

SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

SDM's Faculty and Students Play a Large Role in this Year's American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics 2022 Scientific Session



Dr. Jennifer Kuracina speaks at the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics Scientific Session held at the Chicago Marriott, Chicago, IL, February 25 and February 26, 2022.



Dr. Jennifer Kuracina

School of Dental Medicine is proud to announce that Dr. Jennifer Kuracina is President of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics to serve for 2022-2023.

Dr. Kuracina is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. She has been an active member and served for many years in different

leadership positions at the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP). This year Dr. Jennifer Kuracina was elected as a president for 2022-2023 of the organization.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Kuracina on receiving this prestigious appointment.

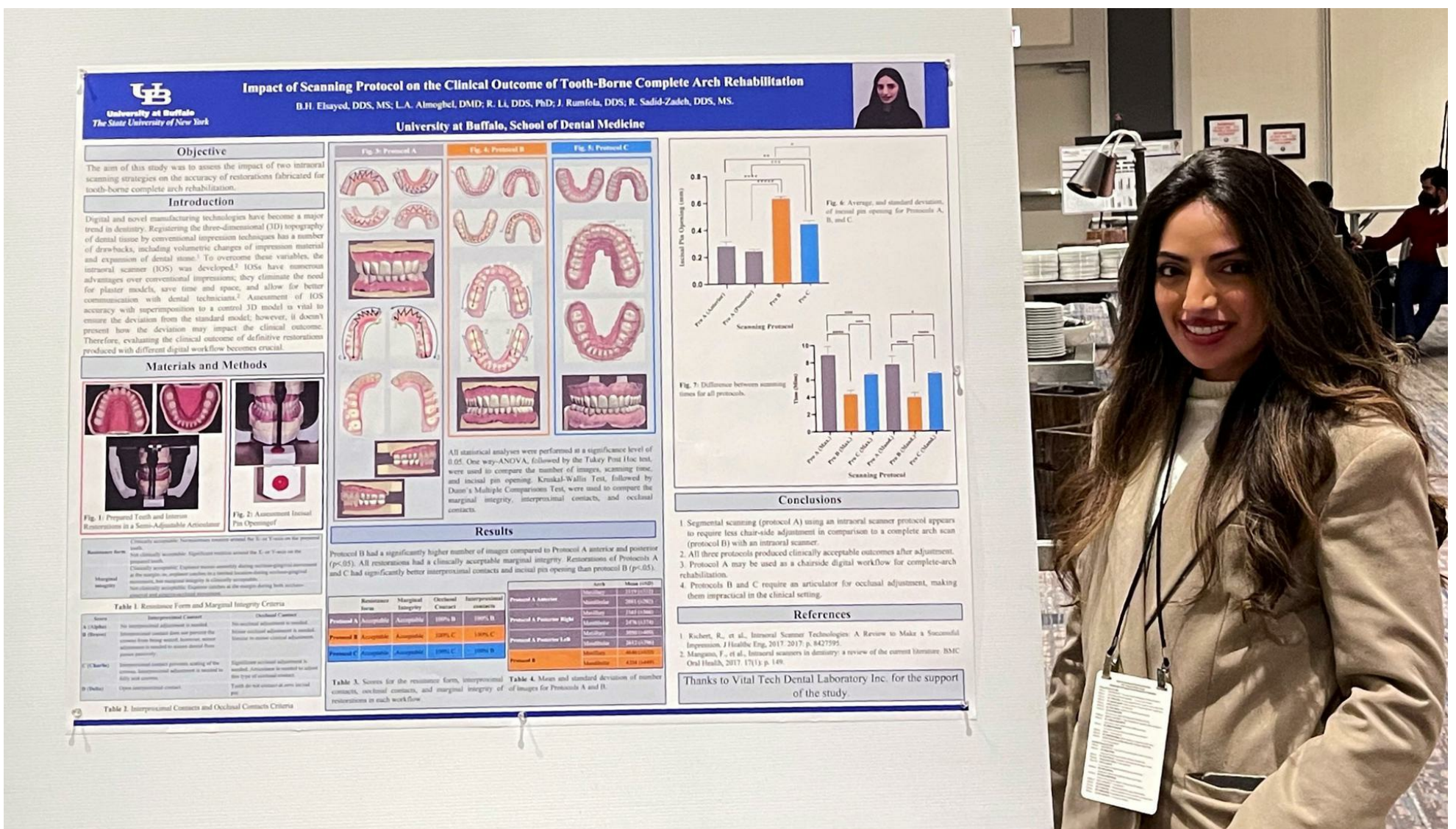


Dr. Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh

Dr. Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh, Assistant Dean, Digital Dental Technologies, Associate Professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry was awarded the Claude R. Baker award at the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics Scientific Session.

The Baker award recognizes exceptional dental school faculty members in fixed prosthodontic teaching. It acknowledges excellence in teaching demonstrated by innovative teaching methods and exceptional course materials. Recipients are significant contributors to the field of fixed prosthodontics as evidenced by publications, presentations, and organization memberships. The award is named after Dr. Claude R. Baker, one of the visionary founders of the Academy and its first president.

Join us in congratulating Dr. Sadid-Zadeh on receiving this prestigious award.



Dr. Lolowh Almogbel 2nd-year Prosthodontics Resident

Dr. Lolowh Almogbel 2nd-year Prosthodontics Resident and Dr. Bara Hesham Elsayed, UB AEGD Alum received the best research award at the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics 71st Annual Session in Chicago.

Their research topic was "Impact of scanning protocols on the clinical outcome of tooth-borne complete arch rehabilitation". Their mentors were Dr. Rui Li, Dr. Joseph Rumfola and Dr. Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh.

Congratulations to Dr. Lolowh Almogbel, Dr. Bara Hesham Elsayed, and their mentors on receiving this prestigious award.

BOCA's Annual Gala Raises Over \$20,000 for SDM Outreach



Pictured (I-R) Shane Endres - BOCA Fundraising Chair, `23, Cody Wiktorski - Immediate Past BOCA President, `22 and Sabrina Blaskovic - BOCA Outreach Coordinator Elect, `24

On Saturday, Feb 26, 2022 Buffalo Outreach & Community Assistance (BOCA) held their annual Gala at The Hotel Lafayette to raise money for the organization. BOCA's mission is to promote dental education, provide free dental care, and improve the quality of life for people around the world.

The night was a success! Guests participated in a number of silent auctions, raffles, and, of course, the main event - the live auction. Some of the fun prizes guests were able to bid on included gift baskets donated by local businesses, activities hosted by UB SDM faculty, and vacations to the Caribbean islands.

Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time and the group raised over \$20,000! The money will go towards sending student volunteers to under-served communities both nationally and internationally, to provide patients with cleanings, restorative work, sealants, extractions, and dental education free of charge. BOCA would like to thank all of the all of the donors, sponsors, guests, and volunteers, who made the night so successful.

An especially big thank you to BOCA's fundraising chairs Alexandria Hensler, `23, Shane Endres `23, Victoria Olsen, `23, Claire Prunier, `24, Christopher Lepore, `24, and Caitlyn Murray, `24 for all their hard work to bring this event to life.

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