ORTHODONTICS
COLLEGE
OF DENTISTRY

UIC

A Guide to the Department of Orthodontics

2021 Edition

changing the future
of oral health

1929

Department reorganized and established as one of the world's first graduate programs in orthodontics by Allan G. Brodie, Sr., 1929-1966

1937

Silas J. Kloehn, developer of headgear

1940

Milton B. Engle, faculty and contributor to developments in developing teeth, cells, and connective tissues

1942

Wendell Wylie, served as President of the ABO and Chief Editor of the Angle Orthodontist

1948

Samuel Pruzansky began the world's first craniofacial center

1952

Robert M. Ricketts, developer of the bioprogressive philosophy

1956

Luz C. Macapanpan, Eugene Coben, Jacob Subtelny – pioneers in the field

1913

Dental school becomes an official College of the University of Illinois

Dr. Fredrick Bogue Noyes, department head 1913-1929

1931

William B. Downs, first cephalometric analysis

1941

Earl Renfroe, notable alumni (see 1966)

1947

Robert Litowitz, notable alumni

1951

Benjamin H. Williams started the orthodontics graduate program at the Ohio State University

1953

Allan G. Brodie, Jr., faculty
Alexander Jacobson, cephalometrics expert and author

1957

Bernard Schneider, faculty
Andrew Haas, major contributor to rapid palatal expansion technique

1966

Earl W. Renfroe becomes the first African American to become head of the orthodontics department at UIC, 1966-1973

1974

Dr. John F. Cleall, department head 1974-94

1998

Creation of the Brodie Center for Craniofacial Genetics through the donation of Donald H. Brodie

Budi Kusnoto, interim department head 2017-2018, current program and clinic director

2007

Therese Galang-Boquiren, faculty, Predoctoral Orthodontics Director

2011

Phimon Atsawasuwan, faculty

2019

Maysaa Oubaidin, faculty

1959

Samuel Berkowitz, notable contributor to craniofacial anomalies
Robert Goshgarian, inventor
George Kotteman, notable alumni

1971

Zane F. Muhl, former Dean, Academic Affairs,
Cyril Sadowsky, former Clinic Director

1973

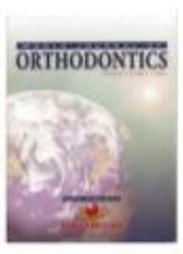
Hideo Mitani, interim department head, 1973-1974
Terry Pracht, Chairman-AAOIC

1994

Dr. Carla A. Evans, department head, 1994-2016

2000

T.M. Graber starts the World Journal of Orthodontics in the department



2009

Orthodontic clinic renovated and re-equipped through alumni generosity

2018

Veerasathpurush Allareddy, department head 2018-present

about

We offer cutting edge techniques in a comfortable environment as we train future orthodontists to deliver modern orthodontic care for children and adults.

mission

To deliver high quality orthodontic specialty care and education in a private practice setting.

vision

To deliver high quality orthodontic care through orthodontic residents under the tutelage of highly experienced professionals.

abo

A board-certified orthodontist is committed to the highest level of patient care including a comprehensive treatment approach to ensure quality work.

All of our full-time faculty and most of our part-time faculty are board certified.

ABO diplomate

Orthodontics is more than just straightening teeth. Orthodontists understand the complexity of growth, development and facial form. Treatment plans include issues related to the jaw and bite, not just movement of teeth. There's a reason orthodontists go to additional years of highly competitive orthodontic school – to learn and perfect their ability in the specialty.

A general dentist is ideal for providing regular oral health check-ups, comparable to your family doctor. Many dentists offer orthodontic treatment plans but have not been trained or educated in the area.

Board certified orthodontists must re-new their certification every 10 years to demonstrate their continuous commitment to excellence.

source:

ABO American Board of Orthodontics

process

New Patients Welcome

1.

Initial Consultation

2.

Clinical exam
diagnostic records

3.

Treatment Planning and Simulation (Visual Treatment Objective) and cephalometric analysis (growth prediction for growing patients)

4.

Appliance delivery and treatment initiation

5.

Treatment monitoring (by the orthodontist as well as multiple board specialist faculty orthodontists including interdisciplinary management of complex cases)

6.

Finishing and detailing

7.

Retention and
long term monitoring

*We accept self-pay via financing or medical aid, if eligible.

Orthodontics Services

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Dentistry offers a wide range of orthodontic services including comprehensive treatment of bite problems, misaligned teeth and jaws, and jaw growth problems for children and adults.

