The nationalities of the residents in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program are represented above the group photo.
Introduction

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I wish to especially thank Gulnara Shinkeyeva, Keith Bullis, Stephen Marfione, Mona Fine, Dr. Salazar, Galina Torres, Dr. Alzoubi, Noemi Rivera and Umar Masood for their creative input and coordination of the 2014 edition of the yearbook for the AEGD Program at Eastman Institute for Oral Health

Numerous staff, faculty, and residents have contributed photographs and stories, making this edition both interesting and fun. Our objective has been to provide an academic and social view of our program.

Hopefully, the alumni list is accurate, as it has been updated. We appreciate your feedback with this ongoing project.

I hope that you will enjoy this new edition of our yearbook and that it will help you to remember your time at U of R Eastman Institute for Oral Health in Rochester.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hans Malmström
Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry
Eastman Institute for Oral Health, University of Rochester
Many challenges are facing dentistry, including significant changes in our population and health care coverage. While the total number of dentists appears to be insufficient, we will continue to see substantial increases in demand for dental care around the world.

Although it’s impossible to predict the next major breakthrough in dentistry, we can try and foresee some elements of the future based on past and present trends. Indubitably, new materials and techniques will be introduced, some of which will become part of routine care in the dental clinic. Just to name some of the new technologies, we can include all-ceramic restorations, computer-guided implantology, and the use of microscopes in endodontics. Such developments require enhanced training, and more technically savvy dentists.

Along with these developments, life expectancy has increased. Rather than most commonly using dentures, more elderly people now keep their own teeth, leading to new professional challenges. While this enlarges the patient pool, the average patient age increased significantly. In order to better serve this population, dentists must have a more profound education in general medicine that will require curricular adjustments.

As an EIOH graduate, you join a long list of professionals who enthusiastically embraced the challenges of their time and became leaders and change agents in their corner of the world. As the landscape of our profession continues to change over the next years, you have a wonderful opportunity to do the same.

We look forward to working alongside you in the days ahead.

Congratulations!

Eli Eliav, DMD, PhD
Director & Professor
Eastman Institute for Oral Health
Vice Dean of Oral Health, UR School of Medicine & Dentistry
Welcome Dr. Eliav

& Thank Dr. Calnon
The Rochester area is known for its high quality of life and its relatively low cost of living. Metropolitan Rochester has a population of just less than one million. Its economy is primarily based on high technology industries such as Eastman Kodak Company, Xerox Corporation, and Bausch & Lomb. Hence, the urban physical environment is relatively clean. There is substantial community involvement in the quality of cultural life and public institutions such as schools and community organizations because the workforce contains a high proportion of skilled professional, scientific, and technical personnel.

Cultural opportunities include the University's Memorial Art Gallery, which has a fine permanent collection in addition to important traveling exhibits; the George Eastman House, the International Museum of Photography and Film, which has the best film library in the world; Geva Theater, which presents professional plays in its landmark building; the Rochester Museum and Science Center with the Strasenburgh Planetarium, which boasts the most projectors and largest production staff of any planetarium in the world; and the Strong Museum, which offers a variety of exciting events and exhibits for children and adults. These are just a few of the many exciting cultural and entertainment activities available in the greater Rochester region. Rochester offers a wide array of restaurants offering vegetarian, Japanese, Mexican, Vietnamese, Chinese, Indian, French, Greek, or Italian fare. A number of nightclubs throughout the area feature live music ranging from jazz and rock to folk and big band.

Rochester is situated on Lake Ontario and is part of the beautiful Finger Lakes region of New York. There are many opportunities for boating, sailing, and a variety of water sports. The snow belt is less than 30 miles to the south through the Bristol Hills, so there are many fine areas for downhill and cross-country skiing.

Rochester is a four-hour drive from camping and hiking areas in the Adirondack or Catskill mountains. Other accessible major metropolitan areas include Buffalo and Niagara Falls (one hour by car); Toronto (three hours by car); New York City or Philadelphia (six hours by car); and Boston or Washington, D.C. (seven hours by car).

Rochester is especially fortunate in the quantity and quality of music available from the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the University of Rochester’s Eastman School of Music. Many music school recitals are free and open to the public.
Dentistry for the under-served populations of Rochester was a goal of local dentists as early as 1892 when one of the first free dental dispensaries was established to benefit the worthy poor of the city. Civil War veteran Captain Henry Lomb supported this work; however his newly begun optical company, Bausch and Lomb, was not in a position to give the help that the institution needed. In 1909, he approached the wealthy founder of Eastman Kodak, George Eastman, to solicit Eastman’s support for the foundering dental society. Encouraged by William Bausch, Eastman investigated what was being done in other U.S. cities such as Boston, where the Forsyth Dental Infirmary was then a center for children’s dental care and preventive dentistry.

Eastman was so impressed with the work of Forsyth that he decided to donate the funds to build a dental dispensary in Rochester. Unwilling to take on this enterprise alone, he worked with Bausch to find trustees who would, along with the city, provide significant yearly financial support to the dispensary.

The new dispensary would need proper staffing and so, in 1916, the first licensed school for dental hygienists in New York State opened with local dentist Harvey Burkhart named as the director of the school and the dispensary. The Dental Hygiene School provided well-trained hygienists to the dispensary and the community, while also opening a new career field for women. Hygienists made the rounds to Rochester schools twice a year with portable dental equipment, leaflets on tooth care in English, Italian, Yiddish, and Polish for parents, and lantern slide presentations on oral hygiene for the children. On 15 October 1917, Rochester Dental Dispensary opened charging 5¢ per visit to children through age 16 unable to afford private care.

The summer of 1919 saw the start of the Dispensary Tonsil-Adenoid Clinic when 1470 children had tonsillectomies that summer without a single casualty. It was then believed that poor oral health could cause a variety of health problems including retarded mental and physical growth, tuberculosis, and insanity. The Tonsil-Adenoid Clinic continued until the beginning of World War II. Eastman’s enthusiasm at the Dispensary’s success encouraged him to donate buildings for clinics in London, Stockholm, Paris, Rome, and Brussels. Eastman saw his donation to the Dispensary as one of his wisest philanthropic expenditures, donating about $3 million by the time he died in 1932. In 1941 its name became Eastman Dental Dispensary in honor of its founder.

Dr. Basil G. Bibby became director when Dr. Burkhart died in 1946. Bibby’s interests in fluoridation, cariogenicity of foods, and oral bacteria redirected the Dispensary’s focus. This was reflected in the early 1950’s by the addition of adult specialties of prosthodontics and periodontics to the existing general dentistry, orthodontic, and pediatric dentistry degree programs. Research scientists such as Dr. Michael Buonocore, who, in 1967, developed the process of dental sealants, became part of the Center. Dentists from around the world came for post-graduate study at Eastman. In 1964, the Eastman Dental Dispensary was renamed Eastman Dental Center to emphasize the dental center’s orientation toward research. Dr. William McHugh became the Dental Center’s third director in 1970 and in addition was later named Associate Dean for Dental Affairs at the University of Rochester.

The Center moved to its present site at 625 Elmwood Avenue in 1978 next to the University of Rochester’s Strong Memorial Hospital. In 1997, while Dr. Ronald Billings was the fourth director, Eastman Dental Center merged with the University of Rochester Medical Center - something that George Eastman had envisioned back in 1920. As part of that merger, the Eastman Department of Dentistry was formed to combine the oral health facilities of both the hospital and the dental center. Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz became the fifth director of the Dental Center and the chair of the Department of Dentistry in 1999. In 2009, Eastman Institute for Oral Health is established, replacing the Eastman Dental Center as a division within the URMC, functioning as the integrated entity responsible for research, education and clinical care in oral health. EIOH has served the Rochester community into the 21st century by providing dental care for children and adults, conducting dental research, and offering postdoctoral clinical specialties to a multi-cultural group of dentists.

