

Welcome! New Faculty



DAN ANG, (DDS)
Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Periodontics

Having extensive experience in all phases of

implantology and dentistry, Dr. Ang will lecture in undergraduate and graduate periodontology courses. Dr. Ang earned his DDS degree from the University of Alberta, Canada. Before he entered the Advanced Education Program in Oral Radiology at UMKC, Dr. Ang had maintained a private practice in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada for 14 years. After completing his radiology residency, he earned a graduate certificate from the UMKC Advanced Education Program in Periodontics in December 2007. Dr. Ang also earned an MS degree in oral biology at UMKC in April 2008. His research was based on a clinical implant study.



HAYLEY VAUGHN-BARKER, (DH '94), ECP, Clinical Instructor, Division of Dental Hygiene

After working primarily in pediatric dentistry for 15 years, Vaughn-Barker joined the Division of Dental Hygiene part-time as a clinical assistant professor in February 2007. In February 2008 she joined the division full-time as a clinical assistant professor and program manager for the Miles of Smiles teledentistry project. This program offers senior dental hygiene students the opportunity to provide preventive oral healthcare to low income children in Olathe, Kan., Title I schools. Vaughn-Barker coordinates service learning activities related to Miles of Smiles in addition to teaching one day in the dental hygiene clinic and teaching local anesthesia.



SUSAN CHARLES, (DDS '08), Fellow, General Dentistry, Special Patient Care Clinic

In addition to earning her DDS

degree at UMKC, Dr. Charles also earned a BA in art history. A native of Kansas City, she assisted in her father's dental office before attending dental school. As a fellow she will treat patients with special needs or complicated medical conditions in the Special Patient Care Clinic.



ADAM FLACK (DDS '08), Fellow, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Flack, a recent UMKC DDS graduate, is seeking

more experience before entering a residency program in oral and maxillofacial surgery.



AMIT KUMAR, MDS, MS, Fellow, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Kumar joined the undergraduate faculty in Oral and

Maxillofacial Surgery in the spring of 2008. He received his masters of science in information science at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in December 2007. He also attended Annamalai University where he received a masters of dental surgery degree. Dr. Kumar's experience includes serving as the department chair of Dental Surgery at Ahalia Hospital, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Dr. Kumar began his experience at UMKC as a fellow and became an assistant clinical professor in the fall of 2008. Dr. Kumar's

interests include oncology, pathology and utilizing his informatics specialty to develop computer aides related to pathologic entities and their surgical removal. His wife, Dr. Vandanna Kumar also joined the faculty in Oral Radiology. The Kumars have two children.



GARY McREYNOLDS (DDS '72), Clinical Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry

In February 2008 Dr. McReynolds joined

the faculty full time as a generalist in the clinic while maintaining a part-time private practice. Previously he had practiced dentistry privately in Prairie Village, Kan., since 1972. During that time he also taught operative dentistry, crown and bridge and occlusion part time in the School of Dentistry's clinic and undergraduate technique labs. He has written and illustrated portions of laboratory manuals that were used in the technique labs.



DANIEL NIELSON (DDS '02), Fellow, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Since earning his DDS degree in 2002, Dr. Nielson

has worked in the UMKC Emergency and Oral Surgery Clinics in order to gain more experience before entering a residency program in oral and maxillofacial surgery. He also worked in private practice from May of 2002 until July of 2008.



JAMES TROTTER (DDS '76), *Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of General Dentistry*

Dr. Trotter practiced general dentistry in Overland Park and Leawood, Kan., from 1976 until 2006. Since 2005 he has served in a variety of educational settings, including: assistant professor of Clinical Dentistry at Johnson County Community College, consultant/trainer for Patterson Dental Company, adjunct professor of Clinical Dentistry at the UMKC School of Dentistry. He has also volunteered for the Kansas Health Partnership and the Southwest Boulevard Free Health Clinic. Dr. Trotter served as the 2004-2005 president of Fifth District Dental Society, which honored him as its 2005-2006 Dentist of the Year.



BRAD BABCOCK, *Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of General Dentistry*

Dr. Babcock earned his DDS degree from the University of Nebraska in 1977. He maintained a solo general practice in Gillette, Wyo., from 1977 until 1992. In 1993 he purchased a group practice in Independence, Mo., and then two other smaller dental practices as satellite offices. His professional clinical focus has been on fixed prosthetics, with an emphasis on cosmetic dentistry and crown and bridge.



CATHERINE SAYLOR (BSDH '05, MS '08), *Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Periodontics*

After graduating from the UMKC Dental Hygiene Program in May 2005, Saylor worked in a private practice setting before returning to graduate school at UMKC. While earning a master's of science degree in dental hygiene education, which she completed in July 2008, she has worked as a part-time faculty member in the Department of Periodontics. She has been working primarily with third- and fourth-year dental students, which she will continue to do, but she'll also lecture second-year dental students. ▲

Dr. James C. Kulild Elected Secretary of the American Association of Endodontists



Dr. James C. Kulild was elected secretary of the American Association of Endodontists during its 2008 Annual Session, April 9-12, 2008, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Dr. Kulild joined the UMKC School of Dentistry faculty in 2002. He serves as a professor and the director of the Advanced Education Program in Endodontics.

Dr. Kulild has been actively involved in the activities of the AAE for a number of years, serving on the Board of Directors from 2005-2008, and participating in the work of numerous committees,

including Educational Affairs, Federal Dental Health Services and the General Practitioners Education Workgroup. He also served as a judge for the poster research presentations at the 1992 AAE Annual Session.

In addition to his leadership in the AAE, Dr. Kulild has been a dedicated Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics since 1986. He served in the U.S. Army as dean and commandant, Academy of Health Sciences, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, as well as the senior U.S. Army NATO medical officer in Yugoslavia when deployed there in 2001. Dr. Kulild received his DDS degree

in 1973 from the UMKC School of Dentistry, his MS degree in 1982 from George Washington University, and his certificate in endodontics in 1983 from Madigan Army Medical Center. ▲

Dr. Kulild received his DDS degree