

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Alumni, faculty and residents of the UNMC College of Dentistry Orthodontic Residency Program attended the American Association of Orthodontics Annual Session in Los Angeles on May 2-7, 2019. The reception was at the JW Marriott L.A. Live.







Three new residents – Drs. **Lynna Van Merkey**, **Ehsan Mostaghni** and **Anna Schoettger** – started at UNMC on July 1, 2019. Merkey completed dental school at the University of Oklahoma, Mostaghni comes to UNMC after dental school at the University of Michigan and Schoettger is continuing her education in Lincoln.



EHSAN MOSTAGHNI



ANNA SCHOETTGER



LYNNA VAN

Dr. **Amri Azeez**, a native of Sri Lanka, completed his year-long fellowship with the Orthodontic Program at the UNMC College of Dentistry. He now plans to give back to his home country as he seeks to be board certified as an orthodontist and then be appointed as an orthodontist in the National Health service of Sri Lanka

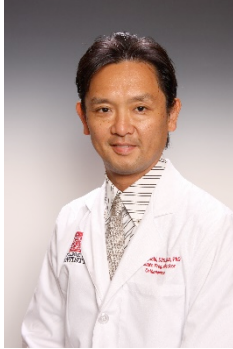
Dr. Azeez is from Colombo, Sri Lanka. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Dental Surgery from the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka in 2008. He completed his M.D. in Orthodontics at the University of Colombo in 2017, and he obtained the Member of Orthodontics (M. Orth.) from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 2017. In his examination, he was awarded the John McDonald (M. Orth.) medal for the most meritorious candidate from all international examinations for 2017.

Visiting scholar Dr. Amri Azeez (fourth from left) with UNMC Ortho residents. Pictured are, from left, Jesus Velasquez, Dr. Alaina Allen, Dr. Landon Peterson, Dr. Azeez, Dr. David Hamm and Dr. Jaykishan Patel.



During the 2019 Homecoming Weekend, on Friday, October 4, Dr. **Toru Deguchi** will be the guest speaker at a Continuing Education event at the UNMC College of Dentistry. His presentation is titled, *Histological, Biomechanical and Clinical Aspects of TADs*.

The course will cover the histological response of initial healing process of surrounding alveolar bone in mini-screws, the basic biomechanical aspects of the use of mini-screws as an orthodontic anchorage and the clinical application of mini-screws as an orthodontic anchorage.



Dr. Deguchi is an Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director in the Division of Orthodontics at the Ohio State University College of Dentistry. He completed his dental training at the Aichi-Gakuin University and received PhD at the Okayama University. He also had his orthodontic training at the Indiana University. He has been focusing his clinical interests in the field of temporary anchorage device (TADs), lingual orthodontics and interdisciplinary cases. He has been also engaged in the research field such as histomorphometric studies related to tooth movement and pain related studies. Dr. Deguchi is a Diplomate of American Board of Orthodontics and a member of the Midwest Angle Society. Dr. Deguchi has lectured as invited speaker at the European Orthodontic Society, American Association of Orthodontics and in other international meetings all around the world.

More information can found at <https://www.unmc.edu/dentistry/alumni/ortho.html>.

#### **Awards, Honors and Appointments:**

- **Prem Premaraj** serves as the 2019-20 President of the IADR/craniofacial biology group
- **Prem Premaraj** has been appointed as Vice-Chair, Department of Growth and Development, UNMC College of Dentistry
- **Prem Premaraj** has been appointed as Test Constructor, Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE), American Dental Association
- **Sheela Premaraj** serves as Secretary, ADEA Section of Orthodontics (ADEA/SOO)
- **Minnie Vishwanath** was awarded a faculty development fellowship by the AAOF

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