By Ruth Dumont
Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Until 1968, the one-year intern program at the Eastman Dental Center was essentially a pediatric training program. To meet the accreditation requirements of the pediatric dentistry specialty, a two-year program was established. The one-year program became the General Dentistry program, and treatment and training in adult care was emphasized. There wasn’t universal support among the faculty for general dentistry education. Dr. Basil Bibby believed strongly in general dentistry education and appointed Stanley L. Handelman to head the program in 1970. The Eastman Dental Center was a fertile ground for post-doctoral general dentistry training by providing the intellectual stimulation for academic learning and research. The timing was right on a national level with an infusion of significant funds provided by the Federal Government for the development of advanced general dentistry education. Furthermore, there was an increasing demand for adult dental service in New York State with funds provided by Medicaid. To the present day, Medicaid is a major source of clinical income at the Eastman Dental Center.

There was no mechanism for accreditation of the General Dentistry program at Eastman because of the lack of hospital experience. To meet this requirement, the Eastman Dental Center and the Genesee Hospital jointly applied to the Council of Accreditation of the American Dental Association and were awarded provisional accreditation. At the site visit, accreditation was denied because all the Eastman residents did not participate in the hospital component of the program. The Eastman Dental Center and the University of Rochester petitioned the American Association of Dental Schools (AADS) to sponsor a resolution at the American Dental Association meeting for the accreditation of an alternate accreditation mechanism for General Dentistry. This finally was approved and in 1981 the Eastman Dental Center was the first academic institution to be accredited as an Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program, and has served as a model for AEGD programs affiliated with dental schools worldwide.

William B. McHugh understood the increasing interest in postdoctoral general dentistry education by graduating dentists. The American Association of Dental Schools and the Federal Government supported the expansion of the numbers and types of programs. The Eastman Dental Center was awarded three educational grants to expand its AEGD program by the Health Resources and Service Administration of the Federal Government.

The General Practice Residency programs at Strong Memorial Hospital and the Genesee Hospital and the program at Eastman, formed an umbrella group that was called the Associated General Training Programs of Rochester (AGTPR), and developed cooperative programs in recruitment, didactic course work, clinical activities and securing educational grants and contracts. These institutions were awarded numerous federal educational grants to expand their respective GPR and AEGD programs by the Health Resources and Service Administration.

At the same time, as the accreditation process moved forward, the AGTP of Rochester was awarded a contract to write a manual and conduct national workshops on developing post-doctoral general dentistry programs. Stanley Handelman was the project director. Both events served to establish Rochester as a leader in general dentistry education. Other educational grants and contracts by the federal government followed. There were publications on evaluation of post-doctoral general dentistry education, curriculum development, utilization of an educational consultant, evaluation of the selection process, the uniqueness of the AGTPR application process, and career development subsequent to completion of post-doctoral general dentistry education. The reputation of the Eastman Dental Center general dentistry program was further enhanced by the establishment of the Section of Post-Doctoral General Dentistry of the AADS in 1987. Faculty from Eastman and the University of Rochester not only played a major role in its founding but have continued to play a leadership role as Chairs of the section and have included: Stanley Handelman, Eli Eliav, Hans Malmström, and Todd Theirer.

One of the uniquenesses of the AEGD program at Eastman is the number of highly qualified foreign residents. This follows the tradition established by Basil Bibby, who himself was a transplanted New Zealander. During Basil Bibby’s tenure there was a constant flow of foreign scientists on sabbatical, and post-doctoral students, which created a unique international and intellectual flavor. Post-doctoral students enrolled in the program include individuals from every continent around the world and have, in addition to cultural and social exchange during the program, forged lifelong transcontinental friendships. Since 1991, foreign graduates with a green card who complete the two-year AEGD program have the opportunity to get a New York state license by completing one additional year of a residency program, as the curriculum equals or exceeds the advanced standing programs in predoctoral dental schools in New York State.
The 2013–2014 AEGD Program

I would like to congratulate all the graduates for your successful completion of the AEGD program. This has been a great year with so many individually talented residents who have come together as a team better than any group I can remember.

The changes to our curriculum have been many and rapid; with technology playing a very important role in the future of dentistry. Now that we place a significant number of dental implants in General Dentistry, the Cone Beam CT scanner (CBCT) is especially helpful in treatment planning of these cases. We expect all of our residents to be familiar with this technology as it may become the standard of care with dental implants. To prepare our AEGD graduates for the future, it is important that we not only expose our residents to these technologies but that together we review their applications for benefits versus risks.

As we now have more treatment plan coordinators, we are allowing for more personalized service to all of our patients. We are continuing with our practice management training for all faculty and staff, and are implementing many processes that will improve efficiencies and services. Galina Torres, our new Administrator, is instrumental in this effort. I am grateful for all her efforts in this regard.

One thing that does not change is the excitement and pride that I, the faculty and staff feel over the graduating class of residents every year. The AEGD program continues to have a highly qualified and unique group of residents entering and graduating from the program. Our graduates this year are an exceptional group of individuals who we (all faculty and staff) will remember with great fondness.

Even though the AEGD program has changed over the years, it continues to be a demanding program. The didactic component plays a prominent role in preparing the residents with a proper scientific background in the rapidly changing world of oral health. Clearly dental implants, both surgical placement and fabrication of prosthesis/crowns, and esthetic dentistry do have a more prominent role in our program, both didactically and clinically.

Since we have included continuing dental education courses as required course work, they have become one of the most appreciated and rewarding aspects of the AEGD program. The 2014 Handelman Conference, with guest speaker Dr. Pascal Magne, provided an outstanding educational opportunity for all our returning alumni, residents and area participants. Dr. Stanley Handelman and Dr. Eli Eliav our new director recognized and appreciated the guests and their significant contribution to our program.

The Esthetic Participation Course was extended to eight days with a fabulous group of speakers: Drs. Nasser Barghi, George Tyowsky, Georgios Romanos, John Burgess and Dan Fischer. The Esthetic Course has evolved to become an aesthetic, restorative and implant course.

Dr. Michael Yunker, the AEGD assistant program director, continues to play a major role in the residents’ education, and I am very thankful for his continued support of the program, the residents and the institution. His involvement truly optimizes the residents’ educational experience. We are very fortunate to have him on our staff. Another longtime faculty member who has a major influence on the education of AEGD residents is Dr. Tom DeRosa. He is an exceptionally skilled clinician who is highly appreciated by our residents. His Saturday hands-on courses are always “sold out.”

I cannot say enough about our very dedicated, scientifically and clinically skilled faculty and our loyal and hardworking staff. Without them this program would not be a success.

One of our main program objectives is to train future oral health educators, researchers, and leaders. To properly prepare the residents for an academic career, we encourage our residents and students to pursue graduate programs. We have been successful in enrolling residents in both the MS and MPH programs. A new clinical/translational Master of Science has been developed and introduced this fall. This program will increase the choices for residents interested in combining the AEGD program with a master’s degree. We now have three residents enrolled in this new Master of Science program. Several of our graduates this year have accepted faculty positions at EIOH or other institutions. We continue to promote these graduate programs to the residents applying to the AEGD program.

All of our residents enrolled in the two-year program are required to complete a research project. Dr. Yan-Fang Ren, the associate chair of General Dentistry and director of the Urgent Care clinic, has been very successful in directing and mentoring clinical and basic scientific research projects within General Dentistry. Dr. Ren is an exceptionally bright and skilled scientist and clinician, who has elevated the General Dentistry research activities in some areas to the forefront in the world.

