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## Office of Faculty Affairs

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## From the Desk of the EAD/ADFA



If the most used word around the world in 2020 was MASK, then the successor to that so far in 2021 must surely be VACCINATION.

This time last year, the roll out of vaccines was still a dream, a hope and of course, it did happen in record time. And while we remain in an « emergency use » mode, now that more than a billion doses have been administered and the vast majority safely, the efficacy is high. For some



individuals and groups, there is skepticism about both safety and efficacy, but eventually, a combination of viral infection, whether symptomatic or not, and vaccination, will help bring the world back to where we will all feel “normal” again.

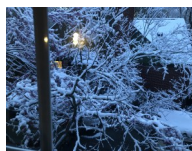
I sat in on another WHO/UN webinar just recently, and the theme was to learn from community leaders, specifically city mayors from around the world, what lessons they had learned that could be acted upon in a future pandemic. That is not an if, but a when.

The mayor of Chicago, Ms. Lori Lightfoot, summed up her view in just two points: Be Prepared and Communicate. To me, that struck home for us at IUPUI and at IUSD. From the outset, the experts were engaged to help preparedness; not always easy when we didn't understand what we were up against for a while. But communication was in high gear from the beginning, on many fronts, town halls, regular updates from the dean and others, the establishment of the IMT and so on. And so, not being negative nor pessimistic, whenever that next time comes, and whoever is responsible for the management of operations at

that time, I hope we will have a file, and archive, that will be rolled out at the press of a switch or button.

So, we will go forward positively and see what the coming months bring. There is debate over mandating vaccination for certain groups, still unknown is how long functional antibodies will persist. Whether, as for ‘flu, annual boosters will be needed. In the UK, the government has just released plans for vaccine purchases for that very purpose, with suggested use starting around October or November.

Well, it's not only the current story of COVID and the viral mutants that has changed and evolved. Just over a week ago, the spring appeared to have definitely sprung, then Mother Nature decided to take a swipe at



us, and the snow caused some damage. And then Spring, and hints of summer too.

Which leads us to May, the month of Commencement. The culmination of achievement for our students and of course, those who have helped educate them, and those who have supported their progress. As we know, this will once again be a virtual ceremony, at least for the school event. Then the campus recognition that will be highly modified in order to permit a live event.

As everyone knows, the Administrative Hallway is lined by the composite photographs of graduates since the beginning of time, so to speak. For some reason, as I was going back into my office in DS 102 just the other day, my eye was caught by the photograph of the Class of 1921. 71 gentlemen in formal frock/morning coats, and yes,

one lady. One of the men African American.

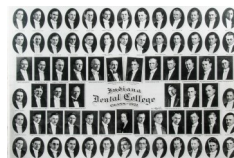
I often muse on

the stories that are buried in that gallery of Indiana dental history, and you have to go a long way along the hall to find many women. In fact, all the way around and quite a way down the other side until you find a call with women in double figures. And look for the graduates of color.

But two thoughts came to me: what a change, and evolution there has been over these one hundred years. In society, the world, the profession. And although it's doubtful that anyone reading this will be around to witness it, what will the Class of 2121 look like? We could all speculate. And the other thought was that unlike the years around 1921, if the 1922 photo was as yet not there, it could have been seen as an abstract, a portent of promise. One woman, one gentleman of color. Surely there would be more? Well, we are still on that path....but, will they all be robots in 2121?

Not only are we about to celebrate our departing students, but we congratulate 4 of our colleagues much further along the career pathway. Drs. Angela Bruzzaniti, Anderson Hara and Thankam Thyvalikakath all promoted to full rank professors, and Mr. Sean Stone promoted to Associate Librarian with tenure. A tremendous achievement, and so well-deserved. More detail inside.

And over this weekend, we have two faculty participating in the ADEA Emerging Leaders Program: Drs. Susanne Benedict, Priya Thomas and David Albright. We also have faculty participating as tutors. All this is to say that great things continue to happen.



