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From the Desk of the EAD/ADFA



I imagine that it will be some time yet until any form of IUSD newsletter contains no mention of COVID-19. Right now, for all the optimism and enthusiasm related to things improving, we are in some state of COVID purgatory, I think. Certainly, fewer cases overall, fewer hospitalizations overall, fewer deaths overall, but in certain pockets, areas, even countries, things are far from well. This past week, Brazil gained the dubious accolade of having the most deaths from COVID, second only to the US. France has retreated into a "soft lockdown." States close to us are showing increased cases related to some of the global variants, and that tiny virus is throwing up new mutations and mutations of the mutations, continually. And as long as people will be people and insist on being gregarious and sociable, the little beast will thrive. One estimate this week suggested that 1 in 3 people in the US know someone directly who has been ill with COVID-19 or has died from it. Sobering thought. I am 1 of those 3.

For sure, the cavalry has arrived. Millions being vaccinated around the world, daily. The current global total stands at around 600 million. But other millions will have to wait for quite a while. Masks and common sense in behavior will and should be with us for some considerable time yet. Maybe indefinitely. It all definitely helped reduce the incidence of the 'Flu to almost record low levels, during this past winter.

I have commented previously that anyone over the age of 4 or 5 dur-

ing this past year will likely remember 2020/21 for life. The experts tell us that the next pandemic may not be far off, and could be even worse. Hopefully they may be wrong.

I recently came across an apparently highly successful health education campaign, aimed at encouraging young children to practice basic hygiene habits. Maybe some are familiar with "Baby Shark." I confess my ignorance. I was not. But the short animated cartoon has apparently had almost 10 billion (yes, not million, but billion) views on YouTube®. Sponsored by WHO and PAHO (the Pan American Health Organization), it may drive you nuts if you listen too often (no criticism intended), but decide for yourself: <https://youtu.be/aBCkui59P4E>. Any program or campaign that encourages sound habits in any or all parts of society has to be encouraged.

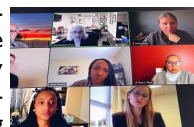
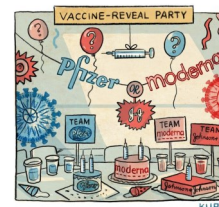
So, returning to the theme of care and common sense, the campus is maintaining the policy of mandatory mask wearing, and in discussion over policies to be applied for the fall semester. As everyone is by now aware, we will celebrate the commencement of our graduating classes of 2021 virtually, and the campus event will be live, but with considerable modification to the traditional format. Perhaps by 2022, things will be back to the 2019 format.

Zoom meetings will continue to be a major part of our lives and in higher education, likely to be increasingly incorporated within teaching and meetings. Anecdotally, I have occasionally taken screenshots during these meetings, and my perception is that we generally tend to look very serious. Maybe it's just me.

For those who read my Friday messages over the past year, I offer my thanks and especially when there was feedback, in whatever form. I have been humbled by the comments suggesting I continue. But the real reason to stop was that things are improving and we must try to ensure that trend continues. So risking repetition, please do continue to exercise prudence, common sense, be vaccinated, be considerate to everyone.

Other good things have happened: we saw the announcement from campus that 5 of our students are to be recognized within the "Elite 50", in a ceremony hosted by the Chancellor, (Youstina Beshay, Molly Sanders, Rebecca Shembarger, Brett Turek, and Sydney Twigg). This distinction is for service to the community beyond the academic sphere. In addition, Sydney has been awarded the 2021 William M. Plater Civic Medallion, for dedication to community engagement. Congratulations to them all!

This time last month, I was mentioning the oncoming spring, and the ending of winter. Well, that distinguished Scottish philosopher, David Hume, said in 1748 that "A wise man proportions his belief to the evidence." So, not claiming any wisdom, I offer some evidence of spring having arrived, even though, as I write this, the outside temperature hovers around 34 degrees. Not just the geese everywhere, but the blossom just outside my office window.



Faculty Development Opportunities

There are many opportunities for professional development during the month of April. The following list of programs were selected from various resources on the IUPUI Campus including the Office of Academic Affairs (AA), the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), the Office for Women (OFW), the Indiana University School of Medicine, Office of Faculty and Professional Development (OFAPD), the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (OVCR) and the IUSD Office of Continuing Education. Campus programs are at no cost to faculty.



