

# Endodontics *Newsletter*

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# 2023 Graduating Residents



Top Row: Drs. Connor Dang, Aprajita Singh, Tadmamol Krongbaramee, and Alexis Borgestad  
 Bottom Row: Drs. Anelise Masiero, Fabricio Teixeira, Manuel Gomez, and Christopher Hogden

Dr. Dang is practicing in private practice in Maui, Hawaii. Dr. Singh is practicing in private practice in the Iowa City area. Dr. Gam Krongbaramee is practicing private practice and is a faculty member at Chiang Mai University in Thailand. Dr. Borgestad is practicing in private practice in South Carolina.

# 2024 Residents

**ALEXANDRA GLINOS**  
 DDS: University of Michigan  
 2nd Year

★ Chief Resident

**EMILY KOPEC**  
 DDS: University of Iowa  
 2nd Year

**ROSEMARY LINDEMANN**  
 DDS: Virginia Commonwealth University  
 2nd Year

**TENIOLA OMOPARIOLA**  
 DDS: Texas A&M University  
 2nd Year

**KRISTIN KIM**  
 DMD: University of Louisville  
 1st Year

**GRANT MCCAULLEY**  
 DDS: University of Iowa  
 1st Year

**MATTHEW WITKOWSKI**  
 DMD: Midwestern University Downers Grove  
 1st Year

**HANNAH YOO**  
 DMD: Harvard University  
 1st Year



# THE DEPARTMENT OF ENDODONTICS ALUMNI RECEPTION

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**THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2024 | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, Level 3, Atrium I**

**| 900 W Olympic Blvd  
| Los Angeles, CA**

Dr. Fabricio Teixeira Professor and Head of the Department of Endodontics invites all dental alumni and friends to attend our reception.

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## 2024 Local AADOCR



Drs. Emily Kopec (left) and Rosemary Linemann (right) during their oral presentation.

On February 13th, the College of Dentistry once again hosted the local American Association of Dental and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) event, showcasing the latest advancements in the field. Three of the Department of Endodontics' talented members delivered insightful oral presentations.

Drs. Emily Kopec and Rosemary Lindemann stood together, presenting their collaborative research findings to a captivated audience. Their study, titled "Patient Variable Effects on Pain Reports of Mandibular Molar Endodontics," offered valuable insights into the complex factors influencing pain perception during mandibular molar endodontic procedures.

The collaborative effort between Drs. Kopec and Lindemann exemplifies the spirit of teamwork and interdisciplinary collaboration fostered within the College of Dentistry. By pooling their expertise and resources, they were able to offer a comprehensive analysis that contributes significantly to the understanding of pain management in dental care.



Dr. Aprajita Singh

In addition to the collaborative presentation, Dr. Aprajita Singh showcased her research titled "GentleWave Usage Among Practicing Endodontists: A Survey on Treatment Protocols." Dr. Singh's investigation into the adoption and utilization of GentleWave technology among endodontic practitioners provides valuable insights into evolving treatment modalities and preferences within the field.

As the College of Dentistry continues to pave the way for groundbreaking research and clinical practice, events like the AADOCR gathering serve as invaluable platforms for collaboration, learning, and the exchange of ideas. With passionate individuals like Drs. Kopec, Lindemann, and Singh leading the charge, the future of endodontics looks brighter than ever, promising improved patient care and enhanced treatment outcomes.

# Save The Date

## 2024 Endodontics CE Course



Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>



College of Dentistry



Presented by Dr. George Bruder



Iowa Hawkeyes vs. Washington Huskies the following day



## Endo News | New Faculty & Staff



**Dr. Abhishek Parolia**  
*Associate Professor*

Dr. Abhishek Parolia was hired as an Associate Professor in the Department of Endodontics in July of 2023.

He graduated from Manipal University and was awarded a gold medal in Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics. He has been very active in practicing micro-Endodontics for more than seventeen years and has vast experience in training young dentists. He has been the Associate Dean for Postgraduate,

Continuing Education and Research in International Medical University, Kula Lumpur, Malaysia. He received his PhD from International Medical University, Malaysia. He is a member of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh (MFDS RCS) and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (MFDS RCPS).

His key areas of clinical interest are micro-endodontics, disinfection in endodontics, endodontic retreatment, modern management of dental caries, clinical audit, and governance. He has published more than 75 scientific papers in national and international peer-reviewed journals and authored five chapters in different textbooks. He has conducted hands-on training workshops and lectured locally and internationally at many countries namely USA, Singapore, Brazil, Hong Kong, Dubai, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Belgium, Dominican Republic, Australia, and Canada.



