

Department of Restorative Dental Sciences

The Operative Bond



Dr. Dilbone new interim Chair of the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences

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Deborah Dilbone, D.M.D., a clinical associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences has been appointed as interim chair of the department. She has served as the director for the Division of Operative Dentistry since 2013. Dr. Dilbone earned her dental degree from UF in 1993 and has been an active faculty member of UFCD since then. In 1994, she taught part-time in the Department of Prosthodontics. And in 1997 she left her general dentistry practice and joined full-time in the Department of Operative Dentistry's Internationally Educated Dentist Program. In 2008, she served as course director and instructor in operative, endodontic and periodontic courses for the DMD program. She was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon in 2014, and has been serving on the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network's (NDPBRN) Practitioner Advisory Committee, has been a member of local and national dental organizations, and is very involved in college governance.

"Her experience, in-depth knowledge of the department and strong relationships with faculty, students and across departments make her ideally suited to take on this role, which I have complete confidence she will carry out with great skill, care and sensitivity," Dean García

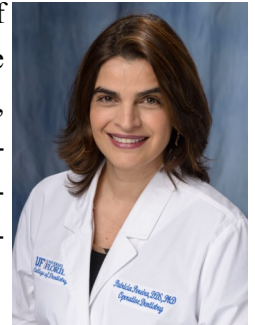
Dr. Delgado assume the role of interim division director



Alex J. Delgado, D.D.S., M.S., has assumed the role of interim director of the Operative Dentistry division. Dr. Delgado came to UF after three years at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill, where he earned his certificate and master's of science in Operative Dentistry. He earned his dental degree in 2001 from Universidad Santa María, in Caracas, Venezuela. He teaches didactic, preclinical and clinical fundamentals in restorative dentistry, and also practices in the college's faculty practice. Additionally he serves as the faculty advisor for the DMD Class of 2018 and was recently selected by the dental students as 2015-16 Clinical Sciences Teacher of the Year.

Pereira to direct new Master's in Operative Dentistry

The College of Dentistry has announced a new graduate education program in the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences for general dentists who want to earn a Master's degree in Operative Dentistry. The program will focus on enhancing students' expertise in the areas of cariology, operative dentistry, digital dentistry and esthetics; creating new knowledge in the field; providing evidence-based dentistry and preparing students to become future academicians with a balanced approach to all three components of the college's mission in teaching, research and service.



The Master's program will be directed by **Patricia Pereira, D.D.S., Ph.D.**, a clinical associate professor in the Division of Operative Dentistry. Dr. Pereira received her dental degree from the University of the Planalto Central, Brazil, in 1993, and her PhD in operative dentistry from Tokyo Medical and Dental University in 1998, and a certificate in prosthodontics in 2014 from the Patos de Minas Educational Association in Minas Gerais, Brazil in 2014. She joined the faculty at UFCD in 2015, with 12 years of teaching experience. Pereira is also actively involved in research, and is a member of various professional national and international organizations, and serves on editorial boards of national and international journals. She has published over 80 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters and presented many scientific research programs and continuing education courses.

Dr. Marc Ottenga appointed new Operative Dentistry Clinic Director



Dr. Marc Ottenga, a clinical professor has been appointed as the new clinical director of the predoctoral Operative Dentistry Division. He is replacing Dr. Bonita Wynkoop, who has moved to the Division of General Dentistry. Dr. Ottenga will be the course director for six clinical operative courses and will be responsible for students' interest, daily grades, skills assessments and clinic materials and protocols. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Ottenga in the Division of Operative Dentistry, and his motto is *"Be a proactive faculty member, not a reactive one"*

Dr. Delgado joined the ADEA Program for Emerging Academic Leaders

Dr. Alex J. Delgado spent 4 days in Freeport, Maine with the ADEA Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders. This year long program is designed to provide early-career faculty, who show great potential as leaders, how to expand professional networks, develop leadership competencies, and create a career plan. The program culminates with a peer group presentation of their research findings at the 2017 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in Long Beach, CA.