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Learn Grow Lead

Tuesday, April 6th

CHAT Room: How Do My Blind Spots Impact My Teaching? (CTL)

Time and Location: 10:30 – 11:30 am, Online - Zoom

Presenters: Jessica Alexander, Lisa Contino

[Register](#)

Wednesday, April 7th

CHAT Room: How Do My Blind Spots Impact My Teaching? (CTL)

Time and Location: 10:30 – 11:30 am, Online - Zoom

Presenters: Jessica Alexander, Lisa Contino

[Register](#)

Tuesday, April 13th

Drafting Your Diversity Statements: A Webinar for Graduate Students and Postdocs (CTL)

Time and Location: 10:00 – 11:30 am, Online - Zoom

Presenters: Yi Shi, Jessica Alexander

[Register](#)

Tuesday, April 13th

Culture and Conversation: Health + Data. Making Data Informed Decisions (CTL)

Time and Location: 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Online - Zoom

Presenters: Sydney Rucker, Gabriel Bosslet

[Register](#)

Wednesday, April 14th

PUBMED Searching

Time and Location: 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Online - Zoom

Presenter: IUSD Library

[Register](#)

Wednesday, April 14th

Imagining Forward: A Conversation Hosted by IU Libraries for the 2021 Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge

Time and Location: 3:00 – 4:00 pm, Online - Zoom

Presenter: IU Libraries

[Register](#)

Thursday, April 15th

Teaching@IUPUI: Designing Transparent Assignments (CTL)

Time and Location: 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Online - Zoom

Presenters: Jessica Alexander, Douglas Jerolimov

[Register](#)

Friday, April 16th

Leveraging Google Drive to Enhance Student Learning (CTL)

Time and Location: 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Online - Zoom

Presenters: Andrew Bunger, Angela Perry

[Register](#)

Tuesday, April 20th

Stepping Stones of Women in Leadership Featuring Dr. Virginia Caine (OFAPD)

Time and Location: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm, Online - Zoom

Presenters: Virginia Caine, Mary Dankoski

[Register](#)

<http://ce.dentistry.iu.edu>


USD Research Day, April 12, 2021

Trustees' Teaching Awardees

The Trustees' Teaching Award (TTA) honors faculty members who have had a positive impact on learning through the direct teaching of students. Award recipients must have demonstrated a sustained level of teaching excellence in the form of documented student learning and must have completed at least three years of service at IUPUI/IUSD.

This year, the School of Dentistry awarded four Trustees' Teaching Awards: one for tenure-track/tenured faculty and three for clinical-track faculty.

Dr. Laura Romito, department of



Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care, was named as the tenure-track/tenured TTA recipient. Dr. Romito has received the TTA multiple times during her career at IUSD, most recently in 2018.



Dr. Phillip Wong, department of Oral Pathology, Medicine and Radiology, Dr. Allison Scully, department of Pediatric Dentistry, and Professor Twyla Rader, Dental Hygiene Division of the

department of Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care, were all named as the clinical-track TTA recipients.



Dr. Wong, Dr. Scully, and Professor Rader are all first time recipients of the TTA.



Each awardee will receive \$2,500 for the TTA and will be featured in an article in *Inside IUPUI*.

Congratulations to all four awardees on receiving this prestigious award!

Internationalization Institute

Faculty, staff, and administrators in higher education seeking new ways to internationalize your campus, course, and/or curriculum, should consider joining the [Center for the Study of Global Change](#) at this year's Institute for Curriculum and Campus Internalization.

This institute will help you and your institution prepare students, faculty, and staff to be effective scholars, practitioners, and citizens of the 21st century. ICCI provides the highest quality learning environment for you to think more deeply and productively about internationalization. ICCI includes two distinctive tracks with individualized workshops led by experts in international education.

The ICCI program mixes dedicated small group workshops, focused on either course or campus internationalization, with large group sessions which encourage perspectives from across any institution. Some sessions are presentations, while others involve participants in activities. Different aspects of the ICCI program are meant to model ways to engage audiences in the internationalization process in higher education institutions.

After being cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19 concerns, the next ICCI will be held in May 2021. Final details are currently being finalized, so be sure to visit <https://icci.indiana.edu/index.html> for updates.

Professional Development Cont'd

Tuesday, April 27th

Academy of Teaching Scholars: Intro to Qualitative Research (OFAPD)

Time and Location: 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Online - Zoom

Presenter: Krista Hoffmann-Longtin

[Register](#)

Tuesday, April 27th

Fun with Endnote!

