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## RAISING THE FUTURE FOR CDM

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*"To maintain a superior level of productivity and progress, private education will always need to attract philanthropic support in addition to its basic channels of financial revenue."*

• Ira B. Lamster, Dean

One year ago, the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine launched its multimillion dollar Capital Campaign. CDM set an ambitious fundraising goal to ensure its continuity as one of the nation's topmost institutions in dental education at a time characterized by major transformations in the field. New financial and sociological demands, an increasingly global student body, and the constant development of new branches of biological and chemical science are some of the most significant factors encouraging dental schools to revise their curricula and teaching methodologies. CDM also plans to make such changes, and the Capital Campaign will help to finance these innovations.

The College is seeking to raise \$15 million of the Campaign goal in outright gifts and pledges. Two and a half million dollars will help fund the renovation of VC7 and VC12, the campus clinic facilities; \$4 million will endow stu-

dent support and faculty development; \$3.5 million will fund research endeavors; \$2.5 million is for emerging priorities, including patient care; and \$2.5 million will be for unrestricted needs. Well along in their task, Dean Ira Lamster, Campaign Chair Dr. Thomas Connolly, and CDM Director of Development Nancy Mathiasen can call their effort to raise essential new resources for the College a success in progress. The undertaking has generated more than 66 percent of the outright gifts and pledges portion of the campaign. Commitments for planned gifts will now become a major focus of the Campaign. Speaking of the significant response CDM has received, Dean Lamster is pleased to note that it has come not only from "our most loyal

colleagues of many years," but from a "growing and enthusiastic group of new supporters," an ever-widening circle of alumni, faculty, and friends who now support the College's goals.

Dr. Connolly, who sees himself as "the face of the Campaign," leads a dedicated steering committee of men and women, all deeply aware of the indispensable part philanthropy has played in CDM's successful history. Dr. Connolly believes most CDM alumni will say "giving back" is the major reason they make gifts to their alma mater. They emphasize the benefits of a fine education, personal aid (financial or otherwise), the opportunity to know the most informed and successful men and women in their profession, and

*Dean Ira Lamster, Dr. Thomas Connolly, and Nancy Mathiasen*



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time shared with classmates. Each is a debt to be repaid so that other generations will own an experience of equal quality. The sincerity of this obligation is made clear by the recent rise in CDM alumni reunion giving. In just one year – from 2007 to 2008 – both the number of donors and the size of their gifts doubled.

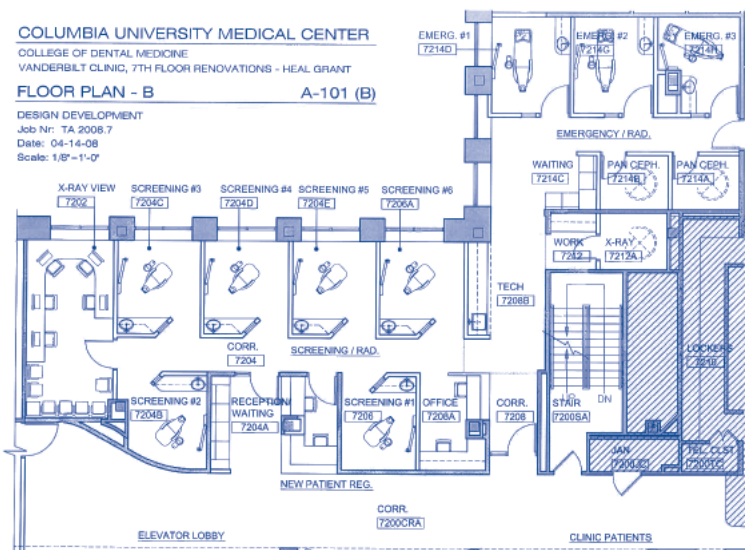
Dr. Connolly's own experience as a young dental student struggling to support a family is a case in point. When he contemplated giving up his education for lack of funds, the school came to his rescue and made sure that he could continue on to his chosen career. This personal story helps him to represent all CDM graduates who have gained their education and training with support from others, when he explains the importance of need and merit-based scholarships to individuals, foundations, and the corporate world.

Scholarships are not the only focus of the College's Capital Campaign. Endowed professorships, like the newly established Leuman M. Waugh Professorship in Clinical Orthodontics at CDM, bring both additional funds and increased stature to the individual Divisions of the College. Dr. Thomas Cangialosi, chairman of the Section of Growth and Development and director of the Division of Orthodontics, was recently appointed as the first faculty member to hold the Waugh Professorship. Honored by his appointment, Dr. Cangialosi is especially delighted that the endowment for this chair makes other resources available to provide advanced technology in diagnosis and treatment

planning for his faculty and students. It is also a potential conduit to seed funding for the Division's growing number of important research projects. In addition, like all endowed professorships, the Waugh chair will help in attracting high-ranking academics to fill senior faculty positions as they become open.

