

**PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, GLOBAL DENTAL AMBASSADORS****DR. DAVID OKUJI**

Dr. Okuji received his dental education at the University of California, Los Angeles and pediatric dentistry specialty certification at the University of Southern California. He also has an MBA from the University of California, 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 for the NYU Langone-Division of Dental Medicine. In addition to his practice management experience, Dr. Okuji is an educator and public health advocate. He is also board certified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, as a Diplomate of the National Board of Public Health, and serves as an Instructor in Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, part-time, at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. 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 his primary academic interests are in value-based health care systems and global public health.

**ORAL PATHOLOGY****DR. NADIM ISLAM**

Nadim M. Islam trained in Oral pathology at the University of Florida College of Dentistry (Gainesville), 2004-2007. He then joined the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2007 as an Assistant Professor and later continued as Director of the Oral Pathology Biopsy Service & Laboratory until 2012. At Indiana University as a full time faculty he was offered the advanced standing DDS program. Nadim is a member of the American Dental Association & American Dental Education Association where he served for four years including as Chair of the Oral pathology section of the ADEA; a Fellow, by examination, of the American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and a Diplomate of the ABOMP. He presently serves at the University of a Florida, College of Dentistry as a Professor & Residency program & Internship Director of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology as well as the Director of Oral Pathology Laboratory & biopsy service that is actively involved in a multi-state Oral pathology biopsy service accessing over 12,500 specimens including 550 DIF cases annually. He has authored or co-authored more than 50 peer reviewed articles in both dental and medical literature, 25 non-peer reviewed articles, over 75 national, 20 international presentations and several book chapters. He is presently the Chair of the College's Faculty Advisory Board as well as the Faculty Assembly. He is actively involved in Dental clinical mission trips and believes in the doctrine of 'Life long learning.' Nadim has presented and lectured extensively nationally as well as internationally at UAE, Saudi Arabia, India, Canada and at Brazil, last month. Scholarly interests include tobacco associated oral precancerous lesions, as well as various mucocutaneous conditions of autoimmune origin. He has a special interest in Chronic Ulcerative Stomatitis and has made a major contribution to the literature on this entity. He works towards woman empowerment and as a DMD admission committee member for over 9 years helps in creating diversity and racial balance in Dental School class selection as well as in propagating equality at the work place. Nadim intends to spend his future years towards championing the noble cause of uplifting the spirits of acid attack victims and their rehabilitation.

**DR. SHRUTI KASHIKAR**

Dr. Shruti Kashikar is an assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in the department of Diagnostic Sciences and the interim laboratory director of Rutgers University Diagnostic Services at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Kashikar earned her undergraduate degree at Boston University in biology and psychology and her dental degree from New York University. She completed a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at New York Presbyterian Queens in Flushing, NY and went to Memorial Sloan Kettering for a fellowship in dental oncology. She is board certified in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

**DR. NAGAMANI NARAYANA**

Dr. Narayana an associate professor in Oral pathology at UNMC, College of Dentistry from 2003. In addition to her training in India, Nagamani is dually trained in Oral Medicine and Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology from UMKC, School of Dentistry, Kansas City and New York Hospital, Queens. She obtained her DMD from Temple University School of Dentistry. She is a diplomate of American Academy of Oral Medicine and American Academy of Oral Pathology. Presently Nagamani teaches Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine at the school; in addition, she sees patients in the University Dental Associates and is the director of the oral biopsy service of the UNMC College of Dentistry.

**DR. YESHWANT RAWAL**

Dr. Rawal is an Associate Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, School of Dentistry, University of Washington. He is also on the staff of University of Washington Medical Center, Harborview Medical Center and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Dr. Rawal is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He is the Chair of the Fellowship examination committee and the virtual microscopy committee of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He is also a past chair of the Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology section of ADEA. He is an integral part of a busy Maxillofacial Pathology biopsy service. He is a reviewer for many journals and is on the editorial board of the journal "Head and Neck Pathology" of the North American Society of Head and Neck Pathology. Dr. Rawal maintains busy scholarly activity with invited presentations, CE courses and over 60 publications and abstracts.

**COMMUNITY & GENERAL DENTISTRY****DR. BRIAN HOLLANDER**

Dr. Hollander graduated from OHSU dental school in 1975 and spent the first two years of his career as a dentist in the US Army and was lucky to be stationed in Giessen, Germany. After the Army he immediately went on a 4-month volunteer assignment in Cameroon, West Africa. This turned into a 3-year adventure traveling the world working and volunteering in Kenya, India, Nepal, Thailand, Hong Kong, Philippines, Singapore, and Australia. While in Nepal Dr. Hollander did some dentistry for the American Embassy and Peace Corps. When he left Nepal, he drew a plan for a dental clinic and left it with the Embassy doctor. A few years later the American Embassy built the dental clinic and invited Dr. Hollander to come start the clinic. He returned to Nepal in 1980 and promised the Embassy he would spend two years getting the clinic established, but serendipitously he ended up spending 29 years working and living in Kathmandu. He and his wife, Judy, met in Kathmandu and raised our two children there. In 2009 the Hollanders left Kathmandu and moved to Bethel, Alaska where Dr. Hollander was the Dental Director for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation. Since 2012 he has been living in

Anchorage, Alaska, working as a general dentist for Southcentral Foundation and Judy as a Public Health Nurse for the State of Alaska. They both joyfully spend a lot of our time working in remote Alaskan villages providing care to Native Alaskans.