**Alicia Hoeft**  
*Dental Assistant*

Alicia Hoeft is our newest Dental Assistant for the department. Alicia is from Mason City, IA and she graduated from Mason City High School. After high school she attended Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, she was on the dance team there for three years. Before working here at the college, Alicia worked for Endodontic Associates of Iowa as a Dental Assistant, mainly working in the Coralville and Iowa City locations. In her free time, she loves to cheer on the Hawkeyes,

and spend time with her friends and family. She is looking forward to her journey here at the College of Dentistry and we are happy she is here in our department!



**Lucas Martin**  
*Support Services Specialist*

Lucas Martin is endo's new Support Services Specialist; he took over for Ruby. Lucas grew up in Iowa City and graduated from Iowa City High School and Kirkwood Community College while also starting out in the workforce. He has a background in customer service. He started as a team member at Bruegger's Bagels where he worked for almost eight years and worked his way up to Assistant Manager. He then started work as a Patient Experience Representative and eventually

became a Supervisor at MediRevv where he worked for about three years. He is happy to now be here at the College of Dentistry and we are happy to have him here in endo! In his free time, he enjoys going to movies, spending time outdoors kayaking and disc golfing, playing a game of chess and his newest favorite hobby is painting. We are lucky to have Lucas join our department!



**Jorge Pena**  
*Support Services Specialist*

Jorge Pena, MCJ is our newest Support Services Specialist, working for both Endo and the Geriatrics and Special Needs Clinic. Jorge is a Veteran of the United States Navy with over 24 years of experience working in law enforcement, community corrections, Tribal Courts, and experience working with individuals with substance abuse issues. Jorge has extensive experience in human services and has taught CE courses to law enforcement, probation offices, lawyers, tribal

leaders, peer support and social workers regarding veterans returning from deployment without appropriate community reentry support. He is also the Federal Expert Witness for American tribes regarding the Indian Child Welfare Act. Jorge retired from the State of Iowa where he served as a Juvenile Court Officer and decided to reenter the workforce in 2023 as he felt he needed to return to serve once again after COVID. We are glad to have Jorge in the department working up at the front desk!



# Endo News | Past Year at Iowa



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**1.** Ruby Kern and Lisa Harless on their last day working together. We want to thank both Lisa and Ruby for their dedicated service to the Department of Endodontics. They have helped countless students and residents get their endo requirements and have been vital in keeping the department running smoothly the past few decades. We will miss them both but we wish them well in retirement and hope they enjoy all the travel and time spent with family and friends! **2.** After almost 30 years working for the endo department Maria Polfliet transferred to OPRM in January 2024. We want to thank Maria for her dedication and work. We miss her but we are excited for her and her new opportunity down the hall! **3.** Chaz Konrath received the American Association of Endodontists Student Achievement in Endodontics Award at the Family Dentistry Awards ceremony in

May 2023. **4.** We had our annual Endo Holiday Party in December at Wilson's Ciderhouse. It was great to get together as a department to celebrate the past year! **5.** Thank you to Dr. Keith Krell and Dr. Craig Noblett for being examiners of our exit exam for our senior residents in May 2023! **6.** Congratulations to Dr. Ryan Rosell (2022) on becoming a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics! **7.** Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Hogden for receiving the Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award from the AAE! Dr. Hogden also completed his master's degree in July 2023. His thesis was titled "The effect of non-demineralized dentin matrix components and induced inflammation on dental pulp stem cells". **8.** Thank you to Dr. William Beasley for his generation donation to the Bjorndal Foundation!

## Endo News | Past Year at Iowa *continued...*



**1.** Our second-year residents attended the College of Dentistry's graduation ceremony in June last year. It was a great opportunity for them to celebrate their accomplishments with the faculty as well as their family members!

**2.** Two generations of Dr. Dang Endodontic Residents! Dr. Darrell Dang with Dr. Richard Walton and Dr. Connor Dang with Dr. Fabricio Teixeira. **3.** Dr. Teixeira will be a keynote speaker at the 22nd World Congress on Dental Traumatology this summer, July 12-15 in Tokyo, Japan. Teixeira is one of two keynote speakers from the United States. Dr. Teixeira has been appointed to a four-year term as a commissioner for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) representing the American Association of Endodontists. His term will officially start in

October 2024. **4.** We had our annual endo CE course in November. Dr. Antonio Berto presented a wonderful course titled "Pursuing Excellence in Endodontics." **5.** The department held our annual family picnic in August 2023, we welcomed our new residents and our two new faculty members to the department! Pictured from left to right is – Drs. Fabricio Teixeira, Anelise Masiero, Abhishek Parolia, Marcela Hernandez, Manuel Gomez, and Christopher Hogden. **6.** Dr. Abhishek Parolia has been appointed as an examiner for The Diploma of Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery (MFDS) by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He was also awarded a Fellowship by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, UK!