- Regular / standard metal braces, clear braces, and self-ligating braces from a variety of established manufacturers and companies, so that each treatment plan is customized and tailored for each patient
- Orthodontic treatments for children, including early treatment and growth guidance
- Orthognathic/surgical, and cleft lip and palate treatment
- Comprehensive adult, adolescent and teen orthodontic treatment
- Esthetic orthodontic treatment
- Two-phase, and mixed dentition treatment
- Advanced orthodontic diagnostics including 3D CBCT imaging, 3D facial scanning, 3D treatment simulation and intraoral scanning
- Invisible orthodontics including clear aligner therapy
- Computer driven appliances
- Hidden (lingual) braces (braces fixed on the back surfaces of teeth)

advancing dentistry’s oldest specialty,
treating the most difficult of patients

Cutting-edge technology

diagnostics

3D CBCT, 3D Facial scanning, 3D Treatment Simulation, 3D Intraoral scanner

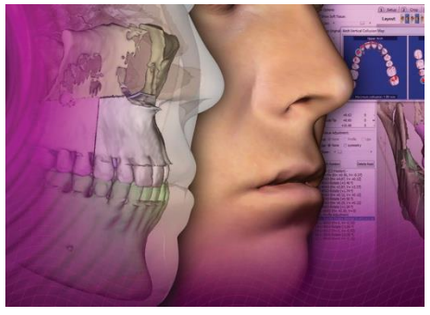
Dolphin Imaging – powerful patient communication tool

Dolphin 3D allows visualization and analysis of craniofacial anatomy from data produced by cone beam computed tomography (CBCT), MRI, medical CT, and 3D facial camera systems.

mechanics and appliances

Standard Edgewise, Pre-Adjusted Edgewise, Lingual, Clear Aligner treatment, Computer Driven Mechanics

Regular / standard metal braces
Clear braces
Self-ligating braces
Clear aligner therapy

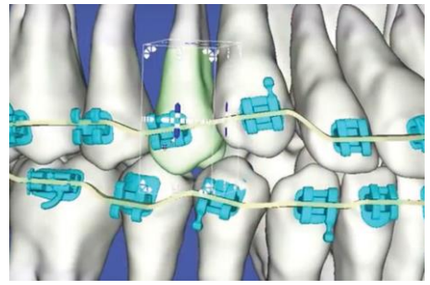


Remote Monitoring System

Your smartphone is now able to capture tooth movements and communicate them to your orthodontist. Technology allows your orthodontist to remotely control your treatment, warning your doctor of changing conditions as they occur. This makes your orthodontic treatment faster and more efficient with fewer appointments required.

Computer-Driven Custom-Made Appliances

Robotics-aided treatment



- An advanced orthodontic treatment that uses 3D modeling of your mouth
- Allows our orthodontic specialists to precisely identify the desired teeth position for each patient.
- Saves time and requires fewer visits for manual adjustments and tightening of the braces compared to traditional braces.

Cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) and digital intraoral scanning

- Offers an undistorted view of the dentition
- Can accurately visualize both erupted and non-erupted teeth, tooth root orientation and anomalous structures better than 2D radiography.
- Digital intraoral scanning allows undercuts and model preparation to be done digitally
- Multiple invisible retainers can be made from one scan.

Lingual braces

- Appliance (brackets, wires, and elastics) used to rearrange your teeth is mounted on the backside (tongue side).

Clear Aligner Therapy

- Straightens your teeth using a custom-made series of aligners
- aligner trays are made of smooth and virtually invisible plastic that you wear over your teeth
- They gradually and gently shift your teeth into place.
- No metal brackets to attach.
- No wires to tighten.

Accelerated Tooth Movement

- Produces gentle pulses that safely and gently speed up tooth movement.
- Lightweight, easy-to-use device
- Clinically shown to accelerate orthodontic treatment by up to 50 percent
- Decreases the discomfort associated with treatment
- Accelerates the tooth movement during the active phase of orthodontic treatment
- Reduces the overall duration of treatment

continuing education

Advanced Study Opportunities in the Department of Orthodontics

Individualized continuing education programs in orthodontics are available for those orthodontists who have a serious interest in developing additional knowledge and skills in this field. The duration of the programs is flexible and determined upon reviewing the applicant's background and objectives.

Orthodontic Preceptorship Program

The goal of the full-time program is to provide excellent background and knowledge in orthodontics. The program will enable the participants to formulate diagnoses and develop comprehensive treatment plans with a deep understanding of the possibilities and the limitations of orthodontic treatment. The participants will also have the opportunity to be involved in research projects with UIC faculty. The program is not intended to license individuals as orthodontic specialists. There is no substitute for full accredited orthodontic residency training to be considered an orthodontic specialist.