# Faculty Development Opportunities

There are many opportunities for professional development during the month of May. 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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## Tuesday, May 4th

### Maximize Your Literature Search in PubMed (OFAPD)

**Time and Location:** 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Online - Zoom

**Presenter:** IUPUI University Library

[Register](#)

## Wednesday, May 5th

### Development & Implementation of System-Wide Pandemic Crisis Standards of Care: Lessons Learned from COVID-19

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

**Presenters:** Gabe Bosslet, Amy Martin

[Register](#)

## Friday, May 7th

### Basics of Endnote (OFAPD)

**Time and Location:** 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Online - Zoom

**Presenter:** IUPUI University Library

[Register](#)

## Thursday, May 13th

### Research Best Practices: Foreign Interests (OFAPD)

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

**Presenters:** Claire McRoberts, Eric Swank

[Register](#)

## Friday, May 14th

### Quality Matters at IU: Applying the Quality Matters Rubric to Online Courses (OFAPD)

**Time and Location:** 10:00 – 4:00 pm, Online - Zoom

**Presenters:** Douglas Jerolimov, Jeani Young

[Register](#)

## Monday, May 17th

### Academy of Teaching Scholars: Methods for Evaluating Educational Programs (OFAPD)

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

**Presenters:** Krista Hoffman-Longtin, Shanna Stuckey

[Register](#)

## Tuesday, May 18th

### Culture and Conversation: Policing and Healthcare (OFAPD)

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

**Presenters:** Doug Johnson, Cullen Merritt, Sydney Rucker, Shane Hardwick

[Register](#)

## Tuesday, May 18th

### LabArchives Training (OFAPD)

**Time and Location:** 1:30 – 2:30 pm, Online - Zoom

**Presenter:** IUPUI University Library

[Register](#)

## Thursday, May 20th

### Basics of EndNote (OFAPD)

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

**Presenter:** IUPUI University Library

[Register](#)

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

# Faculty Promotions

It is a pleasure to recognize our IUSD colleagues who received promotion and/or tenure during the 2020-2021 promotion and tenure cycle. This process began nearly one year ago with the submission of their dossier and many levels of review including external review, four levels of review at the school level, the Promotion and Tenure Campus Committee and review by the Executive Vice Chancellor, IUPUI Chancellor and IU President and finally and most recently the IU Board of Trustees.

The promotion and/or the award of tenure are earned through significant achievement and accomplishment that brings distinction to the individual, school, campus and University. These individuals not only receive public recognition but also a monetary award for their achievement.

The following five candidates

were successful in their application for promotion and/or tenure. Faculty promotions to the next rank become effective July 1, 2021 and tenure is awarded to tenure-track candidates effective July 1, 2022.

Dr. Thankam Thyvalikakath, Associate Professor, department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry and Dental Public Health, was promoted to the rank of Professor on the basis of excellence in research.



Dr. Angela Bruzzaniti, Associate Professor, department of Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive

Care, was promoted to the rank of Professor on the basis of a balanced case.

Dr. Anderson Hara, Associate



Professor, department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry, and Dental Public Health, was promoted to the rank of Professor on the basis of excellence in research.

Sean Stone, Assistant Librarian, was promoted to Associate Librarian with tenure on the basis of excellence in service.



We also wish to again congratulate

Dr. Juan Yepes, whose achievement of tenure from the 2019-2020 Promotion and Tenure cycle will take effect on July 1, 2021.



Please join us in congratulating our IUSD colleagues on their well-deserved success.

## IUSD VFTA/AFTA Nominations Due

The IUSD Office of Faculty Affairs would like to remind all IUSD faculty, staff, and students to submit nominations for the 2020-2021 Volunteer Faculty Teaching Award and Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award prior to the deadline of June 1, 2021.

Volunteer and adjunct faculty in Indianapolis and at the two regional IU School of Dentistry campuses (as well as the Community Based Dentistry sites) are eligible.

This award honors those individuals who have a positive impact on learning through the direct clinical teaching of

IU School of Dentistry students and/or residents. Award recipients must have demonstrated a sustained level of teaching excellence. Award recipients must have completed at least three years of service as a volunteer or adjunct faculty member with the Indiana University School of Dentistry and be consistently up to date on their required compliance requirements.

Please fill out the nomination form, which is attached to this newsletter for your convenience, nominating your candidate and send to [iusdofa@iu.edu](mailto:iusdofa@iu.edu).

## Box Storage to Retire on May 10

Box cloud storage will be retired at Indiana University and access to stored files will be disabled for all users on May 10, 2021.

Be sure to review your migration error report for group, health, and

personal Box accounts at <https://kb.iu.edu/d/bmrp> to ensure you have everything you need before May 10.

If you need to maintain your Box account for collaborations outside of IU, you can choose to convert your

IU Box account to a personal "lite" account hosted by Box.com. If you need to convert your account, go to <https://eds.iu.edu/boxlite/> to fill out the conversion request form. For more info visit <https://storage.iu.edu/>.