Dr. Huanca: The Art of Dental Sculpture

Dr. Ivan Huanca, a worldwide recognized dentist and master technician, who is known for his anatomical waxing sculpture technique presented a didactic-practical course for the Operative Faculty at the University

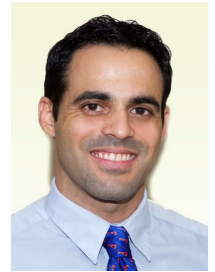


of Florida on August 26 and 27.

[Dr. Ivan Ronald Huanca](#)

Meet our Clinical Courtesy Faculty

Dr. Yulien Cruz-Davis earned his D.M.D. from the University of Florida in 2011. He was the recipient of many awards during his school years including that from the Academy of Operative Dentistry. Dr. Cruz-Davis maintains a private practice in Gainesville and teaches students the first Friday of each month. By being involved in academics, he keeps apprised of the latest research and technological advancements in dentistry. He is also active in community service through volunteer dentistry and oral hygiene education to low-income populations.



Dr. Scott Thompson earned his B.A. from University of South Florida in 1983 and his D.D.S. from Emory University School of Dentistry in 1988. He has practiced in St. Petersburg and Venice, Florida for 23 years. In 2013 he formed Tarpon Shores Dental. Dr. Thompson has been a member of organized dentistry since 1984, serving as ADA Ethics Chair and a member of the Sarasota County Dental Association. He is an active user of Cerec since 2004. Scott is married to Tatiana, a physical therapist. Dr. Thompson comes once a month on Mondays.

Dr. Brian Decker received his B.S in 1980 and his D.M.D. in 1986, both from the University of Florida. He practiced in St. Petersburg for 1 year and then moved to Gainesville, and has been active in private practice since then. He is a member and past president of the Alachua Co. Dental Society. He is currently teaching in the Santa Fe Dental Program and as well as the Operative Division at UFCD. He serves on the Admissions committee and is happily married with 4 children. Dr. Decker come every other Wednesday morning.



Dr. Margarita Silva joins the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences

M. Margarita Silva D.D.S., M.PH. earned her dental degree from Javeriana University in Bogotá, Colombia. Upon graduation she participated in social services and private practice. She later completed a master's degree in Public Health at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Dr. Silva completed a two year AEGD program from Temple University. After finishing her AEGD, she joined the HOPE Institute in Springfield, IL, a non-profit organization devoted to caring for children and adults with disabilities. She will be teaching both preclinically and clinically in all divisions within RDS. We are thrilled to have her on board.



Dr. Ana P. Ribeiro joins the Division of Operative Dentistry



Ana Ribeiro D.D.S., M.Sc., Ph.D. received her D.D.S. degree from the University of Brasilia, Brasil in 2006. She earned her Masters, Ph.D and Oral Rehabilitation certificate from São Paulo State University. She was a tenured professor in the Department of Dentistry in Brasilia since 2012 and has just recently joined the Division of Operative Dentistry at UFCD. Dr. Ribeiro is actively involved in dental materials research, caries management and minimally invasive dentistry. She has also published over 40 peer-reviewed journal articles and presented many continuing education courses. We are very lucky to have Dr. Ribeiro with us!

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Faculty Updates

Dr. Deborah Dilbone was promoted to Associate Clinical Professor.

Dr. Marcelle Nascimento has been appointed to the graduate faculty in the UF Department of Immunology and Microbiology.

Dr. Nery Clark retired in May after serving as Interim Chair of the Department of Restorative Dental Sciences.

Dr. Jean Francois Roulet lectured on August 23th to the participants in the FLAGD MasterTrack. The topic was a Review in Current Ceramics. In addition, **Dr. Roulet** served as judge for the Joseph Lister Award, as part of the IADR meeting in Seoul, Korea.