One of the most exciting areas Dr. Ren is developing now is related to the prevention and treatment of erosion and hypersensitivity of teeth. We are presently completing clinical research projects sponsored by several companies including evaluating toothpastes, new dental composite material that is Bis-Phenol A free (this ingredient has become a concern among the public), and crown cements. In addition, we have three implant studies, including short implants, implants placed in grafted sockets and the clinical success of general dentists placing and restoring dental implants. The level of research conducted in General Dentistry makes our program unique in the U.S.

Over the past seven decades, our graduates have gone on to earn achievements in dental practice, scientific discovery and teaching. We look forward to a lifelong relationship with all of them and now, you.

I congratulate all the graduates on your accomplishments and wish you great success in all your future endeavors. Stay in touch.

Sincerely,
Dr. Hans Malmström

Professor and Chair Division of General Dentistry
Program Director,
Advanced Education in General Dentistry
Eastman Institute for Oral Health, University of Rochester
Research Training Program in the AEGD Program

By Dr. Yan-Fang Ren

Emphasis on research has been a tradition of our AEGD program. Dr. Stanley Handelman, the founding director, and Dr. Hans Malmström, the present director of the program are both strong advocates of resident research training. Residents are always encouraged to participate in degree and non-degree training programs offered through the University of Rochester. We are continuing to make efforts to facilitate resident research activities within and outside the AEGD program. We enrolled our first group of residents in the newly established Master of Science program in Clinical and Translational Dental Science track. These residents will receive systematic training in research training experiences at EIOH. Many of our past graduates who received advanced training in research by pursuing a masters degree have gone on to become very successful in their academic career as teachers and researchers. We are confident that this tradition will continue with more and more brilliant young dentists joining our program to fulfill their dreams of becoming leaders in academic dentistry.

Research projects in the AEGD program focus on patient-oriented clinical and translational research that can provide scientific evidence for the practice of dentistry. Many of our residents are actively participating in a wide range of research activities in collaboration with various industrial and academic institutions. We always welcome our alumni to take part in our research activities. You may provide ideas for future research projects, or may act as co-investigator in projects of your interest.

We continue to conduct clinical and laboratory studies to evaluate new dental materials and oral health products including resin composites, adhesives, dental implants, bone grafting materials, tooth whitening products, mouthwash, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We work closely with researchers in basic research laboratories as well as in oral health industries to explore novel diagnostic and therapeutic methodologies for the improvement of clinical outcomes.

Our research achievements are reflected by peer-reviewed publications in high quality academic journals.

Below is a list of scientific articles published by AEGD faculty and residents in the year of 2013:

- Wang Q; Kang Y; Barnes V; Devizio W; Kashi A; Ren YF. "Dentin tubule occlusion and erosion protection effects of dentifrice containing bioadhesive PVM/MA copolymers." Clinical oral investigations. 2013;17(3):775-83.
- Ning L; Malmstrom H; Ren YF. “Porous collagen-hydroxyapatite scaffolds with mesenchymal stem cells for bone regeneration.” The Journal of oral implantology. 2013; Epub 2013 Apr 10.
- Malmstrom HS; Xiao J; Romanos G; Ren YF. ” Two years survival rate of implant supported overdenture placed by novice advanced educational general dentistry resident” The Journal of oral implantology. 2013; Epub 2013 Nov 04.
Continuing Dental Education

Implants

January 24-25
Lecture and Lab Exercise

New Techniques: Bridges, Beautiful Composites

Fiber Reinforced Bridges, Bleaching: In-office, Home or OTC, Update on Adhesive Dentistry and Future of Porcelain Materials. Best Techniques for Cementation of Crowns, Veneers and Fiber Posts
Lab Exercise and Patient Demonstration

Porcelain Veneers

Feb. 28 - March 1
Everything You Need to Know About Porcelain Veneers, Crowns and Color
Lecture, Lab Exercise and Patient Demonstration from start to finish on porcelain veneers

Beautiful Composites

March 28
Minimally Invasive Dentistry, Back to Basics
Lecture, Lab Exercise and Patient Demonstration

Dr. Dan Fischer, CEO of Ultradent Products, Inc. He is extensively involved in the research and development of many products used widely in the dental profession, with numerous U.S. and foreign patents granted/pending. He is a graduate of Loma Linda University and instructor at the Restorative Department at Loma Linda. He maintained a full-time private practice for 15 years. Since 1990 he has worked extensively in research and development but still maintains a part-time practice with an emphasis on Esthetic Dentistry.

Course Content
- Tint already range of socio-economic groups without negatively impacting their bottom line
- Recognize the principles of quality adhesives and esthetic means for direct reconstruction of fractured anterior teeth
- Bone techniques for direct reconstruction of mutilated posterior teeth

Dr. George Tysovsky
Clinical Assistant Professor at SUNY Buffalo and Vice President of Technology for Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc., where he is responsible for research and development activities for North American operations.

Course Content
- What is new in tooth colored posts and crowns?
- Root techniques for crown and veneer cementation
- Fiber posts: materials and techniques

Dr. Hans Malmstrom
Division Chair of General Dentistry and Director of the AEGD Residency Program at the University of Rochester Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, NY.
He is Professor and Director of Continuing Dental Education at Eastman Institute for Oral Health and Co-ordinator of the Esthetic Dentistry Unit. He has written several scientific articles and conducted numerous clinical research studies.

Course Content
- Treatment planning
- New trends and developments in composite and adhesive technology
- Techniques for fabricating fiber-reinforced bridges (hands-on exercise and patient care)
- Update on bleaching: clinical demonstrations, and patient care
- Lecture, Patient Demonstration and Lab Exercise

Dr. Nasser Barghi
Professor and Head of the Division of Esthetic Dentistry in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School
He is Past President of the American Equilibration Society, holds membership in many professional dental organizations and has authored and co-authored over 150 articles and abstracts. He has completed extensive research on bonding and etched porcelain bonded restorations, and has lectured extensively in the United States and abroad.

Course Content
- Diagnosis, treatment planning, and preparation for porcelain veneers, crowns, onlays and inlays
- Predictably selecting tooth shade
- Using composite and cements to enhance porcelain veneer esthetics
- Using composite and cements to enhance porcelain veneer esthetics
- Color modification of porcelain veneers and crowns
- Live patient demonstration of porcelain veneers

Dr. A. George Romanos
is currently Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at SUNY Stony Brook, School of Dental Medicine and tenured Professor for Oral Surgery and Implantology in Frankfurt, Germany.
Dr. Romanos completed educational programs in Periodontics, Prosthodontics and Oral Surgery in Germany and the Advanced Education in General Dentistry as well as the Periodontology Residency Program at the University of Rochester Eastman Institute for Oral Health. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Periodontology, former Professor of Implant Dentistry at New York University, Adjunct Professor of Clinical Dentistry at the University of Rochester. His PhD is related to connective tissue research and has post-doctoral work in immediate loading of oral implants. He has presented over 500 lectures, published extensively on the subject of laser and implant dentistry, authored more than 250 papers, book chapters, and four books. In addition, Dr. Romanos is an Editorial Board member in peer-reviewed journals and Chairman of the World Federation of Laser Dentistry (North American Division).

Course Content
- Correct selection of grafting materials for bone augmentation
- Grafting methods for soft tissue augmentation around implants
- Concepts of implant therapy to improve crestal soft and hard tissue stability
- Esthetic considerations for long term success in the esthetic zone

Dr. John C. Burgess
Assistant Dean for Clinical Research and the Director of Biomaterials at the University of Alabama. Dr. Burgess is a fellow of the Academy of Dental Materials and the American College of Dentists. Dr. Burgess lectures extensively nationally and internationally and has presented more than 800 continuing education courses. He is a graduate of Emory University School of Dentistry. He received his MS in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Texas Health Science Center.

