Research Faculty Mentors

GENERAL DENTISTRY

- **Marianne Jurasic** DMD, MPH, Clinical Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Clinical Research. Research Area: Public Health Utilizing Multiple Electronic Datasets to Answer Clinical and Epidemiological Questions

- **Larry Dunham** DMD, Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs. Research Area: Social, Economic and Cultural Influences on Global Health.

- **Garladinne Lakshmi** BDS, MDS, Clinical Assistant Professor. Research area: Anatomic Variants on CBCT, Osteonecrosis of the Jaw, Multi-Modality Imaging Features of Maxillofacial Lesions

HEALTH POLICY & HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

- **Belinda Borrelli** PhD, Professor and Director of Behavioral Science Research. Research Area: Motivating Health Behavior Change, mHealth and eHealth, Smoking Cessation and Public Health

- **Raul Garcia** DMD, MMS, Professor and Chair. Research Area: Epidemiology

- **Michelle Henshaw** DDS, MPH, Professor and Assistant Dean for Community Practice. Research Area: Public Health

- **Elizabeth Kaye** MPH, PhD, Associate Professor. Research Area: Public Health

- **Asta Singhal** BDS, MPH, PhD, Associate Professor, Director of Advanced Specialty Education Program in Dental Public Health. Research Area: Dental ER Care and Oral Health Disparities

MOLECULAR & CELL BIOLOGY

- **Ruslan Afasizhev** PhD, Professor. Research Area: Molecular Mechanisms of RNA Processing in Trypanosomes

- **Paola Divieti Pajevic** MD, PhD, Associate Professor. Research Area: Bone Cell Biology and Mechanotransduction.

- **Maria Kukuruzinska** PhD, Professor and Associate Dean for Research. Research Area: Molecular and Cell Biology/Development

- **Cataldo Leone** DMD, DMSc, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Advanced Education & International Programs. Research areas: Biochemistry/Periodontology

- **David Levin** PhD, Professor and Chair. Research Area: Biochemistry/Molecular Biology

- **Miklos Sahin-Toth** MD, PhD, Professor and Director of Center for Exocrine Disorders. Research Area: Biochemistry

- **John Samuelson** MD, PhD, Professor. Research Area: Microbiology

- **Makoto Senoo** PhD, Associate Professor Research Area: Stem Cell Biology Using Molecular and Cellular Analyses and Mouse Genetics

- **Philip Trackman** PhD, Professor. Research Area: Cell Biology

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

- **Radhika Chigurupati** DMD, MS, Associate Professor and Director of Research. Research Area: Global Health, Early Diagnosis of Oral Cancer, Clinical Informatics

- **Richard D’Innocenzo** DMD, MD, Associate Clinical Professor. Research Area: Trauma, Fracture, Maxillofacial Management and Anesthesia

- **Pushkar Mehra** BDS, DMD, Associate Professor and Chair. Research Area: Trauma, Fracture, Maxillofacial Management and Orthognathic Surgery
• **Vicki Noonan** DMD, DMSc, Associate Professor and Director of the Clinical Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Practice. Research Area: Pathology/Oral Biology

• **Andrew Salama** DDS, MD, Assistant Professor. Research Area: Evaluating Tongue Motion and Speech Following Reconstructive Surgery and Developing Novel Chemo-Preventive Medications for Oral Cancer

ORTHODONTICS & DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS
• **Leslie Will** DMD, CAGS, MSD, Professor and Chair. Research Area: Normal and Abnormal Growth, Treatment Outcomes and Diagnostic Tools

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
• **Louis Gerstenfeld** PhD, Professor. Research Area: Cell Biology/Bone

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
• **Athanasios Zavras** DMD, DDS, MS, DrMedSc, Professor and Chair. Research Area: Epidemiology of Oral Diseases, Health Services Research, Molecular Diagnostics and Pediatric Dentistry

PERIODONTOLOGY
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