Bioprogressive Technique

The Immersion in Bioprogressive: A Two-Module Program is a continuing education recognition program certified by the American Dental Association (ADA). Participants to this program will received ADA continuing education credits from the Foundation of Modern Bioprogressive and Certificate of attendance the Department of Orthodontics, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Full-time faculty profiles

We are specialists in creating spectacular healthy smiles. We provide comprehensive treatment of bite problems, misaligned teeth and jaws, and jaw growth problems for children and adults.

Veerasathpurush Allareddy BDS, MBA, MHA, PhD, MMSc

Professor

Brodie Craniofacial Endowed Chair

Dr. Veerasathpurush (Sath) Allareddy serves as the Department Head of Orthodontics and Brodie Craniofacial Endowed Chair. His area of clinical expertise is Cleft Lip/Palate and Craniofacial Orthodontics and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. Dr. Allareddy serves as the Director of the Specialty Node of National Dental Practice Based Research Network (www link is http://www.nationaldentalpbrn.org/). He serves as a member of the Rapid Assessment of Evidence Panel and Planning and Awards Review Committee of the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation. He has been successful in fostering research collaborations between multiple Universities and has published over 200 research articles in peer reviewed journals, presented over 250 posters at regional/national/ international scientific meetings, and collaborated with close to 250 researchers affiliated to more than 25 different Universities. He is the recipient of multiple awards including: Research awards from Society of Critical Care Medicine (years 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020); Peer Reviewer of the Year 2016 Award from Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Journal; Eleanor and Miles Shore 50th Anniversary Fellowship for Scholars in Medicine – Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Dental Medicine Scholarship; and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine Presidential Scholarship (2008 - 2010).

Budi Kusnoto DDS, MS

Professor

Program Director

Dr. Kusnoto is currently the interim department head, interim program director and clinical director as well as tenured professor of orthodontics at the Department of Orthodontics, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Dr. Kusnoto obtained his master's degree in oral sciences and specialty in orthodontics in 1998 from the UIC and undertook his fellowship in the Craniofacial Center in 1999. He has been involved in the implementation of digital technology in the Department of Orthodontics at the UIC. His degrees in computer science as well as in the field of dentistry/orthodontics make his contribution significant to this project. His knowledge in growth and development of the human craniofacial complex is complimentary to his teaching in the field of orthodontic diagnosis and treatment planning. Dr. Kusnoto's scholarly interests are in the field of 3-dimensional digital imaging diagnostic computer system, 3-dimensional craniofacial growth imaging, improving quality and efficiency of digital imaging for diagnostic in orthodontic field.

Maria Therese Galang-Boquiren DMD, MS

Associate Professor

Director of Predoctoral Orthodontics

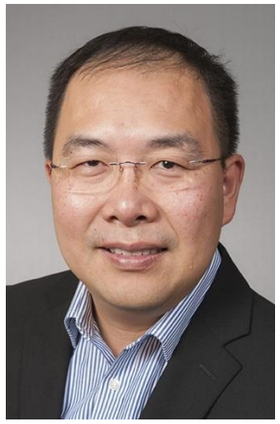
Dr. Maria Therese Galang-Boquiren completed her dental degree at the University of the Philippines, Manila in 2000. She then moved to Chicago in 2002 to obtain her Master of Science degree (2004) and Certificate in Orthodontics (2007). Upon graduation, she was offered a full-time faculty position at her alma mater - University of Illinois at Chicago. Since 2007, she was appointed as the Director of Predoctoral Orthodontics. She is in charge of training all dental students about the orthodontic specialty.

Dr. Galang has garnered numerous accolades for her teaching and research. This aptly resulted in her achieving academic tenure in 2017. She is passionate about the intersection of orthodontics and dental sleep medicine – specifically in the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea patients. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and Board-Eligible for the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine. She is also an accomplished speaker, having given lectures in various parts of the globe.