Time and Location: 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Online - Zoom

Presenter: IUSD Library

[Register](#)

2021 Plater Institute

The 2021 Plater Institute on the Future of Learning will be held virtually on Friday, April 9, from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The William M. Plater Institute on the Future of Learning was launched in 2006 to recognize the leadership of William Plater, who served from 1987-2006 as IUPUI's Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The purpose of the Institute is to provide an opportunity for the campus community and beyond to build upon his commitment to excellence in teaching and learning by collectively exploring significant issues in higher education that will influence the future of learning.

In fall 2020, the IUPUI Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion promoted campus-wide reading groups to discuss Ibram X. Kendi's "How to be an Antiracist." Building on this

momentum and institutional priority, this year's Plater Institute aims to create conversations around fostering antiracism in the classroom and provide instructors with strategies to implement antiracist pedagogies in various learning environments. The purpose of the Institute is to:

- ⇒ Raise awareness about the need for antiracist policies and pedagogies in the university community
- ⇒ Provide strategies and resources on how to create, implement, and assess antiracist classroom environments
- ⇒ Showcase examples of campus projects and programs and examples of instructor work that address antiracism in the classroom

The Institute will bring together experts

who will share strategies and resources on antiracist policies and pedagogies for the university community.

Dr. Tandra Jackson, Interim Dean of the IU School of Education at IUPUI, Professor of Urban Teacher Education, and Adjunct Professor of Africana Studies, will give the keynote address.

All sessions will be held via Zoom. Along with the keynote address, there will be concurrent sessions and a panel discussion about "Transforming the Curriculum." Visit <https://platerinstitute.iupui.edu> for more information on the Plater Institute, the event schedule, and to register for this year's event.



Faculty Transitions



In June 2018, Dr. Mizuho Kittaka joined the IU School of Dentistry as a postdoctoral research fellow. Effective March 1, 2021, through a pandemic-challenged search process, he became one of the

school's few assistant research scientists. He currently is the only faculty member holding the assistant research scientist title. In his new role in the department of Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care on the IUPUI campus, Dr. Kittaka will be responsible for conducting independent research in the field of osteoimmunology with a specific focus on elucidating the mechanism of bone resorption in periodontal diseases. Addition-

ally, he will work on existing grant projects in the lab of Dr. Yasuyoshi Ueki and contribute to the field through publishing, presentations, graduate student mentoring, and other opportunities that arise as his professional portfolio and his independent research deepens.

Dr. Kittaka's previous academic and research experience includes having served as a teaching assistant in Periodontology (Hiroshima University Dental School, Japan), a visiting assistant professor (Department of Orthodontics, Nihon University School of Dentistry, Japan), and a visiting scholar (University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri).

Also effective March 1, 2021, the IU School

of Dentistry's Dr. Brooke Adams became the inaugural director for Pre-Doctoral Education for Operative Dentistry in the department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry and Dental Public Health on the IUPUI campus.

In this truly new role, Dr. Adams will be responsible for the organization and execution of the educational and administrative components of pre-doctoral education in Operative Dentistry, notably with a commitment to innovative student-centered teaching and patient-centered care. Her other duties, beyond classroom instruction and clinic coverage, include service at the school, campus and university levels.



Global Health Scholars Day

Date: April 15, 2021

Time: 8:00—9:00 am

[Register](#) for Zoom event

Global Health Scholars Day showcases the excellent work being done by the IU

community to improve the care of patients worldwide, research the complexities of global health, and educate learners about the care of local and global populations. It will feature poster presentations and the opportunity for those interested

in global health throughout the university to network and share information.

Visit <https://globalhealth.iu.edu/news-events/global-health-scholars-day.html> for more information and the criteria for the poster competition and photo contest.

O'Meara & Newell In Memoriam

The heart of the IU School of Dentistry community goes out to the families, friends, and colleagues of Indiana University's first vice president of International Affairs, the late Dr. Patrick O'Meara (March 2021). Before retiring in 2011 with the status of vice president emeritus and professor emeritus, Dr. O'Meara had more than earned recognition as having created a "renaissance" in how Indiana University engaged internationally. The impact of his myriad [contributions](#) and compelling vision continues to be felt. It is felt in the work done in the IU



School of Dentistry through the Office of Faculty Affairs and Global Engagement, not to mention the more than 100 other units, divisions, areas, and centers across the statewide Indiana University system which have implemented strategic local, national and international initiatives that transform how we approach and strengthen international engagement.