Other divisions have also benefited from the growing support promoted by the Capital Campaign. Dr. Burton Edelstein, chairman of the Section of Social and Behavioral Sciences, has realized many progressive initiatives with a wide variety of outside funding from both public and private sources. One such project, a 10-year retrospective study on the State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP), had an immediate impact on both federal and state government policy in support of improved oral health. In a second project, Dr. Edelstein and his colleague Dr. Courtney Chinn put a federal grant from the Maternal and Child Health (HRSA) bureau to use with a new pediatric leadership training program encouraging pediatric dentists to consider additional training in alternative careers. The program's objective is to bring awareness to the needs of the whole child.

Faculty members like Dr. Cangialosi and Dr. Edelstein provide the fuel that moves the Campaign forward. Their achievements encourage the support that has brought CDM to its current state of success. The continued aid of alumni and friends will be integral to the future of the College of Dental Medicine.



*The New York State Department of Health has awarded the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine a grant of \$2.8 million for the renovation of its triage and emergency room area in The Vanderbilt Clinics for dental care. Known as a HEAL grant, the money is awarded to institutions providing health care services in New York State communities.*

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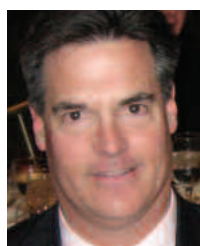
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# THOMAS MAGNANI and RENEE LITVAK chosen as 1852 SOCIETY LEADERS

Installed on October 21, 2008, as the new president of the 1852 Society, Columbia College of Dental Medicine's top-tier donor group, Dr. Thomas Magnani '80, declares, "I'm going to be available 24/7!" The 1852 Society, an honorary recognition group composed of the College's most loyal and generous donors, comprises alumni and friends who make a minimum gift to CDM of \$2,000 annually. Now more than a quarter of a century old, the Society has built a tradition of leadership and commitment that upholds the excellence characterizing the College in every aspect of its mission. Society members receive recognition from the Dean and invitations to special events and lectures given by the College of Dental Medicine and the Columbia University Medical Center.



Dr. Magnani plans to work with Society members to raise new investments from alumni and friends that will provide continuity for progressive excellence in CDM's future. An enthusiastic member of CDM's admissions committee, which he finds "immensely worthwhile ... [it's] the heart-beat of CDM," Dr. Magnani says the committee not only has the opportunity to choose those who will be great dentists, but those who will be great dentists from Columbia! "There is no better place to have gotten a dental education," he adds, "and no better place to tell your patients that's where you got your degree!" He cites his own gratitude for the teaching of Drs. Jacob Abelson, Edward Cain, John Lucca, George Minervini, and Edward Zegarelli, and for his ongoing association with his former teachers: Dr. Thomas Wilson, Dr. Albert Kurpis, with whom he has practiced, and "my idol," Dr. Dennis Morea.



Dr. Renee Litvak '02, Endo '04, the 1852 Society's new vice president, has big plans as well. At the top of her list is reaching out to CDM's recent alums to raise awareness of the crucial role they have in the College's future. Just as CDM was the major force in shaping their

careers with "the best education possible," she says, "alumni support today will shape the College's ability to provide new generations with the same excellence." Dr. Litvak will take the first step on her mission when she sends out invitations to an eagerly anticipated cocktail party, specifically for young alumni. The event is designed to draw the broadest possible crowd of CDM's young dentists to Manhattan. It will, she says, be a chance to renew old friendships, create new contacts, and share Columbia memories. It will also be a great opportunity to learn about the advantages and benefits of joining the 1852 Society's Young Alumni group, and to become more familiar with how this society impacts the Columbia dental community.

## THE 1852 SOCIETY Columbia University College of Dental Medicine

### ANNUAL GIVING LEVELS

#### *The Joseph Schroff Circle \$2,000-\$2,999*

The Dental School of Columbia University officially opened on September 27, 1916 with two students. One of the two, Joseph Schroff, earned an MD in 1920 and completed the course of study to become the first recipient of a Columbia DDS in 1922.

#### *The Percy T. Phillips Circle \$3,000-\$4,999*

Dr. Percy T. Phillips, Class of 1919, made invaluable contributions to dentistry during the sixty years of his active professional life. Tributes to his outstanding accomplishments include the Distinguished Service Award of the American Dental Association and the first Honorary Doctor of Science degree from Columbia University.