Course Content
- Using adhesives to the max
- Selecting and placing composite resin
- Limiting impression material errors
- Crowns and Inlays
- Putting these procedures into your clinical practice tomorrow
Iranpour Award for Excellence in Clinical Education

The Iranpour Award recognizes a part or full time EIOH Department of Dentistry faculty member for demonstrating sustained excellence in clinical education. This award is presented in honor of Dr. Bejan Iranpour, a man revered by all who know him as a scholar, educator, humanitarian, role model, and highly respected clinician. A graduate of the Eastman Dental Center, Dr. Iranpour taught Oral Surgery in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program and was the Chief of Dentistry at the Genesee Hospital.

The award is given to an EIOH faculty member who demonstrates excellent communications skills and interaction with residents and students, who spends significant time actively providing clinical education, and who demonstrates a genuine concern and interest in residents/students’ education. The recipient must be very knowledgeable and skilled in his area of expertise, and be respected by residents and students, peers and staff. He must also be a patient advocate, assuring high quality care, and maintain ethical standards at the highest level.

Dr. Thomas DeRosa

This honor is named after Dr. Bejan Iranpour, who exemplified excellence in clinical education. For more than 20 years, Dr. DeRosa has worked as both a clinician and as an instructor in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program. We received recommendations in support of Dr. DeRosa.

Assistant Program Director, Dr. Michael Yunker says that Dr. DeRosa is totally dedicated to the program and rightfully expects those in the program to apply themselves with that same drive and enthusiasm. I have spent many hours working with and interacting with Tom, and for me, each moment has been a learning experience. His work ethic, dedication to task, and interest in welfare of both the patient and the practitioner, and his clinical expertise are second to none."

AEGD Program Chair Dr. Hans Malmstrom says that Dr. DeRosa is not only a skilled general dentist, but also has the ability to instruct the residents in a logical and understandable manner. He has high demands in regard to quality both of himself and the residents. He is a good communicator who is highly respected and appreciated by all faculty, staff and residents.

Brenda Flores Sousa, an AEGD resident, said that Dr. DeRosa always looks after us and shares his knowledge in an effort to make us excel in our quality of care. We are really grateful and honored to work with him in a daily basis.

Award for Excellence in Clinical Education

This award for excellence in Clinical Education is presented to a faculty member in the Advanced Education in the General Dentistry program, who demonstrates excellent communications skills, who spends a significant component of his time actively providing clinical education, demonstrates a genuine concern and interest for resident clinical education is very knowledgeable and skilled in his/her area of expertise and is respected by residents, peers and staff.

Dr. Ira Kamp

Dr. Kamp received his dental degree from Emory University School of Dentistry, Atlanta, Georgia in 1978 and completed a one year GPR residency from the Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, NY in 1979 and also received his teaching certification the same year. Dr. Kamp is also a certified acupuncturist since 1983 which he incorporates in his private practice. He has practiced in Groton and Ithaca, NY since 1981.

Dr. Kamp is an exceptional faculty member in the Division of General Dentistry. His genuine interest in teaching is exemplified by his willingness to travel from Ithaca (1.5 hour each way) weekly to come to EIOH in Rochester to teach our General Dentistry residents. He is a genuinely caring and compassionate individual who is concerned not only about the patients' oral needs and overall health, but also residents' and staffs' overall well-being. He brings a unique perspective of patient care, but also how to manage life as a busy professional.

Dr. Kamp's extensive training and experience and willingness to share his knowledge with the residents makes him a very sought-after faculty member. Dr. Kamp gives lectures on dental sleep medicine, acupuncture and implants to the residents. The residents truly enjoy and appreciate his interactions with Dr. Kamp. Some comments from the students: "always happy to help the residents with their work, motivating and supporting them to think critically"; "guides the residents educationally and provides perspective on his experience in private practice"; "he is a wonderful role model, both personally and professionally".

He has high demands in regard to quality both of himself and the residents. He is a good communicator who is highly respected and appreciated by faculty, staff and residents. Kamp is concerned not only about the patients' oral needs and overall health, but also residents' and staffs' overall well-being. He brings a unique perspective of patient care, but also how to manage life as a busy professional.

Dr. Lonnie Slapar

Dr. Slapar received his dental degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City and completed his General Practice Residency at the Genesee Hospital.

Dr. Slapar has been a part-time faculty member since 1994. He serves as a clinical instructor one evening per week. He is also on the faculty at RGH. He maintains a private practice as well at RGH. He maintains a private practice in Rochester. Dr. Slapar recently gave an attending at the Downtown Clinic.

Comments from Residents:

Dr. Slapar, thank you for your kindness, and your blunt honesty. You show your dedication by coming in with a crutch and still signing my treatment plans. You are truly a personality to work with, and you have so much to offer. I look forward to another year of you sharing your wisdom.

Yearbook AEGD 2014
For the past several years, we’ve recognized staff who play an important part in our organization. There’s an applicable quote by George Elliot who said “Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another.” With this in mind we would like to honor Mona Fine as the winner of this year’s Shaffer–Devries Award for Excellence in Administrative Operations or Clinical Service.

Mona Fine juggles an enormous workload in a chaotic environment with a great deal of skill and composure. She handles new resident orientations, curriculum, and faculty coverage. She also coordinates the Continuing Dental Education at EIOH and works very hard to make all our CE courses successful. She is extremely hard working, talented and loyal, always willing to offer support to make General Dentistry and EIOH successful.
Handelman Fellowship Award 2014

The recipient of the Handelman Award Fellowship 2014 is Dr. Sung Woo Kang. Dr. Kang is completed the two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry program as well as his MS at Eastman Institute for Oral Health in June, 2014.

Dr. Kang received his dental degree from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in 2008. He then returned to South Korea to fulfill his military obligation prior to entering the AEGD program.

Dr. Kang did demonstrated excellent clinical skills while in the program. He also functioned well as a team member, always willing to assist his fellow residents. He also performed at the highest level didactically and clinically.

Dr. Kang is now attending Harvard Dental and specializing in Endodontics. In summary, Dr. Kang is a very bright and well educated dentist, whose personality, intellectual capabilities and clinical skills will assure him success in the dental profession. He exemplifies the criteria for the Handelman Award for Excellence.

Sung-Woo Kang, DDS (AEGD '14)

Born and raised in South Korea, Kang’s parents dropped him off at a boarding school in Virginia when he turned 15, despite his very little knowledge of English. He went on to earn his bachelor’s at Johns Hopkins University and his DDS from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, before returning to South Korea to fulfill his mandatory military service duty before he started the AEGD program.

Why EIOH?

I initially applied to Eastman AEGD program because of its clinical reputation. Not many AEGD programs in the nation will give you a chance to get heavily involved in surgical and complex cases. During my interview, however, I learned that Eastman Institute was also a major research powerhouse. Because I always had a desire to pursue a formal research project and be exposed to the true scenery of academia, Eastman quickly became my number one choice.

Are you involved in research?

I am currently doing research on ATP mediated pain signaling mechanism in human's teeth in Dr. Ren’s lab. It is also my Master’s in Dental Science thesis project.

In what ways have you benefitted from your education at EIOH?

I don’t think I have ever been and will ever be surrounded by as many talented and intelligent teachers and researchers as I am seeing here at EIOH. The faculty members at EIOH are truly exceptional people. They are all great teachers, clinicians and researchers. I did not know what “evidence-based dentistry” really meant until I came here. Throughout numerous lectures and clinical sessions held by Dr. Malmström and other faculty, and literature and topical review sessions by Dr. Ren, I have learned what it really means to study evidence-based dentistry and apply the concept to my daily patient care.

Describe your perfect career.