Maysaa Oubaidin, DDS, MS

Assistant Professor

Dr. Maysaa Oubaidin received her DDS degree from University of Aleppo/Syria with honors as class Valedictorian where she received “Al-Bassel Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence and First Graduate”. Dr. Oubaidin obtained her MS Oral Sciences degree and Orthodontic Specialty Certificate from the University of Illinois at Chicago. After her graduation, she joined UIC as Clinical Assistant Professor. She was awarded the Research Aid Award from the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation in March 2020. She is teaching and supervising orthodontics residents in the post-graduate orthodontic clinic, she is the course director of the “ABO Written Exam Prep/ Seminar in Orthodontics”. Dr. Oubaidin has a great experience using a wide variety of orthodontics philosophies and modalities including early treatment, Invisalign, Self-ligating Systems, clear braces and the conventional Twin Brackets. Dr. Oubaidin worked in multiple research areas including CBCT, bone biology, and microCT. She has published three articles in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Oubaidin is a Faculty Dental Practice Provider at the College of dentistry at UIC/ Orthodontics Department.



Phimon Atsawasuwan DDS, MSc, MSc, MS, PhD

Associate Professor

Dr. Phimon Atsawasuwan completed his three-year residency in Orthodontics and obtained his MS in Oral Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2011 and is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. He is a tenured associate professor at UIC. Dr. Atsawasuwan received his DDS and MS degrees in Periodontics from Mahidol University, Bangkok Thailand and Eastman Dental Institute, University College London, United Kingdom. Later, he received his PhD in Oral Biology from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He is the President and Treasurer of American Association of Dental Research, Chicago section. He publishes two book chapters and more than forty peer-reviewed articles. He receives numerous research awards from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, AAO, AAO Foundation, and Align Technology and presents his research at many scientific conferences in the United States and worldwide. His scholarly interests include accelerated tooth movement, craniofacial biology, microRNA biology and interdisciplinary treatment.

Mohammed H. Elnagar DDS, MS, PhD

Assistant Professor

Dr. Mohammed Elnagar received his DDS graduating with honors as class Valedictorian in 2005, followed by General Practice Residency. After that he obtained his Certificate of specialty in Orthodontics and Master of dental Science degree. He joined the Department of Orthodontics, University of Illinois at Chicago in 2015 to earn his PhD and later became a full time Faculty. His PhD work was a clinical trial that involved different protocol of bone-anchored maxillary protraction for treatment of Class III patients, In addition to evaluation of the treatment outcome using 3D digital technology. His work selected to be on the cover of the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics in November 2016 issue. Dr. Elnagar research projects involved the treatment Dentofacial deformities, Skeletal anchorage, 3D imaging application in dentistry, Dental monitoring and Teledentistry. Dr.Elnagar published many articles and presented his work in many national/international meetings. Dr. Elnagar is teaching and mentoring in UIC orthodontics clinics, He is also orthodontics & dentofacial orthopedics practitioner in UIC Faculty Dental Practice.

Christina Nicholas PhD

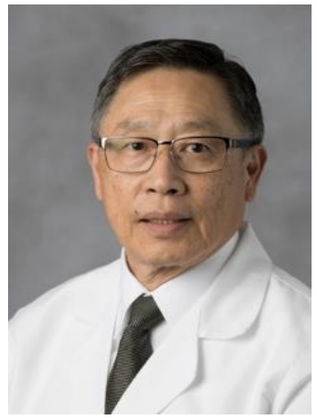
Assistant Professor

Dr. Nicholas is research faculty who joined the Department of Orthodontics, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), in 2016. She received her PhD in Biological Anthropology from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Iowa (2015). Following the completing of her PhD studies, she did a post- doc in the Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research (formerly Dows). Dr. Nicholas’s research focuses on craniofacial growth and development, and she applies her interdisciplinary training to tackle questions related to growth from both anthropological and clinical perspectives. She uses geometric morphometrics to quantify complex craniofacial phenotypes,and is particularly interested in how units of the cranium covary across growth. Her work seeks to better understand variation in human craniofacial ontogeny, what factors might influence this variation, and how variation may affect treatment. In addition to her research responsibilities, Dr. Nicholas also serves as a facilitator for small group learning (SGL) in the dental student curriculum and teaches Craniofacial Growth and Development in the Orthodontics Department.

Flavio Sanchez DDS, MS

Dr. Flavio Sanchez obtained his bachelor in Dental Sciences at the University of Campinas ENCAMP-Brasil in 1990 and had his master's degree and specialty in orthodontics in 2005 from University of São Leopoldo Mandic-Brasil.

Dr. Sanchez has been a professor in the Orthodontic program at the University of Sao Leopoldo Mandic since 2005 and adjunct part time professor at UIC on the Orthodontic "Bioprogressive" program, since 2010, where he develops many international articles and research projects on bioprogressive orthodontics. He is co-Founder of the Foundation of Modern Bioprogressive established on 2013 in Chicago. He joined UIC as full time faculty in 2017.



