

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. FARAH ALI

Dr. Farah Ali was born in Queens, New York and raised in South Brunswick, New Jersey where she grew up with her parents and younger sister. In high school, she realized her natural fascination with the sciences. This led her to pursue a degree in Biochemistry from Temple University and stay focused on the pre-dental track after shadowing a dentist one summer. Farah continued on to pursue a Master's degree in Biology from NYU, and then continued living the city-life while attending NYU College of Dentistry for her dental degree. Farah was part of the 'Wonder' project at NYUCD, where she helped organize a lunch and learn lecture series and Cleft and Craniofacial Symposium focusing on patient care with children with craniofacial conditions. This opportunity led to her desire to work with children, specifically those with special needs, and her interest in pediatric dentistry. Farah continued her education by accepting a general practice residency position at St. Luke's Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania. During her year in Allentown, Farah continued to seek opportunities to work with children and found herself working on weekends doing pediatric dentistry in a private practice setting. On her free time, Farah enjoys being outdoors. She grew up biking, swimming, and playing weekend softball/kickball games. This translated into her playing recreational dodgeball and softball this past year in The Lehigh Valley. On her free time, you can find Farah with her friends and family, and rooting for the Philadelphia Eagles!

DR. JOHNNY JOSEPH

Dr. Johnny Joseph was born in the Republic Democratic of Congo. He and his family immigrated to Vermont when he was twelve years old. It was one of the biggest transitions of his life. He had to learn a new language, make new friends, and learn to say "No" to Burger King. As a child, Johnny enjoyed playing drums and sports. In seventh grade, he joined the football team for his school and worship team for his local church. In his senior year of high school, Johnny led his football team to an undefeated season and winning the state championship. Johnny enjoys watching sports, especially football (Also known as soccer), and exploring the outdoors. After graduating from Essex High School, Johnny was granted the NSF-S-STEM scholarship to attend Stonehill College, where he received his bachelor of science in Biology and was also a member of the football team. Johnny did more than just being a student-athlete. He participated in many community service and held several leadership positions. His favorite mission trip was a humanitarian service trip to New Orleans where he and his colleagues helped locals rebuild their city. Additionally, Johnny did research under the supervision of Professor Heather Bleakly, using inbred and wild lines of guppies to examine evolutionary genetics and social behavior. Upon graduation, Johnny went on to the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine to pursue his passion of becoming a dentist. He was awarded a full tuition and fees fellowship to complete his degree. Throughout his dental training, Johnny participated in externships and community outreach programs that focused on vulnerable underserved pediatric populations. Johnny's favorite was his recent dental mission trip to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania in June 2017. Where he and two other dental students not only offered free dental care to children but also empowered both parents and children to live a healthy lifestyle. It was after these experiences that Johnny knew that pediatric dentistry was the career of choice for him. Dr. Johnny will be completing his Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry at the NYU Langone Health. Johnny is still a passionate drummer and enjoys playing sports. He enjoys traveling around the world with his friends and family.

COURSE ADMINISTRATION**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 has strong passion for global health projects and collaborations.

MS. EMILY CHEN



Emily Chen is currently a student in the DMD program at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where she discovered an interest in community volunteerism especially as it relates to underserved children and youth. While in dental school, she is excited to find her role in this sphere as a dentist-in-training. Thus, she is involved in the community outreach sector of ASDA (American Student Dental Association) and a pediatric community health clinic and plans to continually expand her experiences in pediatrics and community health.