#### *The Henry Gillett Circle \$5,000-\$9,999*

Dr. Gillett was the first member of the Faculty of the School of Dental and Oral Surgery. He continued as a Professor of Operative Dentistry until 1943.

#### *The William Bailey Dunning Circle \$10,000-\$24,999*

Dr. Dunning, along with his brother, the oral surgeon Henry S. Dunning, was a member of the committee appointed by President Nicholas Murray Butler in 1916 to study the idea of founding a Columbia Dental School. Dr. Dunning formulated much of the new dental school's curriculum and he served on the faculty as Professor of Dentistry from 1917 until his retirement in 1946.

#### *The Frank Van Woert Circle \$25,000 or more*

Dr. Van Woert was the Chairman of the new Dental School's Administrative Board and from 1923-1926 served as first Director, in reality the first Dean. Dr. Frank Van Woert pioneered the use of Kodak film instead of glass imaging plates to capture images. This improved patient comfort and reduced exposure time for dentists.

#### *The Young Alumni Circle*

\$250 0-5 years from graduation

\$1000 6-10 years from graduation

### LIFETIME GIVING

#### *James Jarvie Circle \$100,000 or more*

James Jarvie's (brother of William Jarvie) pledge of \$100,000 in 1916 is popularly thought to have been the first gift to the new dental school, encouraging then President of Columbia University, Nicholas Murray Butler, to accept its charter. Donors at the James Jarvie level ensure the future of CDM in the forefront of dental education.

# DUNNING FAMILY LEGACY to CDM

## lives on with estate gift

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*Dr. Henry Sage Dunning* For more than 90 years, Columbia University has been indebted to the vision and energetic advocacy of the Dunning brothers, founding members of the committee whose work inaugurated the institution that became today's College of Dental Medicine. Henry Sage Dunning and William Bailey Dunning, both prominent dentists in New York, joined the faculty of the new dental school. William Dunning formulated much of its curriculum and was Professor of Dentistry there from 1917 until his retirement in 1946. For many years, a medal in his name, recognizing student achievement, was presented at graduation, and an annual symposium on community health issues commemorated Dr. Dunning's contributions to the school.

Dr. Henry Dunning first practiced general dentistry, then decided to pursue a career in maxillofacial surgery. He earned his medical degree from the College of Physicians & Surgeons in 1911, taught at New York College of Dentistry, held appointments at the Manhattan Eye and Ear Infirmary and at Presbyterian Hospital, and served aboard the Presbyterian

Hospital ship in World War I. He became the first Professor and Chairman of Oral Surgery at Columbia's dental school, a position he held until retiring in 1945. Dr. Dunning was one of three founders of the American Association of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. His service and memory are honored at CDM with the Henry Sage Dunning Award, initiated in 1997, and given annually to a faculty member chosen by Columbia's Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residents in recognition of the recipient's significant contributions to their program.

Now, CDM is once again the beneficiary of the Dunning family's generosity. Henry Sage Dunning's son, George Henry Dunning, who died at the age of 87 in July 2008, has made the College a residual legatee of his estate. Unlike his father, his uncle, and his cousin, former Harvard dental school dean James M. Dunning, George Dunning did not choose a life in dentistry. A graduate of Cornell University and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Mr. Dunning spent much of his life as chief engineer on oceangoing ships, sailing to all parts of the globe. He also devoted his time to working with the Grenfell Mission, helping to supply the poor with food, clothing, and medical care in Newfoundland and Labrador for many years.

## SAMUEL PRITZ '33

### makes bequest of \$1 million to CDM

Dr. Samuel Pritz '33 and his wife, Florence, who both passed away in June 2008, were CDM'S longest-standing friends. Dr. Pritz, who turned 101 just two weeks before his death, had given up teaching only the year before. He was devoted to the College throughout his life, as student, teacher, clinician, scientist and administrator, a man described by Dean Lamster as "inspiring... wise... and kind... a role model." He was also the honorary chairman of the current capital campaign, and in 2006, the Pritzes made a pledge of \$1 million to the College. One of the largest individual gifts ever promised to the College of Dental Medicine, it is a reflection of Sam Pritz's generous life, so much of which was dedicated to CDM.



*Florence and Sam Pritz*

# MOSS FUND to support dental students who will enter ACADEMIC CAREERS



*CDM Deans Mel Moss and Letty Moss-Salentijn*

Following the death of former CDM dean Dr. Melvin Moss in 2007, friends, faculty, and students decided to honor his memory by increasing the assets of an existing student research fund bearing his name. Dr. Moss, professor emeritus of anatomy and oral biology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and professor emeritus of dentistry at CDM, and his wife, CDM Senior Associate Dean Letty Moss-Salentijn, had previously dedicated the relatively modest fund to providing a summer of research in Amsterdam for a Columbia University dental school student.

