics faculty who is now retired. He created the fellowship endowment to support and inspire recipients to pursue an academic career, either full or part time, in prosthodontics education.

Dr. Keesler, a native of Wisconsin, earned his DDS from Marquette University in Milwaukee in 2016 after receiving his BS in biological science there in 2012. He said that he decided on prosthodontics in part because of discussions with his uncle, a prosthodontist for whom he worked during high school.

“I thought this was the thing for me,” he said. “Prosthodontics is the most artistic specialty.” Dr. Keesler is also a painter who works in oils and watercolors and has had his work shown at a museum back home in Neenah, Wis. “I was drawn to the UW Graduate Prosthodontics program because of my mentor at Marquette, Dr. Michael Waliszewski, who taught our denture course,” he said. Dr. Waliszewski, who received his prosthodontics certification from the UW in 2005, became the first Wands Fellow there in 2003. The fellowship was initially established at the University of Maryland in 1994.

“Also, the wonderful reputation of the program and the numerous skilled practitioners who have graduated from here were a big draw,” Dr. Keesler added.

Dr. Keesler said he has not yet made firm post-residency plans, but knows that he would like to teach at least part-time at Marquette or another dental school.

Dr. Buglione, who originally hails from upstate New York, received his BA in fine arts in 2008 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and earned his DMD in 2016 at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

He served in the Teach For America Corps from 2008 to 2010 and was a sixth-grade teacher in Hartford, Conn., from 2008 to 2012.

Even though he had several family members in dentistry – including his father, grandfather, and uncle – he had not planned to enter the field. As a teacher, he said, “I found that I really enjoyed interacting with families and kids and building relationships.”

However, he said, he missed the hands-on work he enjoyed as an artist, and ultimately decided that dentistry and prosthodontics would be his calling.

“For prosthodontics in particular, you really get to build a relationship with a patient,” he said. “I really find it satisfying to put people back together, not just physically but emotionally.”

The specialty also appealed to his artistic side. “When you replace teeth, you’re essentially designing a face,” he said.

He was attracted to UW Graduate Prosthodontics by the program’s strong focus on treatment planning, he said.

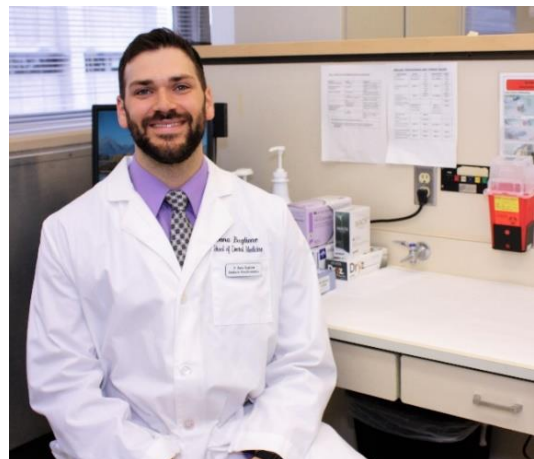
“Dental schools do a good job of training general dentists, but it’s often treating teeth in isolation. What I hope to get out of dental school is to look at a patient and say, ‘Here’s what’s going on’ – look at the patient comprehensively, and not just tooth by tooth.”

“Teaching is definitely part of my plan” after residency, he said, although he is still considering what form that may take. He might practice for several years to gain experience and then pursue full-time teaching, he said.

Dr. Wands, a Department of Prosthodontics faculty member for 22 years, originally established the fellowship at the University of Maryland in 1994 in recognition of the shortage of dental school educators and to offer financial assistance to those interested in academic dentistry. In 1998, he launched a similar fellowship at the UW with a \$500,000 commitment. In 1967, Dr. Wands graduated with honors from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland, and afterward served for seven years with the U.S. Public Health Service. He then returned to the University of Washington as a half-time faculty member and taught both undergraduate and graduate Prosthodontics, achieving the rank of Clinical Professor.



Dr. Jack Keesler



Dr. Dana Buglione

(Courtesy of Steve Steinberg, Director of Communications, UW School of Dentistry)

Chicago AAFP Alumni Gathering

Chicago AAFP get-together dinners with alumni: many thanks to Dr. Bob Simon and other alumni who provided financial support to cover students' dinner cost. Dr. Ramos updated alumni regarding the changes of the program and residents.



Grad Pros Participation in Academy of Prosthodontics Outreach Program

This marked the 10th year of participation in the Academy of Prosthodontics Outreach Program, which was conducted at the Shoshone Native American Health Center for the first time. Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein, Professor and Director of the UW Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service, again participated and brought with him one entering third-year Grad Pros Student for each of these ten programs. Dr. Armand Bedrossian was this year's prosthodontic graduate student participating in this program. Along with Dr. Rubenstein, this year's team included Dr. Ken May, Associate Professor, University of Michigan School of Dentistry and Fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics as team leader; Dr. Keith Ferro, Immediate Past Grad Pros Director at Harvard School of Dental Medicine part-time faculty at Boston University School of Dentistry, Fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics and Chair of the Glossary of Prosthodontic terms overseeing the recent release of GPT 9; and Calvin Cowan, UW Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service and Grad Pros laboratory technologist CDT.

Thirty-four arches of complete denture treatment were provided from June 11 and to completion of treatment on June 16th. Most of the treatments provided were either single arch maxillary or maxillary and mandibular complete dentures, as well as several repairs and relines.

As previously noted, Dr. Armand Bedrossian joins the elite corps of former Grad Pros student participants including Dr. Madelyn Fletcher (2008), Dr. Sharareh Tajbakhsh (2009), Dr. Ping Ma Bergin (2010), Dr. Matt Anderson (2011), Dr. Tijana Stijacic (2012), Dr. Jenovie Hsia (2013), Dr. Ioannis Bitsis (2014), Dr. Manuel Bratos (2015), and Dr. Tina Angelara (2016).



From left to right, Dr. Ken May, Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein, Dr. Keith Ferro, Dr. Armand Bedrossian, Calvin Cowan CDT, Shoshone staff member Veronica Jenkins CDA, at the Chief Washakie Statue in front the Shoshone Reservation Offices



Some of the cases boiled out and ready for packing and processing



Drs. Rubenstein (left) and Bedrossian (right) with one of the patients after treatment was completed.

(Courtesy of Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein)

Alumni Survey

(If you have done this last year, thank you and no need to do it again.)

Dear Alumni,

In order to improve communication with you, please spend a few minutes filling out this short alumnus information form and return to us by email, fax or mail at:

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Of course, all information is optional.

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Private practice (please circle)	Yes or No	Full-time or part-time	
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Any suggestions you may have for program director, faculty or students			

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