T. Peter Tsay DDS, MS, PhD

Dr. T. Peter Tsay, DDS, MS, PhD, Professor of Orthodontics at the College of Dentistry and Graduate College is a native of Taiwan. He obtained his dental degree in Taiwan in 1974, Master of Science and Orthodontic Certificate from Marquette University in 1980, Doc- tor of Philosophy in Oral Biology from Northwestern University in 1984, and Doctor of Dental Surgery from Case Western Reserve University in 1985. Dr. Tsay has extensive academic and orthodontic practice experiences. He was Clinical Director, Program Director and Vice Chairman of Orthodontic Department at Case Western Reserve University. In 1996, Dr. Tsay obtained the position as the Head and Program Director of Orthodontics at the Dental School of Northwestern University. After closure of the Dental School, Dr. Tsay engaged in full-time private practice of orthodontics for over 10 years. He assumed the position of Professor of Orthodontics at UIC in 2010.

Grace Viana BSc, MSc

Grace Viana's education includes a BSc in Statistics (Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics, 1977) and an MSc in Statistics (Institute of Mathematics, Federal University - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1983). She served as senior statistician for over a decade at the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics and later she continued her professional career as statistician at UIC since 2000. Her professional appointments in the Department of Orthodontics include Educational Program Evaluation Coordinator (2013-present), Clinical Instructor (2007-present), Senior Research Specialist (2007-2012) and Statistician (2000-2007).

Grace Viana scholarly interests are concentrated in the statistical analysis of multidisciplinary clinical and behavioral science studies, as well as the design and analysis of material science studies related to Orthodontics and Dentistry in general. Since 2004, she has co-authored and collaborated in the publication of over 50 research papers, in addition to routinely co-advising MS dissertations in the Department of Orthodontics.

Part-time Faculty

Saleh Al-Kharsa
DMD, MS

Dr. Saleh Al-Kharsa obtained his dental degree at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts, where he immersed himself in all fields of dentistry. Fascinated with facial pro-portion and symmetry, he continued on to specialize in orthodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. To provide the best and most up-to- date treatment for his patients, Dr. Al-Kharsa realizes that his profession takes a special dedication to life-long learning. He currently holds a part-time faculty position at the University of Illinois at Chicago where he enjoys sharing his knowledge with his students as well as staying on the cutting edge of all emerging techniques and technologies in his profession.

Dr. Saleh Al-Kharsa employs multiple techniques and appliances to suit his patient's needs from conventional metal braces to clear aligner treatment. To ensure the best possible outcome for his patients, Dr. Al-Kharsa makes sure to gain their cooperation and actively involves them during all phases of their treatment.

Benjamin Belavsky
DDS, MS

Dr. Benjamin Belavsky grew up in the north Chicago suburbs, where he currently resides. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and received a BS in Integrative Biology. Following this, he received his DDS, and later, his MS and Orthodontic specialty certificate, from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry.

His scholarly interests include Invisalign, clinical application of tradition- al versus self-ligating braces, patient hygiene/plaque control, multi-disciplinary treatment, patient educa-tion and satisfaction, orthodontic educa-tion at the undergraduate and post-graduate level.

Dale Benjamin
DMD, MS

Dr. Dale Benjamin is a graduate of the University of Florida (Bachelor of Science, Microbiology and Cell Science, 2005). He went on to pursue dentistry at the University of Florida College of Dentistry (DMD, 2009) where he received an award for Clinical Excellence in Orthodontics. Dr. Benjamin completed his orthodontic training at University of Illinois at Chicago department of Orthodontics in 2012 with a Master's Degree in Oral Sciences, Certificate in Orthodontics. He subse-quently achieved board certification from the American Board of Orthodontics in 2013.

Dr. Benjamin is a third generation dentist and has a strong appreciation for multidisciplinary dental treatment. He is engaged in private clinical practice and shares his knowledge and expertise with the orthodontic residents at UIC as a part-time clinical instructor.

Kyint Chwa
DDS, MS

Dr. Kyint Chwa is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Orthodontics, University of Illinois at Chicago. He also taught at Northwestern University Dental School, Orthodontic Department as clinical assistant professor before he joined UIC.

Dr. Chwa began his dental education at the Institute of Dental Medicine in Yangon, Myanmar where he received his Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree in 1984. After that he completed his internship residency training at Department of Pedodontics and Orthodontics at Institute of Dental Medicine and Departments of Plastic, Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery and Dental Outpatient Department at Rangoon General Hospital, Yangon, Myanmar. He continued his education at Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago and received his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1992. He obtained his Certificate of specialty in Orthodontics and Master of Science degree from Northwestern University in 1994. He has been practicing full time and teaching part time since.