*Memorial Day, May 31, 2021*

MEMORIAL DAY

# Fulbright Scholar Awards



The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is the largest program of its kind in the United States, awarding more than 800 fellowships annually. Over 400 different types of opportunities are available to teach, research and conduct professional projects in more than 135 countries. Whether you are higher education faculty and administrators, or, professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, and independent scholars outside of the academy, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program has international opportunities to fit your needs and further your goals.

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program competition for 2022-2023 is now open. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2021.

The following are a few eligibility essentials to keep in mind when considering your application:

- ⇒ Open to all U.S. citizens (permanent residents are not eligible)
- ⇒ Candidates who have resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the date of application are ineligible.
- ⇒ Recipients of a Fulbright Scholar awards are eligible to apply for another Fulbright Scholar award two years after the date of completion of the previous grant.

You are able to view webinars geared to applicants and prospective applicants to Fulbright U.S. Scholar awards. Program Staff will present on awards by region and discipline, offer general application advice and answer questions from attendees. To view previous and upcoming webinars, visit [https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar\\_webinars](https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars).

Fulbright opportunities range from a few months to a full year and many of our awards offer flexible durations. Each award outlines the duration and potential start dates. The catalog of Awards is available at <https://awards.cies.org/>. For more detailed information about the application components, go to the application requirements page at <https://cies.org/application-requirements>.

There is also an opportunity to apply for the Fulbright Global Scholar Award. This award allows U.S. academics and professionals to engage in multi-country, trans-regional projects. As a truly worldwide award, U.S. scholars will be able to propose research or combined teaching/research activity in two to three countries with flexible schedule options; trips can be conducted within one academic year or spread over two consecutive years.

Applications are welcome from a wide range of scholars - early career, professor emeriti, independent scholars - and from all

disciplines, including those with an interdisciplinary focus. For the Global Scholar Award, candidates must propose project activities that will take place in two to three countries in at least two different world regions. World regions are defined as Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe-Eurasia, Middle East and North Africa, South and Central Asia, and Western Hemisphere. Global Scholar Award projects which include countries from only one world region will not be accepted. The grant duration is three to six months total with a minimum of one month spent in each host country, each visit.

The competition for academic year 2021-2022 is now open for the Fulbright Global Scholar Award. The deadline for this award is also September 15, 2021. For more information and to apply, visit <https://cies.org/global#overview>. Contact [globalaward@iie.org](mailto:globalaward@iie.org) with questions.

You are able to join the My Fulbright community if you wish to be notified of the latest program updates, webinar schedules, helpful resources, and suggestions for application assistance.

My Fulbright also allows you to specify your areas of interest by country or world region, as well as relevant disciplines. Please visit <https://cies.org/connect-fulbright> to join the My Fulbright community.

# Faculty Acknowledgements

Congratulations to Dr. Mythily Srinivasan, associate professor, Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology, who was awarded her



third patent on December 15, 2020 by the U.S. Patent Office. Patent #10,864,244, titled "[Peptides and methods for treatment of neurodegenerative diseases](#)," covers PGA, second-generation peptide analogs intended for suppressing chronic inflammation in neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. This patent is an extension of Dr. Srinivasan's previous inven-

tions in the field of immunomodulatory therapeutics, which are substances that help regulate the immune system.

IU School of Dentistry alumnus and current adjunct clinical assistant professor Dr. Gregory Phillips (department of Periodontics) along with his wife Mrs. Stephanie Phillips, also a proud graduate of IUSD, are among the generous donors who made possible establishment of the new IUSD Class of 1984 Scholarship. Accolades to them for this and other long-lasting contributions they have made to the educational mission of our insti-



tution. Other contributors to the IUSD Class of 1984 Scholarship were members of the South Central Dental Society and fellow 1984 DDS graduates.

Applauses also go out to both Dr. LaQuia Vinson, Pediatrics program director/associate professor, Pediatric Dentistry, and Mr. Abdramane Diallo, Financial Administration Specialist in the IUSD Office of Finance & Administration. Both are members of the next cohort of IUPUI's leadership program [Next Generation 2.0](#).