I will join the endodontics residency program at Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Thus, my perfect career would be a working endodontist. I am also interested in pursuing a career in academia, as well. I find research aspects of dentistry so intriguing and want to be involved in educating future generations of dentists about evidence-based dentistry.

Last time you challenged yourself?

I think I challenged myself enough when I chose to face the Rochester winter weather this year. I’ve never seen this much snow in one single calendar year in my life!

Favorite thing you do in your spare time.

Listening to music, running, and watching the Baltimore Orioles and Ravens games.

A person who has inspired you.

It has to be my parents. The fact they bravely decided to send me to America for better education and future has always awed me. I don’t think I can even mimic the sacrifices they have made for me and my younger sister, who also received education here in the States. I am forever indebted to their unconditional love, and it has always inspired me to work harder.

Dr. Kang was recently given the Handelman Award, demonstrating excellence in clinical skills, leadership, initiative, ethics, communications skills and an interest in enhancing other residents’ educational experience.
“Nothing builds self-esteem and self-confidence like accomplishment.”
– Thomas Carlyle

“New patients are like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re going to get.”
– Unknown

“You know the future is really happening when you start feeling scared.”
– Unknown

“For good nurture and education implant good constitutions.”
– Plato

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream…”
– C.S. Lewis

“In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.”
– Unknown

“We don’t stop going to school when we graduate.”
– Carol Burnett

“Being considerate of others will take your children further in life than any college degree.”
– Marian Wright Edelman

“You need love & dentistry.”
– Unknown

“Knowledge will give you power, but character respect.”
– Bruce Lee

“The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.”
– William S. Burroughs

“The grinding of the intellect is for most people as painful as a dentist’s drill.”
– Leonard Woolf

“A real education is the architecture of the soul.”
– William Bennett

“Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge, others just gargle.”
– Robert Anthony

“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.”
– George Washington Carver

“Education is the movement from darkness to light.”
– Alvin Bloom

“Teeth are the only bones you show.”
– Unknown

“The future is really happening when you start feeling scared.”
– Unknown

“All you need is love & dentistry.”
– Unknown

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“A real education is the architecture of the soul.”
– William Bennett
Liset Beltran
Dental School: Higher Institute Medical Science
Santiago de Cuba

Professional Experience: General Dentistry, Community Dentistry, AEGD...

Best EDC Experience: Esthetics Conference (Dr. Bajghi)

Hobbies: Traveling, reading

What do you like to do for fun: Dining in good restaurants, live shows at theater, Opera

Place want to travel: Europe

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Rebecca Chan
Dental School: University of Montreal.

Professional Experience: Periodontal surgery honors program in dental school Externship in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Boston Medical Center Oral surgery honors program in dental school

Best EDC Experience: I had the honor to meet great faculty, staff and residents from all around the world. Loved the birthday bash parties where I could taste dishes from different countries.

Hobbies: Discover and try new restaurants

What do you like to do for fun: Cook & eat

Place want to travel: Asia

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Dental School: The University of Sydney, NSW, Australia

Professional Experience: Registered Pharmacist in the states of New South Wales & Victoria, Australia; Past proprietor of two community pharmacy practices in Melbourne & Sydney, Australia; Private dental practice in Melbourne & Sydney, Australia; Implantology Preceptorship at UCLA, CA, USA

Best EDC Experience: Too early to tell

Hobbies: Travel, horseback riding, sailing, snowboarding, diving, kayaking, hiking, home design

What do you like to do for fun: Playing with my baby girl

Place want to travel: Alaska, Eastern Europe and Russia

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Prachi Hanwatkar
Dental School: V.S.P.M.’s Dental college, India

Professional Experience: Associate dentist in a private practice and lecturer in a dental school in India.

Hobbies: Listening to music, cooking, trekking

What do you like to do for fun: Dancing

Place want to travel: India

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Sung Kang Woo
Dental School: Columbia University College of Dental Medicine

Professional Experience: So far, everything! I’m learning so much here!

Hobbies: Baseball & reading

What do you like to do for fun: Baseball

Place want to travel: Prague

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Prachi Hanwatkar
Dental School: Bapuji Dental College and Hospital

Professional Experience: Worked as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon since 2007

Best EDC Experience: At Howitt Urgent Care, but cannot really put my finger on one

Hobbies: Painting, music, cooking

What do you like to do for fun: Sports

Place want to travel: Himalayas

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Balu Krishna
Dental School: Peking University School of Stomatology

Professional Experience: 2004-2012, Peking University School of Stomatology, D.D.S. in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery; 2012-2013, resident in General Dentistry 2 Department, Peking University School of Stomatology.

Best EDC Experience: Some day in Urgent Care, I was doing a mandibular second premolar extraction. Although the patient was totally anesthetized, she was so anxious that she kept crying all the time, and I almost lost my control because it’s been 1.5 hours and we’re doing nothing! Then Dr. Ghanem passed by in front of the clinic...

Hobbies: Basketball

What do you like to do for fun: Sports

Place want to travel: Europe

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Elias Chatah
Dental School: University of Montreal.

Professional Experience: General Dentistry, Community Dentistry, AEGD...

Best EDC Experience: Esthetics Conference (Dr. Bajghi)

Hobbies: Traveling, reading

What do you like to do for fun: Dining in good restaurants, live shows at theater, Opera

Place want to travel: Europe

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Sakshi Deep
Dental School: Suny-Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine (class of Christian Dental College, Ludhiana, India)

Professional Experience: General Dentistry, India currently working in NY (Finger Lakes Region)

Best EDC Experience: To be surrounded by some great and creative dentists from around the world.

Hobbies: Cooking, Hiking, Photography

What do you like to do for fun: Same as above.

Place want to travel: Alaska, South Africa

Future goal(s): Have a Multispecialty Practice. Plan to specialize in a field of dentistry myself.

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Professional Experience: General Dentistry, Community Dentistry, AEGD...

Best EDC Experience: Esthetics Conference (Dr. Bajghi)

Hobbies: Traveling, reading

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Place want to travel: Europe

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Place want to travel: Alaska, South Africa

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Stephen Phillips
Dental School: University of Pennsylvania

Professional Experience:
AEGD 7 – Perio Prosts 2

Best EDC Experience:
Pouring models; Studying; Reading conebeams

Hobbies: Wax ups, soccer, Long walks in the snow

What do you like to do for fun: Eat, Snow

Place want to travel: New Zealand, Patagonia, India

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Adela Planerova
Dental School: Charles University in Prague - 1st Medical Faculty - Dentistry - MUDr (M.D.) Degree, Czech Republic

Professional Experience:
Dentist at Department of Stomatology, department of Pediatric Dentistry, 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague and General Hospital in Prague. Teaching of 5th-year Students of Dentistry, experience with Conscious sedations and General Anesthesia, Management and treatments of EDC; Surgery of soft and hard tissues

Best EDC Experience: To have “collection” of faculty at the department who are happy to share their rich experiences

Hobbies: traveling, scuba diving, skiing

Place want to travel: Israel, California, Florida

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Vattan Sharma
Dental School: Suny/Buffalo; SGRD- Amritsar, Punjab/India - School of Dental Medicine

Professional Experience:
2 year as General Dentist in India; Currently working in Finger Lakes Area

Best EDC Experience: Interacting with Co-Residents from all over the world

Hobbies: Playing and watching sports, Driving

What do you like to do for fun: Watch movies

Future goal(s): Post Graduation

Place want to travel: Australia

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Dental School: University of Pennsylvania

Professional Experience:
Providing dental care in Bolivia when I was a student

Best EDC Experience:
Exciting first day at Eastman – getting to know the EDC clinic and all the residents and staff!!

