

COURSE ADMINISTRATOR

DR. DAVID OKUJI



Dr. Okuji received his dental education at University of California, Los Angeles and pediatric dentistry residency certification at the University of Southern California. He also has an MBA from the U.C. Berkeley-Haas School of Business and earned a Master of Science degree in health care management from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Okuji practiced as an associate pediatric dentist in Northern California for 5 years and then practiced for Saudi-ARAMCO, an international oil company for the next 5 years. After repatriating to the U.S., he was the principal of a multi-dentist, multi-specialty practice for 24 years in California. He currently operates a dental practice consulting company and serves as the Senior Associate Director-Extramural & Special Projects with the NYU Langone Hospitals-Division of Dental Medicine. In addition to his practice management experience, Dr. Okuji is an educator and public health advocate. He is also a board certified Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, Diplomate of the National Board of Public Health Examiners, and an Instructor in Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, part-time, at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Currently, Dr. Okuji has been influenced by his participation in the Harvard Business School's Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness model for value-based health care delivery and he is working on developing a global set of clinical outcomes metrics for the medical condition of severe early childhood caries.

ON SITE FACULTY MEMBERS

DR. TAMARA-KAY TIBBY



Dr. Tamara-Kay (T.K.) Tibby was born in Kingston, Jamaica. Her formative years were spent in both Kingston, Jamaica and West Palm Beach, FL. Despite sharing her time traveling between two countries, T.K.'s parents saved all her baby teeth and always made sure the tooth fairy found her. This is what her parents would tell you strongly influenced T.K.'s decision to become a dentist. Pursuing a love for science, humanities and linguistics, she graduated with a BA in Spanish with a minor in Biology from Duke University. As part of her undergraduate studies, T.K. lived abroad in Mexico, Costa Rica and Bolivia. These cultural exchanges solidified her desire to work with underserved populations and made her pretty fluent in Spanglish.

Dr. Tibby received her Doctorate in Dental Medicine from the University of Florida College of Dentistry in 2000. She completed her residency in Pediatric Dentistry at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine in 2002. After graduation, she returned to West Palm Beach, FL and sought a job at the Palm Beach County Health Department as well as in private practice. Dr. Tibby transitioned from private practice in 2006 and started practicing solely in Public Health. Shortly upon making this decision, she began pursuing her Masters in Public Health (MPH) at the University of South Florida. This afforded her the opportunity to gain valuable field experience in Panama City, Panama. Dr. Tibby has over 15 years of experience in public health. She has served as the dental director for community health centers in three different counties in Florida. In these roles she has initiated school and day care based preventative dental programs for low income children. She has also done her fair share of adult emergency exams and extractions. Dr. Tibby and her family are avid sports fan and especially enjoy watching Gator football, Duke Basketball, and the Philadelphia Eagles. Her passion for sports has led her to attend a Super Bowl, NCAA Final Four, NBA Championship game, A World Series Game and several professional tennis tournaments. This is Dr. Tibby's third year teaching the pediatric dentistry course and she is so happy to be in town during Champs.

DR. OARIONA LOWE



Dr. Lowe currently resides in Southern California. She has been a resident of California since receiving her Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry in 1984 from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Prior to relocating to California she lived on the East Coast, where she completed a General Practice Residency from the Eastman Institute for Oral Health, University of Rochester, Rochester New York. Before moving to New York she was in Washington D.C. where she completed her DDS from Howard University and her Masters of Arts Degree in Higher Education from the George Washington University. Dr. Lowe has maintained a private practice for 30 years and is on faculty at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. She also holds a part-time faculty position as a Visiting Lecturer at UCLA in Pediatric Dentistry. In 2016 she completed the Executive Program in Public Health at UCLA receiving her MPH degree. Dr. Lowe is a Board certified Diplomate of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Global health and the desire to help the underserved nationally and around the world has helped to support her interest in public health. Developing educational programs in health care for students overseas is another passion of hers.

