

University of Missouri - Kansas City

It is with sadness and regret that we announce that Dr. **Laura Iwasaki**, the Leo Rodgers Chair of the Orthodontic Department and Dr. **Jeff Nickel**, the Program Director of the UMKC School of Dentistry, Advanced Education in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics announced their resignations effective April 15, 2018. They have accepted and will be fulfilling the same positions at the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry. They will be greatly missed, and we thank them for all they gave to the UMKC Orthodontic Program in the eleven years that they were a part of our school. We wish them well.

At the present time, Dr. **James W. Osborne** is the Interim Chair/Clinical Director of the AEO & DO program and Drs. **Michael Klein** and **Frank Crist** are serving as Co-Program Directors of the AEO & DO program.

New Program Director for UMKC Orthodontic Program:

The UMKC School of Dentistry, Advanced Education in Orthodontics and Dento-facial Orthopedics is pleased to announce that Dr. **Thikriat Al-Jewair** will join the faculty of the UMKC School of Dentistry as the Program Director, Orthodontics on September 1, 2018. Dr. Al-Jewair was the Program Director of Orthodontics at the State University of New York at Buffalo before accepting the position. She received her BDS in Dentistry from King Saud University in 2003. After completion of her dental education, she received an MBA in Management from the University College of Bahrain in 2006. She received a Certificate in Teaching & Learning from the American Dental Education Association in 2009, and a Certificate in Orthodontics from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2012. After completion of her orthodontic education she completed a Fellowship in Orthodontics at SUNY, Buffalo while completing her MS in Orthodontics in 2013. She has served as the Program Director at SUNY, Buffalo since 2016. She will be a great addition to the UMKC School of Dentistry, Advanced Education in Orthodontics Program.

Our new residents will start on July 2 and we are looking forward to their participation in our program. Our new residents are:



Dr. Burt Kawamoto
Aiea, Hawaii
UMKC School of Dentistry



Dr. Collin Schlosser
Potsi, Missouri
UMKC School of Dentistry



Dr. Kendall Tada
Hilo, Hawaii
UMKC School of Dentistry

As the third-year residents move into the last six months of our program, (Drs. **Brad Chun**, **Alicia Griffin** and **Kevin Kaiser**) they are working hard to finish their patients, completing their research and preparing to defend their thesis for their MS degree. Their graduation will be December 14, 2018.

Dr. Chun will be returning to Hawaii, Dr. Griffin will be returning to Texas and Dr. Kaiser will return to the St. Louis, Missouri area.

Our second year residents (Drs. **Mary Becker**, **Kaylee Bergman** and **Laura Moore**) have been very busy with the early stages of treatment on all their patients and working with the instructors with the patients that they received as transfers from their big brother/sisters.

Hope everyone has a great summer.

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