



# Dental Bites

December 2012

## Your Opinion Needed

OHSU School of Dentistry is analyzing its communications for dental students, staff, faculty, and alumni, and we need your help! Please take a short (10-question) survey about dental school communications at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9WGFSS>. Your responses are appreciated by Dec. 17.

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## Dean Candidates On-site for Interviews

The first three candidates for the position of OHSU School of Dentistry Dean were on campus in November for interviews. Several candidates are scheduled for December, with dental students, staff, and faculty invited to one-hour lunchtime town halls.

The new OHSU School of Dean will replace Dean Emeritus **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, who retired in late 2011. **Gary Chiodo**, D.M.D. '78, F.A.C.D., is the interim dean.

On campus in November were (in order of appearance):

- **Phillip Merucha**, D.M.D., Ph.D., associate dean for research and director of graduate studies at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry. Dr. Merucha received his doctor of dental medicine, a certificate in periodontology, and a doctoral degree from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. For more information on Dr. Merucha, go to [http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/student-services/about-us/news-and-announcements/upload/Merucha\\_Phillip\\_CV.pdf](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/student-services/about-us/news-and-announcements/upload/Merucha_Phillip_CV.pdf).
- **Lily Garcia**, D.D.S., M.S., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.D., director of the division of advanced education and external affairs, department of comprehensive dentistry, University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School. Dr. Garcia received her doctor of dental surgery from Baylor College of Dentistry, and a master of science and prosthodontics certificate from University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Dental School. Her CV can be found at: [http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/student-services/about-us/news-and-announcements/upload/Garcia\\_Lily\\_CV.pdf](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/student-services/about-us/news-and-announcements/upload/Garcia_Lily_CV.pdf)
- **Linda Niessen**, D.M.D., M.P.H., M.P.P., vice president and chief clinical officer of DENTSPLY International, and adjunct professor of restorative sciences at Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A & M Health Science Center. Dr. Niessen received her doctor of dental medicine, a master of public health, a certificate in dental public health, and a master of public policy, all from Harvard. Her CV is at <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/student-services/about-us/news-and-announcements/upload/Niessen-Linda-CV.pdf>

Several more dental school dean candidates will be on campus in early December. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to town halls from noon to 1 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 6. Both town halls will be held in rooms 220-225.

## Recent Photos from OHSU School of Dentistry



Top-out is this month! (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



Dean Emeritus Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64 (left) recently enjoyed sharing the details of the school's new facility, now under construction, with Bill Scharwatt, D.M.D. '63 (center) and Alumni Association Vice President Jim Smith, D.M.D. '80 (right). Assistant Professor of Restorative Dentistry Donald Sirianni, D.M.D. '64, who is standing behind Dr. Scharwatt's right, checks the view looking east. As of Nov. 1, \$29,408,926 had been raised for the new building, towards a \$43 million dental school fundraising commitment. Don't forget to make your end of the year gift! (Photo Pete Sommerfeld)



Hand skills were on display in abundance for the pumpkin carving contest Oct. 31. First place was first-year dental student Elizabeth McElhinney (right) for "Old Man Winter"; second place went to second-year dental student Junghee Kim (center) for "Pirate Pumpkin"; and third place was second-year dental student KC Gilbert with "Big Tooth Smile." Winners received instrument sets, sterilization cassettes, assorted rubber dam clamps, and a Starbucks gift card. "There are artists among us, evidenced by the many outstanding designs and creations," said contest organizer Michael Carlascio, D.M.D. '81, assistant professor of restorative dentistry. (Photo Mark Mitchell)



Jeffery Stewart, D.D.S., associate professor of pathology (center) with the Oregon Dental Association's Margaret Torgeson (left) and Sam Bobek, M.D. '09, D.M.D. '05, OMFS '11, at the November Vendor Fair. (Photo Mark Mitchell)

## Donate Toys by Dec. 13

The OHSU chapter of the American Student Dental Association is collecting toys this month for donating to children who are low-income. Donation bins are in the Student Learning Center (sixth floor), and the main floors of the School of Nursing and Richard Jones Hall (SOM).

Toys should be new and unwrapped (\$10 and up preferred). Please, no candy or chemicals or toys with military, law enforcement, or weapon themes. Children under age two and between ages 12 to 15 have the greatest need.

Cash donations also are accepted any time! Checks can be made payable to: Toys for Tots, 6735 N. Basin Ave., Portland, Ore., 97217.

## William Howard competition

Fall term is the time for third- and fourth-year dental students to identify and treatment plan a patient for the William Howard competition, held in the spring of 2013. For more information, contact **Todd Beck**, D.M.D. '94, [toddbeck@mac.com](mailto:toddbeck@mac.com). Group leaders also have registration forms.