As the Moss Fund increased through additional gifts, Dean Moss-Salentijn

decided that it would be appropriate to rethink its purpose. Because she and her husband were both strongly tied to university roles and had both received financial assistance from outside sources (the GI bill and the Dutch government respectively) to pursue their careers in academia, Dean Moss-Salentijn wanted to dedicate the Moss Fund to supporting CDM dental students who choose to become academics. She explained her decision saying, "I know that those who decide to devote their lives to research and teaching have a more difficult road ahead than those who enter clinical practice, and they need the generosity of private funding to support their education and early years in academia."

The two deans, both anatomists, well-known internationally for studies on craniofacial growth and development, devoted their teaching and research careers to Columbia. Dean Melvin Moss was a faculty member for 52 years, and Dean Letty Moss-Salentijn, who is rounding out her 40th year there, says, "We will probably have a century between us one day."

Not long after assigning the Melvin Moss Fund to a cause that will perpetuate the excellence in education and research for which he is so well remembered, Dean Moss-Salentijn announced that she has made CDM the sole beneficiary of her estate. Columbia, she says, was for her and her husband, "the heart" of their life.

## IRA LAW EXTENDS IMPORTANT TAX ADVANTAGES FOR DONORS AGE 70 ½ OR OLDER

Thanks to the bailout enacted this past fall donors may once again make gifts from their IRAs without paying taxes on the withdrawal.

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, the main feature of which is the bailout package, reinstates the IRA Rollover portion of the expired Pension Protection Act of 2006. The Rollover provides that a person who is at least 70 ½ years old can gift as much as \$100,000 per year to CDM directly from his or her IRA without the distribution being included in federal taxable income.

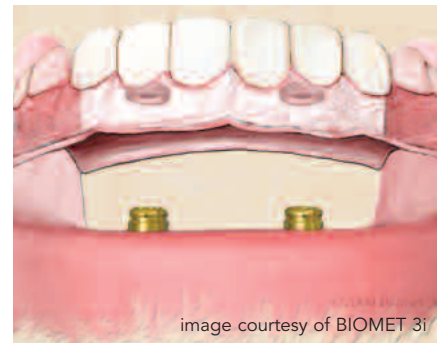
If you would like more information please contact Nancy Mathiasen, CDM's Director of Development: (212) 342-5612 or: [nm2310@columbia.edu](mailto:nm2310@columbia.edu).

## college gains wide support with a TRIO OF GIFTS FROM BIOMET 3i

CDM's acknowledged prestige as a leader in the development of dental medicine draws admiration and support from many sources. Industry, which often turns for consultation to colleagues who have the superior education and training available only from a school of CDM's caliber, understands the wisdom of investing in plans that will continue to enhance those qualities. Such insight has motivated BIOMET 3i, a world leader in the development and sale of innovative dental implant products, to make three agreements of support to the College during the current Capital Campaign. The first, for \$250,000, will come to CDM over

the next five years, with no restrictions on its use. The second is to benefit patients in the Columbia ElderSmile program who have significant tooth loss. Over the next three years, BIOMET 3i will contribute financial backing of approximately \$75,000, underwriting a pilot program for edentulous patients to receive two-implant overdentures. A growing standard of treatment, the implant and overdenture system offers these senior patients the ability to chew again, thereby avoiding the common, and sometimes fatal, problem of malnutrition. The third agreement provides help of about \$60,000 during the current academic

year in the form of product and instrumentation for predoctoral education and training in the most advanced methods of implant placement. Currently, implant placement instruction is often available only in postdoctoral programs.



## CHANG scholarship established with golf tournament income

The Columbia University College of Dental Medicine recently announced the establishment of the Henry Chang Jr. '74 Memorial Scholarship Fund, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Penelope Chang '96, Dr. Henry Chang's daughter, and many friends, colleagues, and family members. The endowed fund, which supports an annual award to a CDM predoctoral student who has demonstrated clinical excellence, was established with proceeds from the annual Henry Chang Memorial Golf Outing. The event was initiated in 2002 by Penny Chang in memory of her father, a dedicated alumnus and volunteer faculty member at CDM and an avid golfer. Many participants not only honored Henry Chang as an educator and clinician while enjoying his favorite pastime, they also contributed gifts to support current and future generations of Columbia dental students.