What do you like to do for fun: Spending time with my family

Future goal(s): Teach dental students, practice as a pediatric dentist & do dental research

Hobbies: Baking, reading

Place want to travel: Europe

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Vineela Redla
Dental School: C.K.S.Teya Institute of Dental Sciences and Research

Professional Experience:
Oral Surgery Internship: 1 year; Government General Hospital; Kakinada, India; Research Assistant, Periodontics Lab at University of Illinois, Chicago; Research Assistant, Biomaterials Lab at University of Colorado, Denver; Research Volunteer, Dr. Ren’s Lab at EIOH

Best EDC Experience: DD clinic

Hobbies: Sketching, Calligraphy, Photography

What do you like to do for fun: Water sports

Place want to travel: Europe

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Isamar Rivera-Ramos
Dental School: University of Puerto Rico - School of Dental Medicine

Best EDC Experience:
Getting to know & work with residents from all over the world

What do you like to do for fun: Spending time with my family

Future goal(s): Teach dental students, practice as a pediatric dentist & do dental research

Hobbies: Baking, reading

Place want to travel: Europe

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Jade Tran-Nguyen
Dental School: University of Montreal

Professional Experience:
Providing dental care in Bolivia when I was a student

Best EDC Experience:
EIOH opened my eyes to the wonders of Island.

What do you like to do for fun: Share dinner in great company around French/ Vietnamese food and a good glass of wine (not more than two, my Asian genes don’t allow more :P)

Place want to travel: Next stop: discovering wonders of Island.

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Konstantina Syrrakou
Dental School: University of Athens

Professional Experience:
General Dentistry private office; Pediatric Dentistry private office

Best EDC Experience: June 1st, 2012:
Exciting first day at Eastman – getting to know the EDC clinic and all the residents and staff!!

What do you like to do for fun: Cooking

Place want to travel: I would like to visit as many countries as my finances and time will allow me!

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Dental School: University of Pennsylvania

Professional Experience:
EDC

Best EDC Experience: Surgical extractions, root canal treatment and working with all the faculty, dental assistants and staff!!

Hobbies: dental photography, traveling, driving

What do you like to do for fun: Sports (playing baseball, hockey, volleyball and working out)

Place want to travel: Australia

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Arif Virani
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December, 2013
Two year AEGD Program
Di Le, DDS
Hector Rodriguez, DDS
Xiuxin Jason Liu, DDS, MS, PhD

June, 2014
One year AEGD Program
Rebecca Chan, DMD
Sakshi Deep, DDS
Suzanna Kia, DMD
Isamar Rivera-Ramos, DMD
Vattan Sharma, DDS
Jade Tran-Nguyen, DMD
Thu Trinh, DDS
Arif Virani, DMD
Jia Duo Wang, DMD

Two year AEGD Program
Liset Beltran, DDS
Elias Chatiah, DMD
Prachi Hanwatkar, BDS, MPH
Balu Krishna, BDS, MDS
Adela Planerova, DDS
Konstantina Syrrakou, DDS

One year Research + Two year AEGD Program
Jinwei Huang, DDS
Sung Kang, DDS
Stephen Phillips, DMD
Vineela Redla, BDS

A Word from a Resident

By Dr. Redla (Vineela), BDS

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

It is often hard and stressful to cope with changes to new surroundings, but if one manages to conquer this obstacle, elevation of knowledge and experience are great results gained from this achievement. Transitions are never an easy thing to conquer. Yet, my spirit and determination to pursue a career in dentistry in this foreign country have not diminished at all. Rather, they have been greatly fortified by the opportunities it brought. Dr. Ren gave me an opportunity to volunteer in his lab and believed in me. He gave me a sense of purpose when I needed it the most. He believed in me and made me believe in myself. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I had to be part of the AEGD program.

Among the program’s many strengths -- academic opportunities, the program’s commitment to diversity, challenging fellowships -- the commitment and excellence of the faculty is the most distinguished. What I wanted and got was a realistic view of what dentistry is like without the confines and artificiality of dental school. The faculty’s collaborative, strength-based leadership provides for a positive professional environment and invites student engagement in the learning process. Dr. Yunker and Dr. DeRosa are each accomplished clinicians, passionate about their work, and they communicate that enthusiasm through generous student mentorship and supervision. The success in the clinic revolves around dental assistants and lab techs, they always knew what I wanted and they were like my training wheels.

During my time as a resident, I discovered an interest in Special Care Dentistry which faculty fostered. I had the opportunity to work at the Special Care clinic and to pursue the LEND fellowship. It opened doors to several opportunities for me like Special Olympics and AADMD. The extraordinary level of support and encouragement from Dr. Malmstrom has created a career path that has been rewarding and meaningful. As a result of my experience, I was prepared to pursue my career goals in a focused and dynamic manner.

"The AEGD program is like one big happy family!" Residency is a hard journey no matter where you are. The camaraderie and care that I experienced from the faculty, staff and fellow residents were irreplaceable with 100% support every step of the way. Plus, this amazing support has continued beyond graduation. To be completely honest, I have nothing but praise for the AEGD program and am consistently thankful that I was able to attend! To this day, I continue to remain in close contact with the faculty and staff as well as the individuals in my cohort. I am truly grateful for the education, training, experiences, and friendships I acquired while in the AEGD program and will always consider myself a Duck! A winning smile is a priceless asset in any culture and is one that I hope to provide to as many people as possible.

Don’t expect everyone to understand your journey, especially if they’ve never walked your path.

"Enjoy your journey"
December 2013 Convocation

Di Le
Xiuxin Jason Liu
Hector Rodríguez
Current Residents

Rowida Abdalla
Aymee Almaguer
Silvia Arany
Balasudha Baladhandayutham
Yaling Liu
Lorena Millan
Lavanya Pernapati
Jorge Rodriguez-Jorda

Beatriz DeBrillo Bezerra
Sam Dirawi
Karen Escobar-Milla
Navid Farzadlar
Karem Salazar
Alejandro Sanchez-Lara Murgula
Lenny Santos

Brenda Flores Sousa
Caroline Inaba
Siyu Li
Konstantina Tzouma
Ximena Velasquez
Roja Vemula
**Rowida Abdalla**

**Language(s) spoken:** Arabic, English  
**Dental School:** Ain Shams Dental School  
**Professional Experience:**  
1 year Residency Operative dentistry department MUH - 2 years Research at National Center for Research Radiation & Technology at the Atomic Energy Authority in Cairo/Egypt, Masters in operative dentistry, Al Azhar University, Cairo/Egypt.  
**Best EDC Experience:** Community dentistry fellowship at Eastman Dental.  
**Hobbies:** Figure skating  
**Favorite color:** Green

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**Aymee Almaguer**

**Language(s) spoken:** Spanish, English  
**Dental School:** School of Medicine & Dentistry “Mariana Grajales Coelho” Holguin, Cuba  
**Professional Experience:**  
10 years as General Dentist  
**Best EDC Experience:** My friends  
**What do you like to do for fun:** Going to the movies  
**Favorite color:** Violet  
**Email:** aymeealmaguer@hotmail.com

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**Beatriz Bezerra**

**Language(s) spoken:** English, Portuguese  
**Dental School:** Universidade Federal do Ceara and unpcamp  
**Professional Experience:**  
1 year Residency Operative dentistry  
**Best EDC Experience:** CE courses  
**Hobbies:** Bake  
**What do you like to do for fun:** Run  
**Future goal(s):** To become a professor  
**Favorite color:** Purple  
**Email:** beatriz.debrito@beza.rea. urmc.rochester.edu

