

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
- [Astha Singhal | Profiles RNS](#) 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
- [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
- [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

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

- [Serge Dibart](#) DDS, DMD, Professor and Program Director. Research Area: Gingival Epithelial Cells
- [Erdjan Salih](#) PhD, Associate Professor. Research Area: Biomedical Sciences/Biochemistry/Bone Biology and Bone Cancer Interaction/Mass Spectrometry

RESTORATIVE SCIENCES/BIOMATERIALS

- [Laisheng Chou](#) DMD, PhD, Professor. Research Area: Cell Biology/Oral Medicine
- [Russell Giordano](#) DMD, DMSc, Associate Professor. Research Area: Biomaterials
- [Dan Nathanson](#) DMD, MSD, Professor and Chair. Research Area: Biomaterials

TRANSLATIONAL DENTAL MEDICINE

- [Manish Bais](#), DVM, Ph.D, Research Associate Professor. Research Area: Oral Cancer/TMJ Osteoarthritis/Bone Cartilage Regeneration
- [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
- Philip Stashenko DMD, Ph.D., Associate Professor; Research Area: Oral Infection Diseases/Oral Cancer
- [Philip Trackman](#) PhD, Professor. Research Area: Cell Biology

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