## Winter Term Electives

There are a number of elective courses offered for winter term, at no extra charge. Contact **Jenna Wilkinson** ([wilkinje@ohsu.edu](mailto:wilkinje@ohsu.edu)) for information about classes in: research practicum, introduction to clinical hypnosis, senior honors endodontology, community health and education, and CAD/CAM Dentistry.

## Student Scholarship Available

Bob's Red Mill has an integrative medicine scholarship available to any OHSU student. Applicants must create a video on a Bob's grain (<http://www.bobsredmill.com/flours/meals/> by Jan. 4. For details, contact Stephanie Laudert, [laudert@ohsu.edu](mailto:laudert@ohsu.edu).

## Dental Anomalies Museum



OHSU School of Dentistry's Ernest Starr Memorial Museum of Dental Anomalies, one of the largest such collections in the United States, will soon be one of the "mini-museums" featured on BBC Travel. The dental anomaly museum is on the fifth floor of the dental school, in the middle of the hallway.

**Ernest Starr** received a doctor of dental medicine in 1907 from North Pacific Dental College (the precursor to OHSU School of Dentistry) and began collecting dental anomalies from patients and other dentists, during his tenure as professor of pathology. Dr. Starr (who also served as interim dean for one year, 1945-1946) donated his collection of 140-ish specimens to the dental school upon his retirement in 1946.

The dental anomaly museum is often featured in local books about Portland attractions.

## School Calendar

<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Last day of 12-week fall term</b>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>Start of 12-week winter term</b>
<b>Jan. 21</b>	<b>Holiday—MLK Birthday</b>
<b>Feb. 1</b>	<b>Give Kids a Smile</b>
<b>Feb. 18</b>	<b>Holiday—President's Day</b>
<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>Sealant Day</b>

## Publication for Matsumoto

**Steven Matsumoto,**

Ph.D., associate professor of integrative biosciences, is on a team of OHSU researchers that



recently discovered

how blocking a certain enzyme in the brain can help repair damage associated with multiple sclerosis and other neurological disorders. A summary of the study, published in the *Annals of Neurology*, is online at [http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/news\\_events/news/2012/10-31-enzyme-prevents-repair.cfm](http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/news_events/news/2012/10-31-enzyme-prevents-repair.cfm)

## New Branding Tools

OHSU Strategic Communications has several new branding tools available online:

Creative vendors for hire:

[http://ozone.ohsu.edu/branding/downloads/OHSUCreativeVendorsList\\_08\\_2012.pdf](http://ozone.ohsu.edu/branding/downloads/OHSUCreativeVendorsList_08_2012.pdf)

Clinical trials communications tools:

<http://ozone.ohsu.edu/branding/templates.shtml>  
(go to Research Templates at the bottom of the page)

## Like to Blog?

Do you have experiences to share and the time to blog about them? OHSU Strategic Communications is looking for volunteer student (<http://www.ohsu.edu/blogs/studentspeak>) and faculty and staff bloggers (<http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/staffnews/2011/10/19/see-your-name-in-blog-lights/>) for those SOD'ers interested. Contact Brycie Jones for more information, [jonesbry@ohsu.edu](mailto:jonesbry@ohsu.edu).

## Inclement Weather Hotline

With winter fast approaching, here are the numbers to call for information during inclement weather:

**OHSU Alert Line (road conditions):** (503) 494-9021. Additional resources and policies are at [http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/facilities\\_logistics/about/what-do-do-in-inclement-weather/](http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/facilities_logistics/about/what-do-do-in-inclement-weather/)

**School of Dentistry clinic closure or class cancellation (for dental students, staff, faculty):** (503) 494-8565. This will be a

recorded message beginning at 6 a.m.

Students should wear pagers for notification of closures via pager. Students should also be prepared to notify their patients in the event of a clinic closure. Employees should know their department's policy on who should report for duty in the event of cancelled classes and/or clinic closures, and be prepared to follow those guidelines. The school will never be "closed" unless OHSU and its ambulatory care clinics close, said Director of Quality Assurance **Karla Kent**, Ph.D. If clinics and classes are cancelled, she said, the recorded message will say "classes and clinics are cancelled."

**Patient information (regarding clinic**

**closures):** (503) 494-8867. Dental students should remind their patients of this number for inclement weather.

**If you have a story idea or photo for *Dental Bites*, please contact Sydney Clevenger, [clevenge@ohsu.edu](mailto:clevenge@ohsu.edu) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.**