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**Sam Dirawi**

**Language(s) spoken:** English, Russian, Arabic, Swedish  
**Dental School:** Ukrainian Medical Stomatological Academy  
**Professional Experience:**  
DDS. Oral-Maxillofacial surgery  
**Best EDC Experience:** AEGD Department  
**Hobbies:** Sport, Martial Arts, fishing, music  
**What do you like to do for fun:** Spending my time with family  
**Future goal(s):** To become professional in all aspects of Dentistry  
**Favorite color:** Blue  
**Email:** sam_dirawi@urmc.rochester.edu

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**Karen Escobar-Milla**

**Language(s) spoken:** Spanish, English  
**Dental School:** Universidad Catolica Universidad de la Salle  
**Professional Experience:**  
3 years General Dentistry  
**Best EDC Experience:** Going to the community service at the school in Strong Hospital.  
**Hobbies:** Ride a bike, read, hiking  
**What do you like to do for fun:** Travel, walk my dog  
**Future goal(s):** Work private practice  
**If you could change one thing it would be:** Night Clinics  
**Favorite color:** Purple  
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**Navid Farzadfar**

**Language(s) spoken:**arsi (Persian), English, French  
**Dental School:** Estahan Dental School-Iran  
**Professional Experience:**  
DDS. Oral-Maxillofacial surgery  
**Best EDC Experience:** Hands-on course (especially esthetics & Endo)  
**Hobbies:** Books, Painting  
**What do you like to do for fun:** Movies  
**Future goal(s):** Private practice  
**If you could change one thing it would be:** The weather in Rochester  
**Favorite color:** yellow  
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Brenda Flores Sousa

Language(s) spoken: English, Spanish, French, German, Portuguese
Dental School: Universidad de Monterrey
Professional Experience: General Dentistry
Best EDC Experience: Meeting people from all over the world.
Hobbies: Dancing & listening to music
What do you like to do for fun: Hang out with friends & dancing
Future goal(s): Happiness & well being
Favorite color: Blue
Email: brenda_flores@hotmail.com

Caroline Inaba

Language(s) spoken: Portuguese, English
Dental School: Paulista University/ Camino Castello
Branco University (São Paulo, Brazil)
Professional Experience: 7 years as General Dentist. Voluntary work (Association of assistance of disabled children AACD), Emergency department (APCD). Implant post graduate course; Dental traumatism Department; HIV Center; Norwalk Hospital
Best EDC Experience: Meet people from all over the world, different cultures & professional background.
Hobbies: Pushing. Enjoying my family
What do you like to do for fun: Travel & watch a good movie with my family
Future goal(s): Do a specialty - Pediatric Dentistry
If you could change one thing it would be: Weather too cold
Favorite color: Black
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 Lorena Millan

Language(s) spoken: English, Spanish
Dental School: Universidad Santa Maria
Professional Experience: Involved in community dentistry, general dentistry practice, developmental disability patients
Best EDC Experience: Getting to know such an amazing group of people from all around the world.
Hobbies: Baking, singing
What do you like to do for fun: Watch my favorite TV show. Be with my family.
Future goal(s): To be a good dentist & make my family proud of me.
Favorite color: Orange & purple
If you could change one thing it would be: My laziness towards exercise.
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Siyu Li

Language(s) spoken: Chinese, English
Dental School: Peking University school of stomatology
Professional Experience: Prosthodontics speciality 2008-2012 China
Best EDC Experience: Community service in Day Care
Hobbies: Listen music, watch movie, travel, read books
What do you like to do for fun: Play with my daughter
Future goal(s): Be a good dentist & enjoy life.
Favorite color: Purple
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Yaling Liu

Language(s) spoken: Chinese, English
Dental School: West China College of Stomatology, Sichuan University, China
Professional Experience: 2 years practice in General Dentistry & Advanced training in Endodontics
Best EDC Experience: Meet friends from different countries
Hobbies: Playing the piano
What do you like to do for fun: Watch movie, Travel & shopping; Read novels
Future goal(s): Teaching in Dental School
If you could change one thing it would be: I want to become a writer
Favorite color: Blue
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Lavanya Pernapati

Language(s) spoken: Hindi, Telugu, English
Dental School: C.R.S. Stea Institute of Dental Sciences & Research, India
Professional Experience: Private practice, India; Oral surgery internship KPH, Jamaica; Community at Health Center, Jamaica
Best EDC Experience: Learning a lot of General dentistry from friendly faculty.
Hobbies: Listening to music, reading Sherlock Holmes, watching movies.
What do you like to do for fun: Traveling & going to new places, going to water parks.
Future goal(s): To be a good dentist & make my family proud of me.
Favorite color: Orange & purple
If you could change one thing it would be: My laziness towards exercise.
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Karem Salazar

Language(s) spoken: Spanish, English, Portuguese, French
Dental School: Facultad de Odontologia, Gye, Ecuador
Professional Experience: Pro site practice - TX coordinator (ortho)
Best EDC Experience: Learning a lot of patients & getting to know the city & friends.
Hobbies: Dance, GYM, run
What do you like to do for fun: Traveling
Future goal(s): Become an Orthodontist
If you could change one thing it would be: I’d do it all over again. God’s timing is perfect.
Favorite color: Beige
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Lenny Santos
Language(s) spoken: Spanish, English
Dental School: Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madrey Maestra
Professional Experience:
Provided preventive & basic care to children & adults of impoverished communities in the Dominican Republic; Work as a dental assistant in NYC; Started AEGD at EIOH in 2013
Best EDC Experience:
Learning from all the very knowledgeable faculty
Hobbies:
Writing a Journal, drawing
What do you like to do for fun:
Talking & dining with my family & friends, visiting new places
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Ximena Velasquez
Language(s) spoken: Spanish, English
Dental School: Universidad el Bosque/Colombia
Professional Experience:
7 years experience in General Dentistry, Orthodontics & Health management in private practice, volunteer in different humanitarian missions.
Best EDC Experience:
Have the great opportunity to meet wonderful people from different countries & learn from them.
Hobbies:
Art work, dance, travel, music, golf
What do you like to do for fun:
Dance, scuba diving, play golf
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Konstantina Tzouma
Language(s) spoken: Greek, English
Dental School: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Professional Experience:
Post graduate endodontics NYU
Best EDC Experience:
Having snow 9 month straight!
Hobbies:
Traveling
What do you like to do for fun:
Spending time with friends
Future goal(s):
Have successful practice/ Pediatric Dentist
Favorite color: Red
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roja01@gmail.com

Roja Vemula
Language(s) spoken: English, Hindi, Telugu
Dental School: AECS, Maaruthi School of Dental Sciences, India
Professional Experience:
4 years of clinical experience in General dentistry; 3 years of clinical Research; Involved in community Dental Health programs.
Best EDC Experience:
Working with different faculty.
Hobbies:
Cooking & traveling
What do you like to do for fun:
Playing with my daughter
Future goal(s):
Have my own practice & be successful.
Favorite color: Peach & pink
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Two year AEGD Program
Aymee Almaguer, DDS
Carolyn Inaba, DDS
Ximena Velasquez, DDS

Peking Collaboration
Siyu Li, DDS, PhD, MS

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Navid Farzaadfar, D.D.S.
Brenda Flores Sousa, DDS
Lorena Millan, DDS
Lavanya Periapanati, BDS
Alejandro Sanchez-Lara Marguia, DDS
Lenny Santos, DDS
Konstantina Iozzuma, DDS
Rojan Vemula, BDS

One year Research + Two year AEGD Program
Yaling Liu, DDS

Three year Research + Three year AEGD Program
Szilvia Arany, DMD

By Dr. Chatah (Elias), DMD

The "United Nations of Dentistry", aka “Eastman Dental”

I first heard about Eastman Dental while in dental school in Sydney, Australia. A few of my classmates from the US and Canada were familiar with it.