## drive seeks gifts from CDM 50th & 25th reunion classes

Dr. Roy Boelstler '59 and Dr. Gregg Lituchy '84 have stepped into the lead to raise major funds from their classes in honor of their reunions next year. Dr. Boelstler will work with his class to provide a generous commemoration of its 50th reunion. Dr. Lituchy, a member of the 25th reunion class, will rally his classmates to reach for the heights of their own ability to give. Class Reunion Day will be held on May 8, 2009.

Dr. Boelstler carries memories of "wonderful years, an experience of integrity and joy, working with a professional staff beyond compare." He especially remembers Dr. Edward Cain, "a remarkable man... a superb teacher and mentor," with whom he taught Operative Dentistry on a half-time basis for more than twenty years. Drawn to dentistry's combination of art and science, Dr. Boelstler – model maker, gardener, pianist, and cook – has always "loved the art part." He will use



## CDM PERIO & OMFS alumni meet to celebrate in Seattle



*Dr. Roy Boelster '59*

this broad-ranging enthusiasm and energy to build a Class of '59 reunion gift reflecting the success he and his classmates have enjoyed since completing their Columbia education. Confident about their response, Dr. Boelster says his classmates have "one of the best records" for staying in touch and sharing happy memories. He is looking forward to collaborating with them on this major drive to support CDM.



*Dr. Greg Lituchy '84*

Although Dr. Lituchy admits losing his sense of connection to Columbia after graduation, he has recently felt "blessed" in his career as one of New York's preeminent cosmetic dentists, and is aware of how much he owes to his Columbia education. "I've been given the opportunity to change peoples' lives, help them become more confident...because I attended an institution of such high quality and received help from so many great people on the faculty – Daniel Budasoff, Marty Davis, Letty Moss, Lois Jackson, and others. I'm going to make sure my classmates remember their student days, too. They got tuition help with grants and loans, worked with terrific teachers – in brand new clinics. The great life they share with their families is the result. I want them to realize that it's time for them to help the next generation at CDM enjoy the very same advantages."

Much of Dr. Lituchy's enthusiasm for supporting the College, he says, is based on his admiration for Dean Lamster, "an amazing leader ... CDM is fortunate to have at the helm."

The Periodontal Alumni Association and the Division of Periodontics were co-hosts to more than 30 alumni, faculty, and residents on September 8 for the CDM reception during the American Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Seattle. Perio Alumni President Janet Stoupel, Perio '91, greeted the assembled guests and led a toast of congratulations to Susan Karabin '81, Perio '85, for her term as president of the Academy during 2008. Dr. Karabin was also honored by Dean Lamster and other CDM colleagues and alumni on September 7 at the AAP President's Gala, a festive evening of dinner and dancing.



On September 18th, Sidney Eisig (*left*), Director, Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, invited CDM alumni, faculty and residents attending the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons 90th Annual Meeting, also held at the Sheraton Seattle, to be his guests for cocktails. Following the reception, a dinner arranged by alumni representative Chris Bonacci '92, MD '95 (*right*), was held at the Chef's Table of Crush, one of Seattle's most popular new restaurants.

### campaign to fund OMFS RENOVATIONS

Chris Bonacci '92, MD '95, OMFS '98, is a self-styled "de facto cheerleader," at least for the duration of CDM's current capital campaign. Dr. Bonacci, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon practicing in the Washington DC suburb of Vienna, Virginia, will be talking with his fellow Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery alumni to raise \$1 million for a much-needed renovation of the Division's Clinic. Dr. Bonacci says his willingness to assume this leadership role is based in part on the success he has gained in his career, practicing the kind of medicine he chose and prepared for with the help of a Columbia education.



## LESLIE SELDIN '66 chosen to receive ADA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



**DR. LESLIE SELDIN '66**, associate clinical professor at CDM, where he chairs the Dean's Advisory Council, received the American Dental Association's (ADA) highest honor on October 17 at its 149th Annual Session in San Antonio. A graduate of Cornell University, who

earned his DDS from Columbia, Dr. Seldin declared the award was "... absolutely unexpected ... a great honor."

This lifetime of service to his profession began when Dr. Seldin entered practice with his father, himself an avid worker in organized dentistry, who announced that the first thing his son should do was "get on a committee!" Following his father's advice led him to the office of president of the First District Dental Society, then to the presidency of the New York State Dental Association. He served as the ADA's 1st Vice-President, chairman of its Council on Insurance, and now Vice-Chair of "Our Legacy, Our Future," its national campaign to support dental

education. Dr. Seldin continues to serve as an ADA media spokesman, and is past associate editor of *The Journal of the American Dental Association*. In 2001, he chaired its three-year landmark project reporting on the "Future of Dentistry." It was, he says, "... probably the most exciting thing I've done in dentistry." He has lectured widely and published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals in the area of the legal, moral, and ethical aspects of dental practice.

