

MIDWESTERN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTICS
UNMC Orthodontic Program Update
March 25, 2022

I. Postgraduate Student Update:

- **December 2021 Graduates**

Dr. Ehsan Mostaghni (Michigan)
Dr. Anna Schoettger (UNMC)
Dr. Ece Agirgol (Boston U.)

- **Graduating in December 2022**

Dr. Amanda Busch (Creighton)
Dr. Donte Nesbitt (Iowa)
Dr. Behnoush Bakhtiari (Michigan)

- **Graduating in December 2023**

Dr. Teresa Bae (Midwestern-Downer's Grove)
Dr. Lyndzie Brace (Missouri-Kansas City)
Dr. Nuo Stella Dong (UCLA)

- **Incoming Class of 2024**



We are happy to welcome the following candidates who have been matched with our program:



Hibah Chughtai (UNMC)



Katherine Lambert (New England)



Emily Leach (New England)

They will begin their training on July 1, 2022.

II. Scholarly Activities

2021 Orthodontic Resident Master's Theses:

Dr. Ece Agirgol: *Alignment of Cervical Vertebrae and Reliability of Cephalometric Measurements.*

Dr. Ehsan Mostaghni: *The Effect of Orthodontic Treatment with Extraction on the Upper Airway Dimensions and Morphology: A Retrospective Study using Cone Beam Computed Tomography.*

Dr. Anna Schoettger: *The Characterization of Aerosols in the Orthodontic Clinic.*

III. Orthodontic Program News



- On Oct. 1, **Dr. Minnie Vishwanath**, assistant professor, became the Program Director for the Orthodontics Residency Program. Dr. Vishwanath joined the college in 2017. Her outstanding teaching and leadership skills, passion for providing compassionate patient care, and enthusiasm for helping our students succeed make her an excellent choice to lead the orthodontics program. Dr. Vishwanath will be working closely with the orthodontics faculty and residents to maintain the program's successful trajectory and continue to advance the educational program and patient care. We are excited for what the future holds as Dr. Vishwanath and her team build on the college's long-standing tradition of excellence.



- **Dr. Po-Jung Chen** will be joining the College of Dentistry as an Assistant Professor in the Orthodontics Program. He will start on May 1. Dr. Chen is currently an assistant professor in the Division of Orthodontics at the UConn School of Dental Medicine in Farmington, CT. He received his DDS from Kaohsiung Medical University in Taiwan in 2006 and completed a three-year orthodontic residency at Taipei Veterans General Hospital in Taiwan in 2010, where he was trained in straight-wire and segmental mechanics. Simultaneously, he completed his Master of Dental Science at the National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University in Taiwan in 2010.

- **Dr. Sundaralingam Premaraj** accepted the position of professor and chair of the department of orthodontics at Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Premaraj was a faculty member at the UNMC College of Dentistry since 2006 and director of the orthodontics residency program since 2009. We are grateful for Dr. Premaraj's leadership and his many contributions to the college and we wish him the very best as he assumes this next step in his academic career.
- **Dr. Robert Glenn** has left the University of Nebraska Medical Center after more than 40 years of serving countless students. We wish Dr. Glenn the best and thank him for his true dedication to future practitioners and the profession. We will miss him tremendously.
- There will be a reception for UNMC Orthodontics alumni at the AAO Annual Session. The reception is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 at the Conference Terrace, Loews Miami Beach, 1601 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Fla.
- **Drs. Paula Harre, Rebecca Hohl, Joseph Hurd, Robert Schoettger, Kim Stafford, Emily Willett, Landon Peterson and Brian McIntyre** continue to provide excellent clinical instruction for the program on a part-time basis. The contributions by all of these outstanding teachers are what make our program excellent.
- **Dr. Vishwanath** was married to Brendon B. Orr on July 18, 2020.

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