We also mourn with the family, friends and colleagues of former IU School of Dentistry faculty member and volunteer Dr. Donald H. Newell. The late Dr. Newell (February 2021), joined IUSD as

an assistant professor in January 1989, in what was then the department of Periodontics. Upon his retirement as a tenured professor in 2009, he had passionately dedicated 20 years of his career to serving our students, patients, faculty, staff and profession with kindness, wisdom and invaluable skill. During his service to the school, added to his honors as a recipient of three United States Army medals—Commendation Medal, 1961; 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, 1972; Legion of Merit, 1980—were two IUSD awards: Certificate of Appreciation in Teaching (1993) and IUSD Alumni Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching (2004). Always to be remembered.



Call for IDA Award Nominations

The IUSD Faculty Awards Committee wishes to solicit names for nomination to the prestigious Indiana Dental Association Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year Award. This award is given each year to the outstanding faculty at IUSD chosen by you, the IUSD family. The recipient of this award receives a significant monetary award and a plaque. This award is funded by the IDA from an IUSD Foundation account. The award recipient will be announced at the annual Fall IUSD Teaching Conference.

To be eligible, the individual must be a full-time Professor or Associate Professor at IUSD. Individuals can be tenured, tenure-track or clinical-track faculty. They must not have won this award in the past 5 years. The last five recipients were Dr. Richard Grego-

ry, 2016, Dr. Kelton Stewart, 2017, Dr. Tim Carlson, 2018, Dr. Jeffrey Platt, 2019, and Dr. Armando Soto in 2020. The number of nominees will depend upon the number of faculty per department. If a department has 5 or fewer full-time tenured and/or clinical track-faculty, only one nominee is permitted. If the department has more than 5 full-time tenured and/or clinical-track faculty, the department is permitted a maximum of two nominees.

Your nomination must include a brief paragraph (up to one page), outlining the major reasons for your nomination. The committee will use last year's Digital Measures Activity Insight Report and CV to evaluate candidates. Please be sure to include any significant accomplishments of your nominee since

January 2021. Criteria considered include a continuous record of quality teaching, scholarly activity, and excellence in service. This award is given to any full-time faculty for a "body of work" over multiple years.

A list of eligible faculty is attached to this email for your reference. Nominations beyond the deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances, in fairness to all and due to the short timeline for the awards committee to evaluate candidate materials.

Please send nomination information to Dr. Allison Scully, Chair of the Faculty Awards Committee, via email at scullya@iu.edu, and to Shelley Hall, Administrative Assistant, IUSD Office of Faculty Affairs, at shhall@iu.edu, no later than 12:00 pm on Monday, May 3, 2021.

S. DUARTE RECEIVES POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Simone Duarte, associate professor in the department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry, and Dental Public Health. Based upon both her research project "Low Temperature Plasma as an approach for the treatment of peri-implantitis" and the high performance standards of her mentee and post-doctoral research fellow Dr. Beatriz Panariello, Dr. Duarte in March 2021 received notification she is an awardee of the IU School of Dentistry's Post-Doctoral Research Award program, a program administered through IUSD's [Office of Research](#). The funding award of \$77,339 covers a one-year period. Grant guidelines specify that by the end of the funding year, the result of their work should be a federal grant proposal submission.



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Chancellor's Academic Honors Convocation

Presenter: Nassar Paydar

Date: Friday, April 16, 2021

Location: Virtual

The Chancellor's Academic Honors Convocation is a celebration of the outstanding achievements made by IUPUI faculty and students across all areas of IUPUI's mission: excellence in teaching and learning; excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activity; excellence in civic engagement; and excellence in diversity, collaboration, and best practices. Please visit <https://academicaffairs.iupui.edu/AOEvents/Events/Chancellors-Academic-Honors-Convocation#> for an updated time of the event and to view the virtual ceremony.

SUPPORTING FACULTY DOING COMMUNITY/ PUBLICLY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Date: Monday, April 19, 2021

Time: 10:00—11:00 am

Location: Online—Zoom

Presenter: Rachel Applegate

[Register](#)

This workshop is designed for chairs and associate deans for faculty affairs to discuss how to support faculty doing community/publicly-engaged scholarship. If you know of mentors or others who advise other faculty, please feel free to share this workshop with them. A workshop was held for the scholars themselves on October 13, 2020, and it will be offered again this fall.

F.Y.I.