Congratulations to Dr. Seldin for this much deserved honor from his colleagues and students at the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine.



On October 27 and 28, CDM and the New York State Dental Association cosponsored the 28th Annual **Percy T. Phillips Visiting Professorship Program**. Guest lecturer Dr. Michael Glick (far left), editor of JADA and Associate Dean for Oral-Medical Sciences, Arizona School of Osteopathic Medicine, spoke on "The Role of the Dentist in Overall Health and Well-Being." The following day, Derek Park '09 (second from left) and Philip Mann '09 (second from right), selected by committee as Percy T. Phillips Scholars, presented papers based on Dr. Glick's topic, and received awards of \$1500 each. They are seen here with Associate Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs Martin Davis.

# FACULTY report...

## ADULT DENTISTRY

### FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Nurit Bittner joined the College of Dental Medicine July 1, 2008, as assistant professor of clinical dental medicine in the Division of Prosthodontics, to teach third-year dental students and postdoctoral residents in prosthodontics. Dr. Bittner received her DDS in 2003 from the Universidad Central de Venezuela in Caracas, and held professional internships and general practice dentistry appointments there before entering the CDM master's program in prosthodontics in 2005. She recently earned a research grant from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics and won first prize for a poster presentation at the 2007 fall meeting of the American College of Prosthodontics, Northeast Section.

### HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Roseanna Graham '05, assistant professor of clinical dental medicine, Division of Operative Dentistry, has received a Columbia University Professional Schools Diversity Research Fellowship, an award to promote the careers of diverse junior faculty.

### PUBLICATIONS

"Osseointegrated implants and auricular defects," by Dr. Candice Zemnick '05, Prosth '06, assistant professor of clinical dental medicine, Division of Prosthodontics, appeared in the *Journal of Prosthodontics*, June 2008.

Dr. Kunal Lal '04, Prosth '02, assistant professor of clinical dental medicine, Division of Prosthodontics, has had two articles published in the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*, September 2008: "Complete arch implant rehabilitation using subtractive rapid prototyping and porcelain fused to zirconia prosthesis: A clinical report," and "Flapless implant placement: A technique to eliminate the need for a removable interim prosthesis."

## GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

### FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Zehra Pradham, who received her DDS from SUNY Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine in 2004 and earned an MS and a certificate in orthodontics from the University of Connecticut in 2007, has joined the faculty as assistant clinical professor of dental medicine, Division of Orthodontics. Dr. Pradham received the Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit in recognition of her research studies from the American Association of Orthodontists at its 108th Annual Session in Denver, May 2008.

## HOSPITAL DENTISTRY

### ACTIVITIES

In June 2008, Dr. Sidney Eisig, chair, Section of Hospital Dentistry and director, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS), accompanied by Dr. Angelo Ostuni '02, MD '06, OMFS '08, assistant clinical professor of dental medicine, Division of OMFS, joined Healing the Children, in Neiva,

Colombia on its 15th visit to this location. The team operated on 196 children for cleft lip and palate, microtia, bums, and orthopedic deformities.

### MEMBERSHIPS

Dr. Eisig has been named to the Special Committee on Outcomes Assessment for the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and also serves on the Association's Special Committee for Cleft/Craniofacial and Pediatric Surgery.

Dr. Regina Landesberg, associate professor of clinical dental medicine, Division of Oral Surgery, is a member of the Bisphosphonate Task Force for the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Bisphosphonates, used to treat osteoporosis, multiple myeloma, and metastatic breast and prostate cancer, have been implicated in rare occurrences of the development of osteonecrosis of the jaw bones.

### FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Elizabeth Philipone DMD joined the Division of Oral Pathology in July 2008 as assistant professor of clinical dental medicine. A 2004 graduate of UMDNJ, Dr. Philipone, who was Chief Resident in oral and maxillofacial pathology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Dr. Philipone's responsibilities for the Division include instruction, supervision of residents, and participation in the oral pathology faculty practice.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Srikala Raghavan, PhD, assistant professor of Epithelial Cell Biology (in Dentistry and in Dermatology), has received an NIH RO3 grant of \$50,000 annually for three years to study the role of beta1 containing integrins in cutaneous basement membrane organization.