Sharon Durfee
DDS, MS

Dr. Sharon Durfee received her Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Physiology from The Pennsylvania State University. She earned her Doctorate of Dental Surgery Degree from The Northwestern University College of Dentistry and completed her Orthodontics Residency Degree at the University of Illinois Dental School.

Dr. Durfee is an active member in many Dental and Orthodontic Organizations and continually updates her education, to stay on the cutting edge of orthodontic technology. Additionally, she is an Attending Staff doctor on the Illinois Masonic Medical Center Medical Team. She has taught Dental Residents enrolled in a General Practice Dental Residency program for 22 years, teaching orthodontic diagnostic and treatment procedures.

Dr. Sharon Durfee has been in orthodontic practice for over 20 years. She loves to work with each individual patient, addressing his or her growth and development, and helps to direct the patient's teeth and jaw into the most ideal position possible.

Laurence Golden
DDS, MSD

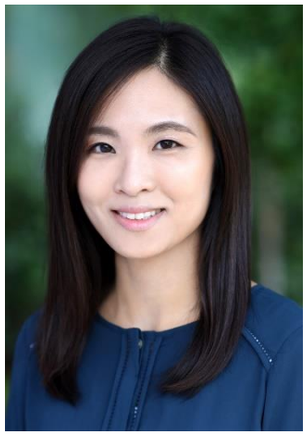
Dr. Laurence Golden grew up on the Northwest Side of Chicago, is an Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America and enjoyed coaching competitive swimming. He is a graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry with a minor in Biology) in 1994.

Upon graduation, Dr. Golden was awarded the American Association of Orthodontists Award as well as the American Association of Oral Biologists Award. He completed a hospital dental residency program in Anesthesiology, Emergency Room Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatric Dentistry, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and prosthodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Chicago in 1999. Dr. Golden completed his orthodontic residency at Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH) with a Master of Science in Dentistry and Certificate in Orthodontics in 2003. Upon graduation, Dr. Golden was awarded the residency's highest honor, the 'Clinical Excellence Award.'

Edward John
DDS, MS

After graduating from the University of Illinois Dental School, Dr. Edward John spent two years in the Army Dental Corp stationed in Germany, spending an additional year traveling the world. He returned to the U of I, teaching part-time in the Crown and Bridge Department prior to beginning his orthodontic training. Graduating from the University of Ilinois Orthodontic Department, Dr. John received the Down's Award for Outstanding Clinician.

After retiring from a most successful private practice, Dr. John has once again returned to academia, a part of his professional career, which he has always loved. His educational objective has always been to encourage students to never stop learning while striving to become the best clinician possible.



Min Kyeong Lee
DMD, DMSc

Dr. Min Kyeong "Irene" Lee is a Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor and Robert and Donna Litowitz Term Chair at UIC Department of Orthodontics. She received her dental and orthodontic trainings at Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Lee was the recipient of the Harvard University Presidential Scholarship from 2010 to 2014, which provided full tuition support for her DMSc in oral biology and orthodontics residency programs. Dr. Lee is a big data analytics researcher with an interest in examining hospital-related outcomes using nationwide datasets such as the Nationwide Inpatient Sample and Nationwide Emergency Department datasets. Following her residency training, she completed a clinical fellowship in Craniofacial and Special Needs Orthodontics at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and was the recipient of the American Association of Orthodontists Craniofacial Anomalies and Special Care Training Award in 2016.

Dr. Lee's scholarly interests focus on big data analytics and cleft and craniofacial clinical outcomes research.

Qingshan Li
DDS, PhD

Dr. Qingshan Li received his dental degree from Henan Medical University in China. In 1999, he studied at Christian – Albrechts - Universität in Germany pursuing his Ph.D. in Dentistry and a certificate of orthodontics. He practiced orthodontics while serving as a full-time faculty in the Department of Orthodontics at Christian-Albrechts-Universität. In 2014 He completed his second specialty residency in Orthodontic at Eastman Institute of Oral Health at the University of Rochester. Since then, Dr. Li has been engaged in practicing Orthodontics in private practices around the suburbs of Chicago along with serving as a part time faculty in the UIC Orthodontics Department.

