

SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

Dr. Eugena Stephan Promoted to Assistant Dean of Clinical Affairs



Dr. Eugena Stephan, Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs

Recently, Dr. Eugena Stephan, clinical associate professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry, was promoted to Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs.

"I have been a part of the UB SDM community for over 30 years. I started as a part-time faculty member in what was the former Department of Fixed Prosthodontics. I became interested in a career in academic dentistry, so I went back to school in the post-graduate prosthodontics program and the Oral Biology PhD program," states Dr. Stephan.

"After completing those programs I have had a variety of faculty positions in the Department of Restorative Dentistry. I currently practice dentistry at the UPD Compass East office. New challenges and the opportunity to be involved in different aspects of dentistry and dental education are a part of the reason I enjoy my academic dentistry."

Dr. Stephan will continue to act as group leader and teach in the clinic, along with her new duties, including becoming a member of the axiUm Leads Team.

SDM's Dr. Latifa R. Bairam Accepts Promotion to Senior Group Leader



**Dr. Latifa R. Bairam,
Senior Group Leader**

Dr. Bairam earned her dental degree at the University of Baghdad, College of Dentistry. She received a Certificate in Prosthodontics and Master of Science Degree in Oral Science from the University at Buffalo. She also earned a Certificate of Residency in Maxillofacial Prosthetics at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Dr. Bairam joined the faculty in 2007 as a clinical assistant professor and was recently promoted to clinical associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry.

She participates in the teaching mission of the school both in the predoctoral as well as postdoctoral programs and in outreach activities. She has been a member of numerous professional organizations such as the International Team for Implantology, American College of Prosthodontists, American Dental Association. She has served on more than ten departmental, school-wide, and university-level committees, two of which she has chaired.

Dr. Bairam has contributed to research in Implant Dentistry and co-authored many articles and abstracts related to this field and to Restorative Dentistry as well as given many presentations locally and internationally.

Dr. Bairam serves as Clinical Group Director and now as the Senior Group Leader. She has been voted as the educator of the year in 2014 and as a member of the OKU in March, 2019.

"My passion for teaching stems from the enthusiasm for learning and the thrust for self-improvement. It is not an exaggeration to say that a successful educator can change and enrich the student's lives not just through core educational skills, but also through responsibility and building student's self-confidence. It is an honor to be a faculty member of SDM and amply rewarding to be a part of advancing educational excellence "

We can conclude with the commendation in their 2014 yearbook dedication, the students commended her as follows, "Within her time here at the school, Dr. Bairam has made a huge impact on the lives of her students; to describe Dr. Bairam in one word would be a challenge, but the closest descriptor would have to be Dedication; million thanks for being such a great example of what we should all one day aspire to become "

Michael Glick Receives 2020 Distinguished Dental Editor Award



Dr. Michael Glick, Professor, Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences

Michael Glick, DMD, professor of oral diagnostic sciences and dean emeritus in the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, received the 2020 Distinguished Dental Editor Award from the American Association of Dental Editors & Journalists (AADEJ) and the American Dental Association.

The Distinguished Dental Editor Award recognizes editors who have brought exceptional credit to their society, dental journalism, the dental profession and organized dentistry through the production of high-quality publications and superior leadership. Glick was honored at the 2020 AADEJ Annual Conference last October.

Glick has served as an editor for numerous academic journals, including for 16 years as the editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Dental Association. He has also published more than 300 journal articles and book chapters, as well as edited 10 textbooks.

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