#### PUBLICATIONS

"Hand Hygiene among General Practice Dentists: A Survey of Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices," appeared in the July 2008 *Journal of the American Dental Association*. The study, carried out by a group led by Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs Ronnie Myers, included researchers from the School of Nursing and the Mailman School of Public Health, as well as the dental college. Their work showed that only 22 percent of GPDs surveyed "often, or almost always, washed with soap and disinfected with alcohol-based hand sanitizers" at the beginning of the practice day.

#### ORAL AND DIAGNOSTIC SCIENCES

##### PRESENTATIONS

Dr. John Grbic, professor of dental medicine, Division of Oral Biology, traveled during August 2008 to participate in symposia held in Helsinki and Berlin, and in Zurich and Morges, Switzerland. Dr. Grbic presented lectures to health care professionals, dentists, and physicians on osteonecrosis of the jaw and the use of bisphosphonates.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Evanthia Lalla, associate professor of dental medicine, Division of Periodontics, has been named to the editorial board of the *Journal for Clinical Periodontology*.

#### SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

##### PRESENTATIONS

On July 30, 2008, the New York State Department of Health sponsored the presentation of an Oral Health Policy Intensive Workshop for Dental Public Health Residents from New York State, Michigan, and Iowa, organized by Dr. Courtney Chinn, assistant professor of dental medicine, Division of Community Health, and Dr. Burton Edelstein, chair, Section of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Presentations were made by Dr. Edelstein, Maryland State Senator Brian Frosh, and Children's Dental Health Project staff members Meg Booth and Marcy Frosh.

Dr. Edelstein also spoke in July at a Congressional briefing on pediatric oral disease trends, consequences, and opportunities for policy intervention. The event, "Dental Health: Nurturing the Health Care System's Neglected Stepchild," was hosted by the Alliance for Healthcare Reform and the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid. Dr. Edelstein's presentation, "Federal pediatric oral health policy," was given before a capacity audience of 200 attendees from congressional and federal staff, the press, policy institutes, lobbying groups,

think tanks, corporations, and advocacy groups. In August, Dr. Edelstein was seen on the Bloomberg TV Network discussing the value of dental insurance as a means of ensuring regular oral health care.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Carol Kunzel, associate professor of dental medicine (Community Health), Section of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Evanthia Lalla, associate professor of dental medicine, Division of Periodontics, Section of Oral and Diagnostic Sciences, and Dean Ira Lamster recently collaborated with New Zealand scientist W. Murray Thomson and others on an article concerning the management by general dentists of patients with diabetes in New Zealand. It appears in the *Journal of Periodontology* for August 2008. The New Zealand information, gathered with the instrument previously designed and used for a similar CDM study by the Columbia authors, concluded that "Given the increasing numbers of patients with diabetes (known and unknown), there is a need for NZ and US dentists to be more involved in their active management."

## IN MEMORIAM

*Dr. Paul Goldhaber Perio '54, Dean Emeritus of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, died July 15, 2008, after a long career as a noted scientist in bone biology, and as an academic whose influence changed the shape of dental education. The College plans to commemorate his life and achievements at an event in 2009.*

*Dr. Malcolm E. Meistrell, Jr., who taught and inspired two generations of orthodontists passed away on October 14, 2008, from complications of heart disease. He was a faculty member at Columbia for 35 years and responsible for much of the didactic and clinical teaching in the postdoctoral program. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and all those who have had the privilege of learning from him.*

*Dr. Steven S. Scrivani '48, Special Lecturer in Dental Medicine and a member of the faculty of CDM for almost 60 years, passed away on November 5, 2008. He joined the faculty as an Assistant in Dentistry (1949) and rose to Professor of Clinical Dentistry in 1978, a rank he held until his retirement in 1992. He was a friend and mentor to generations of dental students at Columbia. Our condolences are extended to his son, Dr. Steven J. Scrivani, Jr. '81, and other members of his family.*

*Faculty and students were deeply saddened by the death, on September 14, 2008, of Dr. Michael Yuan, associate professor of clinical dental medicine, one of the most beloved teachers in both the medical and dental schools at Columbia. A full article on his life and career will appear in Primus 2009.*

*As noted in the summer issue of Primus Notes, Dr. Samuel Pritz '33 died on June 28, 2008. A commemoration has been scheduled for January 15, 2008, from 4 to 6 pm at CDM.*