His scholar interests include: accelerated tooth movement, clear aligner therapy, temporary anchorage devices, self-ligating braces with active early principles

Yana Nedvetsky
DDS

Dr. Yana Nedvetsky received her dental degree from Case Western Re- serve University in Ohio were she was awarded the Dean's Award for Excellence in Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, and Oral Radiology. She then went on to obtain multiple certificates at different institutions such as oral surgery, pediatric dentistry, and advanced surgery, to name a few. She joined the Department of Orthodontics at the UIC College of Dentistry as a clinical assistant professor in 2007 and continues to teach. Dr. Nedvetsky currently serves as the chairwoman of the by-laws committee in the Chicago Dental Forum, and has served as the chair of the hospitality committee in the Academy of Operative Dentistry.

Her scholarly interests include: bone biology, biology of orthodontic tooth movement, and biology of bone grafting.

Noor Obaisi
DDS, MS

An Illinois native, Dr. Noor Obaisi grew up in Lincoln, IL. She attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, from which she received her BS in Honors Biology. She completed her dental training followed by a residency in Orthodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. Currently, Dr. Obaisi is engaged in private clinical practice in the Chicago- land area. She has returned to UIC Orthodontics Department as a part-time Clinical Assistant Professor.

Her scholarly interests include: Dental esthetics, practice management, multi-disciplinary treatment, dental materials.

Ralph Robbins
DDS, MS

Dr. Ralph Robbins was born in Chicago and has never left the area. Raised in the north side of Chicago and attended high school in the northern suburbs. He attended University of Illinois receiving his B.S. degree in 1971. Obtained his D.D.S. degree in 1975 and his Certificate of Specialty in Orthodontics in 1977 both from Loyola University of Chicago. Dr. Robbins has been an Assistant Clinical Professor since 1996. Currently he is Co-Director of the Interceptive Orthodontic Clinic. Clinical interests are functional occlusion, and interdisciplinary treatment, with an emphasis on adult perio/ restorative treatment.

Dr. Robbins is a member of the American Dental Association, American Association of Orthodontists, Illinois Society of Orthodontists, Chicago Dental Society, Chicago Dental Forum Study Club, and the PDL Seattle Study Club. He maintains a full-time private practice, yet always enjoys his time at UIC. He enjoys golfing with his wife and spending time with his grandchildren.

Jacqueline Rosen
DDS, MS

Dr. Jacqueline Rosen is a native Chicago area resident, having grown up in the northern suburbs. She currently resides in Northbrook with her husband, Bill.

Dr. Rosen received her bachelor's degree from Northwestern University. She continued her studies at Northwestern University Dental School where she earned her doctor of dental surgery and her master's degree in orthodontics.

She has been working in her own private practice in Buffalo Grove and Highland Park for over 30 years.

Dr. Rosen has two children, including a daughter who joined the practice in 2017 upon her completion of her orthodontic residency at the University of Southern California, and her son Rob who is working on his master's degree in accounting.

Dr. Rosen is actively involved in the Chicago Dental Society and is current president of the North Suburban Branch.

Dr. Rosen is thankful for the opportunity to work with the University of Illinois orthodontic residents to share her knowledge and experience.

Matthew Sagun
DDS, MS

Dr. Matthew Sagun was born and raised in Chicago, where he still lives with his wife and three boys. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Biology. He received his D.D.S. at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Dentistry. Dr. Sagun then went on to gain years of experience in general dentistry, which included a year in a hospital dental residency program, treating medically compromised and special needs patients and several years in private practice in the north suburbs of Chicago. He went on to complete his specialty training at the University of Illinois at Chicago, receiving his Certificate in Orthodontics and his Master of Science in Oral Sciences.

His scholarly interests include growth and development, self-ligating braces, multi-disciplinary treatment and early orthodontic intervention.

Dr. Sagun is in private practice full-time and enjoys sharing his time and knowledge with the orthodontic residents at UIC as a part-time Assistant Clinical Professor.

Isaac Yue
DMD, MS

Dr. Isaac Yue is a third generation engineer that grew up in the great town of Midland, Michigan. He is passionate about the field of orthodontics and believes in evidenced-based, life- long learning. His orthodontic journey guided him to study at some of the best institutions in the world. Dr. Yue joined the UIC Department of Orthodontics in 2005 and has been teaching numerous courses and seminars including: Orthodontic Technique, Diagnostic Procedures, Insurance, Orthodontic Anchorage, and Biomechanics. He is the course director for Biomechanics and Biomaterials preparing dental students and residents for clinical practice based on biomechanical principles.

As an educator, Dr. Yue is following the lead of some phenomenal educators who have served as great role models. He has been recognized with numerous ADA/AADR awards and is currently obtaining his Masters in Dental Education. Dr. Yue also supervises residents in their clinical cases as well as their research endeavors during their three-year program.