**DR. JOANN TRAN**

Joann Tran was born and raised in Louisiana and graduated from Louisiana State University School of Dentistry in 2016. As an Albert Schweitzer Fellow during her last year of dental school, she created a oral health intervention for those with limited access to dental care in the New Orleans area. Throughout dental school, she was also the project coordinator for an externship at a private dental office where dental students provided free dental services for individuals unable to afford dental care. She completed her General Practice Residency at NYU Lutheran Hospital in 2017 and practices general dentistry in Southern California. Joann believes in practicing quality and compassionate dentistry and empowering patients with understanding of their own oral health conditions and treatment goals.

**DR. TINA TOM**

Dr. Tom was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She attended the University of California, Berkeley working towards her undergraduate degree. She was introduced to dentistry after becoming a Certified/Registered Dental Assistant to help pay for her college education. While doing so, she obtained her Vocational Education teaching certificate to become an instructor in the Contra Costa College accredited Dental Assisting Program in San Pablo, California. Then, after receiving a BA in Evolutionary Zoology, she graduated from the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry with her DDS degree in 1990. After completing the Queen's Medical Center General Practice Residency Program in 1991, Dr. Tom started her private practice in Honolulu, Hawaii. In 2002, she earned an Executive MBA degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. While continuing her clinical practice, she started Tina Tom Transitions as a consultant/coach for dental practice valuations and transition planning. Dr. Tom loves to travel, cook, see movies, exercise, golf, and especially enjoys spending time with her husband, Dr. Richard Courson.

**DR. JESSE HOLLANDER**

Dr. Jesse Hollander received his dental degree from Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). He then completed a General Practice Residency at The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. Hollander spent his first 16 years in Kathmandu, Nepal where his parents practiced dentistry and public health medicine. Currently Dr. Hollander is completing his third year in Medford, Oregon working at La Clinica, a community health center providing care to the underserved population. Dr. Hollander has been a strong dental advocate working as a Legislative Liaison with the American Student Dental Association and currently is the president of the Southern Oregon Dental Society.

**DENTAL HYGIENE****MS. ROYANN ROYER**

Royann Royer CDA, RDH, MPH has been a dental professional in education, private practice and public health throughout her career. She developed and initiated the Dental Assisting Program at SCF. She has been a DA instructor in this program and recently pursued the Accreditation process to be a College based Program with Salish Kootenai College in Montana. She taught at the University of Alaska Anchorage Dental Programs for over 20 years. Royann has been an author or contributor to several nationally published dental education materials and continues to work in education with many organizations. Her passion is to provide the most effective and interesting educational instruction methods for students to learn and absorb the greatest amount of information possible. To accomplish this she uses the most current research, knowledge and teaching concepts available. She stated, "I always look forward to meeting a new student or professional group, seeing them progress throughout the program or information being presented and reach their goals."

**ENDODONTICS****DR. BRIAN LU**

Dr. Brian Lu has been practicing dentistry since 2012. He attended University of Maryland School of Dentistry and completed his specialty training in endodontics at NYU Langone Hospital. As an Endodontist he believes in practicing the highest standard of patient care and to help create a positive and comfortable root canal experience. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, camping and spending time with friends and family. He also enjoys watching and playing tennis.

**PROSTHODONTICS****DR. RICHARD COURSON**

Dr. Richard Courson is from a small town in Illinois, USA. In 1969 he obtained his DDS degree from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry. Upon graduation, he entered the US Army Dental Corp for 8 years. He was stationed in Bangkok, Thailand for 3 years and later was stationed in Washington DC, where he completed his Prosthodontic Residency at The Walter Reed Medical Center. In 1979, Dr. Courson moved to Honolulu, HI where he opened his Prosthodontic office and continues to practice to this day. Dr. Courson was fortunate to learn early on about Osseo Integrated Dental Implants. In 1984, he began working with the Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons using implants to restore edentulous arches. While he experienced many successes, it was some of the failures that taught him to analyze the limitations and the prerequisites necessary for successful outcomes. Today, because of these experiences, he is passionate about learning, exchanging ideas and teaching others what he knows about treating patients with dental implants.

**PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY****DR. LYNN FUJIMOTO**

Dr. Lynn Fujimoto attended Washington University School of Dental Medicine and received her D.M.D. in 1979. She completed a post doctorate residency in Pediatric Dentistry at University of California, Los Angeles in 1981. She has current dental licenses in Hawaii and California. She was in private practice for over 31 years at Pediatric Dentistry Associates in Pearl City, Hawaii . As a partner at Pediatric Dentistry Associates, she performed primary dental care as well as managed the dental service and facility. In 2009 she became the Associate Director of the NYU Lutheran Medical Center Pediatric Dentistry Program, Hawaii Site and in 2012 she transitioned to this position full time. Dr. Fujimoto has been a supervising faculty member and employee of the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Dr. Fujimoto has been involved in organized dentistry over the past thirty years, showing the ability to handle multiple tasks of private practice along with serving in volunteer organizations. She is currently the Immediate Past President of the Hawaii Dental Association and has served as Secretary, Treasurer and member of the Board of Trustees. She is the President of the Hawaii Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and past president of the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry and received the Lewis A. Kay Award from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in May 2015 for outstanding Leadership and Education. Dr. Fujimoto has been awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and the Academy of Dentistry International. Dr. Fujimoto has been committed to serving on medical missions to Ecuador, Guatemala and the Philippines.

**DR. ANUPAMA KRISHNAMURTHY**

Pediatric dentist Dr. Anu was inspired to become a dentist as she always believed that good oral health leads to good overall health. She enjoys caring for all of her young patients; she finds it particularly fulfilling to take care of children with special needs. Dr. Anupama was born and raised in India where she completed her Bachelor of Dental Surgery Degree. After moving to the United States, Dr. Anu earned her D.D.S. in 2007 from the University of California, San Francisco. She also obtained a certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) from University of the Pacific. She did her Pediatric Residency Program at NYU Langone Medical Center in Tampa, Florida. Additionally, she is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. To stay abreast of the latest in pediatric dentistry, Dr. Anu takes continuing education courses annually. When she's not at Children's Dentistry Group, LLC, Dr. Anu enjoys spending time with her son Ari as well as other family members. Dr. Anu also likes to read, travel and learn about different cultures.

**DR. ERICA COE-HOLLANDER**

Dr. Erica Coe (Hollander) is from Bend, Oregon. She enjoys skiing, mountain biking, standup paddle boarding, and camping. She also has a passion for traveling. Dr. Coe-Hollander has traveled overseas a lot with my family and after college, she backpacked for a year in South America by herself. Dr. Coe-Hollander completed her dental education at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). Following graduation, she was hired at a community health clinic in Medford, Oregon. After practicing general dentistry for three years, Dr. Coe-Hollander completed the NYU Langone Hospitals pediatric dentistry residency program and is actively involved with the Health Volunteers Overseas organization.

**DR. SUPRIYA KOIRALA**

Dr. Supriya Koirala was born and raised Nepal. Though Dr. Koirala grew up in Nepal, she spent many of her formative years in Thailand, her mother's country of origin. Dr. Koirala completed her Undergraduate and Masters education in Sociology from the University of Colorado in Denver. Thereafter she worked as a Victim's Advocate at the Denver City Attorney's Office, and the Cara Program, a nonprofit organization serving the homeless and at risk individuals in Chicago. During her time with the latter organization Dr. Koirala became aware of dentists who provided treatment on a pro bono basis to patients coming through the Cara Program, and it was this experience that served as her inspiration to pursue a career in dentistry. After gaining entry into the inaugural class of A.T. Still University's Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health, Dr. Koirala gained exposure to all aspects of general dentistry, and it was during this period she gained a desire to pursue pediatric dentistry. The challenge and satisfaction of positively impacting the oral health of children and young adolescents left an indelible stamp. Dr. Koirala and her husband spend their spare time travelling and exploring the world, particularly South-East Asia. She is also an enthusiastic salsa dancer and food aficionado, willing to try *almost* anything!

**DR. SUSAN SERGIE**

Susan Sergie is a Yup'ik Eskimo originally from Alakanuk, Alaska. She was born in Bethel and is the fourth child out of seven. While attending dental assisting training in Montana, Susan was blessed to have met the love of her life, a Navajo originally from Chinle, Arizona, now married for seventeen years. She returned to Dillingham to work as a dental assistant and was inspired to become a dentist by Dr. William Murdock. After completing prerequisites, Susan attended Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine and received her D.M.D. degree in May 2013. Dr. Sergie returned to her birthplace in July 2013 to work for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) Dental Department that serves Bethel and its surrounding forty-eight native villages. In her work, she has supervised many dental externs from several dental schools along with Dental Health-Aide Therapists (DHATs). They are mid-level providers and are stationed at the sub-regional clinics in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Region. Susan has a keen interest in volunteering in the community, as well as, volunteering for humanitarian dental outreach missions. In March 2017, Susan traveled to Que Son District, Quang Nam Province in Vietnam with the East Meets West Dental Program to provide dental care to school-age children in need. While working at YKHC, Dr. Sergie recalls many adults fearful of getting their dental needs met due to a traumatic experience as a child. Her hope is the children she treats realize they do not have to be afraid of going to the dentist. Interesting facts about Susan are she dotes on spending time with her kittens Toothless and Ghost Pepper, who fetches and performs amazing tricks; loves to travel; eats Native food; plays guitar; sings in several different languages; and enjoys board games and solving puzzles. Overall, Dr. Sergie's asset is staying positive and grateful with people whether at work or elsewhere; she inspires teamwork.