My adventure at the General Dentistry department was unplanned and in fact unexpected. During a three-month stint in Toronto, I decided to visit the prosthodontics department at Eastman, to finally see the well-known institution and to investigate the possibility of specializing in prosthodontics. While at Eastman, I was introduced to Dr. Malmstrom – needless to say, the rest is history.

Fast forward 18 months, my second child was born in Rochester, and I was nearly done with my AEGD residency.

During my residency, I met some of the nicest and most down-to-earth professionals one could come across. I made life-long friends with whom I remain in contact.

Professionally, my skills were “fine-tuned” and I became more comfortable with oral surgery thanks to Dr. Alexis Ghanem and with implants and veneers (to name a few) thanks to Dr. Hans Malmstrom. Dr. Michael Yunker instilled a high level of ethics in all us residents.

By no means has my Eastman experience been completely rosy – but then again, what is in life? — Many people ask me, “how can you leave the sandy beaches of Australia and sunny Sydney and live in (arctic-like) Rochester”? I still ask myself the same question!

If I were asked, “do you regret anything about your Eastman adventure and would you undo it or change it?” I would say, “NOT FOR THE WORLD”! I would have missed out on meeting an amazing group of people tucked away in beautiful upstate New York. Rochester will always mean a lot to me and I will always visit. My children only know this city as their home, they haven’t even been to Australia!

To the future residents, I say this: Eastman allows you to grow professionally and personally. Sure, you can let the experience drag until your residency is done! Is this a smart thing to do? Simply NO — make your residency an amazing one and learn from people around you and from the wealth of knowledge available at Eastman. From your colleagues to your faculty, you will never again in your professional life, experience such a conglomerate of talent.

We should all be proud of Eastman and especially of General Dentistry. I will always love each member of my Eastman family and I will miss each and every one of them when the time comes to say “so long”. Elias Mikael Chatah, AEGD 2014
Every year, a fierce and friendly soccer game is held between AEGD residents and Perio/prostho residents.

This year’s game, AEGD defeated Prostho 7-3!!!!
Mrs. Marilyn Foy Retirement Party
International Gala 2013
Birthday Parties
Clinic for the Developmentally Disabled at Monroe Community Hospital

At the DD Clinic we have over 1500 visits annually caring for the dental needs of about 400 patients. Our patients have developmental disabilities which may include mental retardation, learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, autism, hearing and vision deficits, physical limitations requiring wheelchair use, psychological or psychotic disorders and syndromes such as Fragile X, Retts, Downs, Prader-Willi, Tourettes and a few more.

Dr. David Schrier, D.D.S., joined the EIOH faculty a few years ago after many years in private practice. He has been part of the MCH clinic since last year as supervising faculty. He enjoys working with the caring and skilled people who staff the facility and sharing his experience and knowledge to enhance the treatment of the patients.

Lynda Pasco, Clinic Coordinator, makes the first contact with patients and their care-providers. Her pleasant smile and manner embody the face of our clinic and make a very happy and personal impression on our patients. She also makes sure we are working continuously and efficiently. Spaces created by canceled appointments are soon filled and problems encountered by us are quickly solved! She is a wonderful asset to this clinic.

Andrea Pedersen, Registered Dental Hygienist, takes care of the oral hygiene health of our patients. With her abilities to sing, dance and involve the patient we have some very happy patients when they get their teeth scaled and polished. She is also a member of the New York State task force for Special Care Dentistry that is trying to improve dental care, dental health and access to care for people with developmental disabilities.

Jewish Home - Geriatric Clinic

In the spring of 1985, the Jewish Home of Rochester moved to Winton Road in Brighton from St. Paul Street. The Home has approximately 360 residents who are served by the dental clinic.

Dr. Michael Mayer is director of the clinic, which is also staffed by a dental assistant, dental hygienist and an office manager. The Eastman Institute for Oral Health AEGD residents do a rotation at the clinic.

MCH rotating residents

Brenda Flores Sousa  Caroline Inaba  Ximena Velasquez

Ms. Debbie Nesselbush & Ms. Phyllis Parker  Ms. Whitney Belcer & Ms. Theresa McQueen  Dr. Aymee Almaguer & Dr. Michael Mayer  Aymee Almaguer
A Convocation Message

I thought it might be appropriate to begin with a reference to a former President of these United States and it was with interest that I read that an anonymous observer once said of Calvin Coolidge that he didn’t say much, but when he did, he didn’t say much! I’ll try to avoid that kind of review as I attempt to sum up two years in a short space of time. To maintain the sentiment rather than the emotion of such a nostalgic day, I thought I might share a letter with you to the late Mr. George Eastman!

Dear Mr. Eastman,

I know we’ve never met and I’m going home to Ireland, so it’s probably going to stay that way! But I’m leaving richer than I came - not necessarily anything to do with a General Dentistry stipend, but definitely richer as a dentist and as an individual. I came to the U.S. as a very privileged young man: a life of having, thanks to wonderful set of parents and a full family life, and to them, I am indebted. My parents would have loved to have been here today, but hopefully the Eastman Kodak moments will help them to appreciate it!

This was perhaps the first time that I really branched out on my own and that branch has led me across the Atlantic and into your family tree. The blossoming, leafy Eastman tree that is like a microcosm of America: people from all over the world eagerly gathering the windfall from the tree; and so my privilege has continued - a wonderful two years of continued learning, helping me to mature as a dentist, two years of “The American Experience” and two years of very cold winters!! I have met such brilliant people and forged close friendships in my two years; and that was just with the emergency patients!!!

I have many people to thank, Mr. Eastman. People that I owe so much to, for many different reasons and I really shouldn’t single out individuals.

I have been lucky enough to work with your selfless faculty for two years; people who give so much time and energy in the noble pursuit of educating others. I hope that I might get the opportunity to impart some of that knowledge to others when I get back home - imitation would certainly be the highest form of flattery that I could pay to my faculty at Eastman.

I have also been lucky enough to have so many brilliant fellow residents. I remember one of my prosthodontics faculty at Trinity College Dublin had recently returned from the program at the University of Iowa and he told me how lucky his fellow residents and that is very lucky to someone raised in a country with no history of immigration. And so now, I have been exposed to many different cultures and creeds and that too has been a real growing experience. I have learned much from people escaping from their homelands through desert and of people being here under the toughest of circumstances, and that makes me even more appreciative of everything I have.

So to all of the residents I have been honored to have shared my time with, I am very grateful.

My good fortune, however, Mr. Eastman, has not ended there. If ever I was to read this letter to all the assistants that I have been lucky enough to work with, I know that more than one would count their blessings that I was neither whistling, singing nor humming!!! For I have done more than my fair share of music-making in two years and a refrain, chorus or unintelligible improvisation has rarely been too far away from any impression, filling or extraction!!! I know that many of those assistants (ok, all of those assistants) wouldn’t agree that it is lucky that music will never be my source of income! But I have learned much from those two years your family of assistants to help in the search for some poor unsuspecting assistant when I get back to Ireland - and deafness will definitely help her greatly!

If it’s possible to leave with a heavy heart, Mr. Eastman, then I will leave the Department of General Dentistry with one of those. From Johnson Controls to our front desk and from the lab to the administration, I am taking fond memories with me. I am grateful to you, Mr. Eastman, for having bad teeth and leaving behind you an institution that is great in both name and deed. I look forward to returning to Eastman Dental Center often and maintaining a strong link always.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Loomes,
A Convocation Message
from Adrian Loomes, AEGD, ’00
To those that helped me put together this Yearbook.
Thank you all so much. Without all of you, this huge project would not have been possible. This Yearbook is now filled with amazing faces and memories that will last a lifetime. I would not have been able to do this without all of you. Thank you for allowing me to bother you guys so much! HaHa!!