DR. JENNIFER SYLVIAN

Dr. Jennifer J. Sylvian was born in Miami, Florida and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida along with her three brothers, Andy, Jonathan, and AJ. She is the daughter of Pastor Julson Sylvian and certified nurse, Josette Sylvian. After graduating high school, Dr. Sylvian attended the University of Florida. Dr. Sylvian obtained her bachelors in Health Sciences in 2008 and pursued a masters in Public Health, thereafter. While receiving her M.P.H., she worked as a dental assistant in various dental offices and educational institutions. During her employment as a dental assistant at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, she was afforded the opportunity to observe and assist in a myriad of interesting cases. She was able to encounter patients on the Autism spectrum, those with osteogenesis imperfecta, craniofacial abnormalities, and cerebral palsy. Not long after, Dr. Sylvian was accepted to Howard University College of Dentistry where she earned her dental degree. While there, she served as president of the student chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Sylvian's desire to become a pediatric dentist goes well beyond her love for children. She wholeheartedly seeks to influence a generation, a family to pursue good oral hygiene. As a pediatric dentist, she believes that one is responsible for educating not just the patient, but also the primary caregiver on proper oral hygiene and overall health. In the future, she desires to open a public health dental clinic in her family's native home of Haiti. There, she hopes to positively influence a nation through pediatric dentistry. In her spare time, she enjoys baking, blogging, writing, traveling, berry picking, hiking, dancing, snorkeling, historical period dramas, and overindulging her friends in positive ways.

DR. OLUTAYO ODUSANWO

Olutayo ('Tayo) Odusanwo grew up in Lagos, Nigeria. Leaving home at 10 to attend an all-girls boarding school, very early, she learned the value of taking initiative and being self-motivated. Tayo also obtained her first dental degree in Nigeria during which time she helped cofound a mobile clinic start up - "Dentist on Wheels". The mobile clinic helped educate, screen and refer indigent elementary school children for dental conditions. After dental school, Tayo moved to Glasgow, Scotland to study for a MS in Molecular Biology conducting research on the physiology of horse sweat glands. Living in Glasgow, she became acquainted with the rolling greens, kilt wearers, haggis and picked up a hint of a Scottish accent! The itinerant scholar subsequently relocated to Buffalo NY to continue her research, now focusing on the physiology of human and rodent salivary glands. Then, she longed to work with patients again. Olutayo was accepted to Boston University where she earned her DMD. While at BU, she served as a Big Sister mentoring an 8-year-old at one of the local elementary schools. She spent another year at an NYU- Langone AEGD program situated in a community health center (CHC) in Worcester, MA- further honing her clinical skills. This introduced her to community service; she subsequently spent 2 years practicing general dentistry at another CHC in Fitchburg MA- treating the underserved and uninsured, and conducting community dental outreach to the local public schools. In addition, she served as an AEGD faculty to the NYU-Langone residents at her site. An interesting fact about her is that she has voluntary control of her inner ear muscles! Tayo enjoys running, cooking, amateur kick-boxing and teaching Sunday School at her church.

DR. MICHAEL HATTON

Michael Hatton was born and raised in Catskill, New York. He graduated from Stony Brook University with a BS in Biology. Enrolling with the New York City Teaching Fellows, Michael taught science in a South Bronx middle school. During this time, he also worked for the Specialized High School Institute, teaching a nights and weekends preparatory course aimed at high achieving students from inner city schools who hoped to attend the city's prestigious Specialized High Schools. After three years as a teacher, Michael returned to school and received his DDS degree from New York University. During his time as a dental student, Michael participated on an international outreach to Kathmandu, Nepal, to provide emergency dental care for children and adults in need. In addition, he was able to treat schoolchildren on a pediatric dental van, and attend a weeklong pediatric dental outreach to an underserved community in Poughkeepsie, New York. Michael is married; his wife, Emily, is an early childhood teacher. Michael is passionate about cars, particularly the classics. He also enjoys skiing, computer games, and building and painting model kits. One interesting fact about Michael is that he is restoring a 1970 Mercury Cougar Eliminator that he purchased while still teaching. Upon finishing his formal education, Michael hopes to return to his rural roots, practicing pediatric dentistry in Upstate New York or northern New England.