## EVENTS & CE COURSES

Wednesday, December 3	Alumni Reception at Greater New York Dental Meeting. 6 to 8 pm, 14th Floor Sky Lobby, Marriott Marquis Hotel, W. 45th & Broadway.
Friday, December 12	Tobacco Cessation & Oral Health Effects of Tobacco Products. Speakers: Dr. Sidney Eisig, Dr. Lynn Tepper. 8 to 11 am, Columbia University Club, 15 W. 43rd St. 3 CE credits, \$145.
Friday, January 23	Infection Control for the Dental Office/CPR Recertification. Speakers: Dr. Ronnie Myers, Mike Caffrey, EMT. 9 am to 12 pm/1 to 4 pm, CUMC. 3 CE credits per session; \$145 per session, \$275 both sessions.
Friday, January 30	Alumni Luncheon at Boston Yankee Dental Congress. 12 to 1:30 pm, Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel.
Friday, February 27	Endodontics: Staying up to date. Speakers: Dr. George Huang, Dr. Kenneth Namerow, Dr. Mitchell Kellert. 9 am to 12 pm. CUMC. 3 credits, \$145.
Saturday, March 7	Patricia McLean Dental Hygiene Symposium Christine Hovliaras-Delozier, RDH, MBA, Dr. James B. Fine. 9 am to 3 pm. CUMC. 5 CE credits. \$ 90.
Wednesday, March 25	Frederick Birnberg Research Program Poster Presentations. 2 to 5 pm, CUMC.
Thursday, March 26	Frederick Birnberg Research Program Guest Lecture, Awards Ceremony and Luncheon. 12 to 2 pm, CUMC.
Sunday, April 5	CE course in conjunction with the New York State Dental Foundation: Women's Oral Health Care. 9 am to 4 pm, CUMC.
Saturday, April 18	Alumni Luncheon at DC Dental Society Nation's Capital Dental Meeting. Washington Convention Center, 12 to 1:30 pm, Washington, DC.
Thursday, April 30	Alumni Reception at American Association of Endodontists Annual Meeting. 6 to 8 pm, Orlando, Florida.
Thursday, May 7	Tenenbaum Lecture in Periodontics. Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Kornman, Lecturer, Harvard University. CUMC.
Friday, May 8	Class Reunion Day for classes ending in 4's & 9's. 12 to 6:30 pm, CUMC.
Wednesday, May 20	University Commencement 10 am.
Thursday, May 21	CDM Graduation 10 a.m. to 11:30 am Reception to follow.
Saturday, May 23	Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Reception, ACPD Annual Session. 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Honolulu, HI.
Friday, June 12	Postdoctoral Graduation. 10 am to 11:30 am Reception to follow.

For further information regarding these events and courses, please contact Melissa Welsh at 212-305-6881 or mmw7@columbia.edu.



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## LOIS JACKSON

**Q. DR. JACKSON, FROM THE TESTIMONIALS TO BE FOUND AT ONLINE PARENTING SITES, YOU MUST BE ONE OF NEW YORK'S MOST POPULAR PEDIATRIC DENTISTS. HOW DID YOU GET SO LUCKY?**

**A.** I was lucky from the beginning. First I thought I'd be a research scientist. In high school I spent a summer at the Eye Institute, of the then Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital, helping with an early study on the possibility of making contact lenses disposable. Later, at Barnard, I got an ADA Summer Research Fellowship to study *Actinomyces israelii*, a bacterium often found in the mouth. It was a great experience that led me right to what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.

**Q. YOU MUST HAVE WANTED TO MAINTAIN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH COLUMBIA WHEN YOU CHOSE CDM FOR DENTAL SCHOOL?**

**A.** I really did, and it gave me a wonderful professional foundation. Faculty mentors like Irwin Mandel and Martin Davis were exceptional teachers and had a major influence on my career.

**Q. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE A PEDIATRIC PRACTICE?**

**A.** To promote prevention of dental disease. With children as patients, I could start early to help them develop good oral hygiene skills and a positive attitude about going to the dentist that would last throughout their lives.

**Q. WHAT'S YOUR STRATEGY?**

**A.** I just love working with kids. I deal with them directly and honestly, explaining everything that's going to happen, and then empower them by offering some choices about when and how they will be treated.

**Q. YOU'VE STAYED CLOSE TO COLUMBIA, RECENTLY COMPLETING YOUR TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, BUT CONTINUING ON THE VOLUNTEER FACULTY AND THE DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. WHAT ELSE DO YOU FIND TIME FOR?**

**A.** Well, I'm on the Organization Committee of the Greater New York Dental Meeting, in charge of the seminar program this year, and I serve on quite a few other professional and community committees and boards.

**Q. PERHAPS SURPRISINGLY, ONE OF THOSE IS THE MUSEUM OF CHINESE IN AMERICA IN LOWER MANHATTAN. WHY DID YOU BECOME A BOARD MEMBER THERE?**

**A.** Because my patients include a number of children who were adopted from China. I want to be sure that their story is told through the museum's programs in a clear and compelling manner, and in a setting of which they can be proud.



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