Ronald S. Jacobson DDS, MS

Dr. Ronald S. Jacobson officially joined his father, Dr. Bailey, in the practice in 1989, though he spent plenty of time there while he was going to school. As a little boy, he used to sit and watch his Dad prepare lectures on orthodontics and cleft lip and palate, and he made his mind up early to follow in his father's footsteps. Dr. Jacobson spent his undergraduate years at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He attended Northwestern University Dental School (Doctor of Dental Surgery) where he finished with a Master of Science in Orthodontics. He taught in Northwestern's Graduate Orthodontic Department for 11 years as an associate professor until 2000.

Dr. Jacobson thoroughly enjoys his 22-year participation as the orthodontic member of the Craniofacial Team at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago (now Lurie's Children's Hospital in Chicago) and continues to teach the residents in the orthodontic /craniofacial component of the Pediatric Dental Program. He also teaches as a visiting associate professor in the Graduate Orthodontic Department at University of Detroit Mercy Dental School and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Terry Sellke DDS, MS

Born in Chicago, Dr. Terry A. Sellke is a native Illinoisan. His fervor for Illinois extends to his academic background, having enrolled in the University of Illinois undergraduate and dental school. He graduated with his Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1971. Two years later, he achieved a specialty degree in orthodontics. In 1974 he received a Master's degree in orthodontics, the same year that he opened the first office of what was to become Drs. Sellke and Reily, Ltd. In 1980, Dr. Sellke became a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. He taught orthodontics at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry for over 35 years, where he earned the titles of full professor, master clinician, co-clinic director, and master's thesis advisor. Dr. Sellke lectures domestically and inter- nationally on clinical orthodontics as well as another of his passions, applying business principles to the practice of orthodontics. Dr. Sellke has published dozens of articles on orthodontics in professional journals worldwide. His text on the Bioprogressive Orthodontic Philosophy has been translated into four languages.

Spiro Megremis MS, PhD

Dr. Spiro Megremis is the Director, Research and Standards of the Science Institute of the American Dental Association (ADA) and Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor of Biomaterials in Orthodontics, University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Megremis has a BS and MS in mechanical and biomedical engineering (BME), respectively, from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and a PhD in BME with a focus on biomaterials from Northwestern Univer- sity, where he was a NIH/NIDCR Fellow. He has over 20 years of research experience related to medical and dental materials and equipment. At the ADA, he leads scientists and engineers who perform general and applied dental re- search, including laboratory testing of dental materials and products using standard and novel test methods.

Dr. Megremis also serves as Convener, Chair, Vice-Chair and US expert on various ASTM, ANSI/ADA, and ISO Medical and Dental Standards Groups.

Nelson Oppermann DDS, MS

Dr. Nelson Oppermann obtained his Orthodontics Specialty Certificate in 1993 from Dentists Association of Sao Paulo and master's degree in oral sciences focus in orthodontics in 2003 from SL Mandic dental School - Campinas - Brazil. Dr. Oppermann has been involved with the Bioprogressive and Sectional Mechanics Studies. His connection to Dr Robert Ricketts years ago and presence in several studies on those subjects help this development. Dr. Oppermann's knowledge in growth and development of the human craniofacial complex together to Ricketts cephalometric analysis and diagnostics system gives another perspective to treatment planning. He is also involved as adjunct speaker professor at the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Apart of those attributions Dr. Oppermann is an active and enthusiastic professor and lecturer, being visited many countries for teaching with articles published based on Bioprogressive Therapy field.

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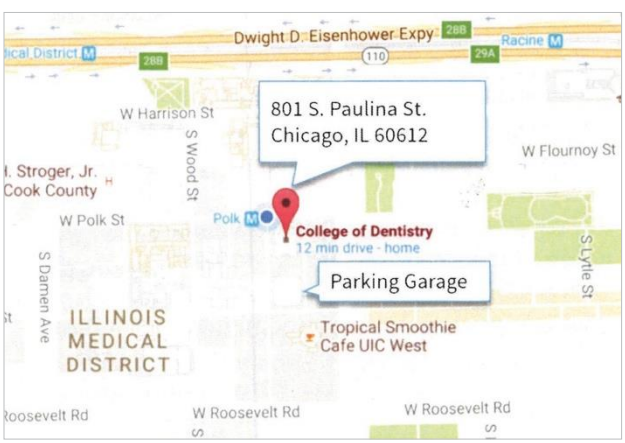

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