Dr. Valeria Gordan was appointed by the Dean to be a member of the Informational Technology Steering Committee. Additionally, for the past two years she has been assisting and mentoring the faculty of three different universities in Brazil to form the RPBPC (Brazilian Practice-based Research) and this Summer they had their first face-to-face meeting and the launching of the Brazilian Network website is coming soon.

Dr. Alex Delgado has been appointed by the Dean to be a member of the UFCD Marketing Group.

Dr. Saulo Gerldeli lectured on August 27th to the participants in the FLAGD MasterTrack. The topic was a Review in Current Composites.

Dr. Patricia Pereira Received \$10,000 gift from Kuraray to improve the Operative Master's Program.

Dr. Luisa Cassiano is our first Operative Dentistry Intern.

Dr. Geraldeli and Dr. Roulet collaborating with scientists from abroad

Dr. Saulo Geraldeli and **Dr. Jean Francois Roulet** are mentoring two research scholars from Brazil. *Dr. Fernanda Panzeri*, a full professor in the Department of Dental Materials and Prosthodontics of Ribeirao Preto, School of Dentistry, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, will be working on the incorporation of vitreous ceramic particles into experimental adhesive systems, and will test them for bonding ability to sound and carious dentin. *Dr. Sergio Vicente*, who is a PhD also from the Department of Dental Materials and Prosthesis of the Ribeirao Preto School of Dentistry, will evaluate the influence of the addition of different proportions of bioactive ceramics on the bond strength to dentin, in commercial resin-modified glass ionomer cements, suitable for liners and restorations. Both will remain at UFCD for one year.



The National Dental Practice-Based Research Network News



Dr. Naoki Kakudate, a visiting professor from Japan came for another visit at UFCD on September 10-13. He has been collaborating and learning with **Dr. Valeria Gordan** for the past 6 years to form the Japan Practice-based research Network which was registered with the AHRQ (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality) in 2012. Naoki is Professor and Director, Division of Clinical Epidemiology, from Kyushu Dental University, Fukuoka, in Japan.

The goal for the international collaboration is:

1. to build research networks in which dental practitioners are the main actors;
2. to share information on clinical researches, which will have a beneficial impact on routine dental practice;
3. to participate in international collaborative research that contribute to the overall health of the patients globally by improving the quality of dental practice.



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Operative supports our dear friend Maggie DaSilva

Dr. Gizele Geraldeli has been an important link to keep the college updated, to organize different ways for everyone to help. Maggie delivered baby Sophia on August 18th who is very healthy, and she has already started the second round of chemotherapy. Please keep her in your thoughts. Here are two different ways of helping Maggie and her family.



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"Maggie has been admirable for her courage and strength fighting this disease. She will endure a very challenging road now but we all will be at her side, helping her and her family with their needs as she go through her treatment" Dr. G. Geraldeli

A personal note from Dr. Delgado

We would like to recognize and give thanks to **Dr. Marc A. Gale DDS, MEd** for his 43 years and **Dr. Nery Clark DMD** for her 35 years of devoted service to UFCD. We appreciate all you have taught us in academics. The knowledge and wisdom you have imparted upon us has been a great help and support throughout our careers. I believe the success of the college is at least in part due to dedicated faculty members like you.

I personally want to express my deepest gratitude for believing in me. You have been excellent friends, teachers, mentors and a great inspiration for me. You have inspired me to pursue my goals with hard work, passion, and dedication. I truly appreciate and value everything I have learned from both of you. You will forever remain a major contributor behind my success and achievements. I really look forward to the day I can do the same for someone else.

Thank you, once again, for all you have done for the college, students, alumni, faculty, staff, and patients.

Alex

Providing CARE to our patients

Many of the Operative faculty members are devoted to providing comprehensive care to patients in Faculty Practice in the area of prevention, diagnosis, restorative and Esthetic Dentistry.



Dr. Carolina Mendieta
Dr. Alex Delgado
Dr. Saulo Geraldeli
Dr. Valeria Gordan
Dr. Susan Nimmo
Dr. Patricia Pereira
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