# 2021 Local Legislative News



Indiana's regular general legislative session concluded last month. IU School of Dentistry's Office of Faculty Affairs sought insight from clinical director/clinical assistant professor Dr. Timothy Treat

(department of Biomedical Sciences & Comprehensive Care) about the dental community's involvement in this year's legislative session. Dr. Treat serves as chair of the Indiana Dental Political Action Committee and as a member of the Indiana Dental Association's Governmental Affairs Committee. We asked Dr. Treat what has been the top one to three legislative priorities for dentistry and dental education in Indiana over the last year. Those legislative priorities related to dentistry and dental education for the 2021 Session of the Indiana General Assembly included (1) expanding the use of Telehealth and Teledentistry, (2) authorizing dentists to provide vaccines, and (3) updating and modernizing the definition of "dentistry" to include the broad scope of practice that dentists provide in the head and neck region for their patients.

If there was a legislative benefit from the COVID-19 pandemic, arguably one of those benefits was "it highlighted the need to expand the availability of Telehealth and Teledentistry services for dental patients in the state of Indiana and beyond who cannot or will not be seen in person, for a variety of reasons," said Dr. Treat. Furthermore, "[e]nding the pandemic and preventing future global public health crises will require more providers who can administer vaccinations all year round. Although President Biden authorized dentists to administer COVID-19 vaccines on an emergency basis, the Indiana General Assembly codified this authorization so that we can plan to play a more central role in public health vaccination efforts for years to come. In the future we should advocate for dental hygienists to be authorized to provide vaccinations, as well as further expand Telehealth services to include reimbursements for telephone consultations and other services we already provide to our patients."

We asked Dr. Treat a series of follow-up questions, among which was how IUSD faculty, staff, and students been involved with the legislative/political advocacy work over the past year.

**Dr. Treat:** It was remarkable to see our faculty and staff rally to support the expansion of Telehealth and Teledentistry services as the legislative process unfolded over the past several months. Led by Dr. Thankam Thyvalikakath, the IUSD Teledentistry Working Group played a crucial role in shaping Senate Bill 3 during the 2021 Session of the Indiana General Assembly. Expanding Telehealth services was a top legislative priority for the Governor and other state legislators, but the original version of this bill was very limited in scope. Efforts by the working group led to the inclusion of dental hygienists and dentists holding all types of Indiana licenses to be included as Telehealth providers by amendment during the legislative session. Additionally, the bill was amended to make it more clear that entities like IU School of Dentistry can provide Teledentistry services to new patients in addition to patients of record, which can increase our impact significantly. All members of the Teledentistry working group should be commended for their efforts in shaping this legislation. Dr. Shaun Matthews deserves special recognition for his public testimony provided to members of the Indiana Senate Health and Provider Services Committee in January 2021 in support of critical amendments to the bill that will be signed into law by Governor Holcomb in the coming days.

**OFA:** What gap(s) in involvement do you see that may inhibit passage of the current legislative priorities? Can IUSD make a difference in whether or when (how soon) the priorities get passed?

**Treat:** Something that emerged out of this legislative process as an opportunity for us going forward was the teamwork demonstrated between Indiana University Government Relations and Compliance Teams, especially Amelia McClure and Karen Rogers, and the Indiana Dental Association Director of Governmental Affairs, Shane Springer. There is strength in numbers and when priorities of IUSD and the University are aligned with those of the IDA and IDHA, there is a great opportunity to shape and pass important legislation that will benefit our patients, students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

**OFA:** What are the implications and/or consequences if the current legislative priorities are either excessively delayed or just outright fail?

**Treat:** Had Senate Bill 3 not been amended or not passed, dental hygienists and individuals holding a dental faculty license or dental residency permit would not have been permitted to provide Teledentistry services in Indiana. At IUSD, we could not offer Teledentistry services to new patients even during the COVID-19 public health emergency. In fact, without this bill it is unclear to some whether Teledentistry services could be legally rendered in Indiana at all without an emergency declaration, since the Indiana Code previously only made reference to "Telemedicine" and never explicitly authorized dentists as providers of these services.

**OFA:** Who within state do we partner or collaborate with for the advancement of dental education's and dentistry's legislative priorities? Are there other potential partners or collaborations that should be considered? If so, why?

**Treat:** In addition to collaboration between IUSD, the University, and the Indiana Dental Association and the Indiana Dental Hygienists Association, there are opportunities for further collaboration with the Indiana State Medical Association as well as patient advocacy groups and other non-profit entities in Indianapolis and beyond. In particular, groups that would advocate for increased state funding for higher education would be ideal partners.

**OFA:** What other political advocacy or legislative action information do you feel our readership should know about, look out for, and/or act upon?

**Treat:** In Indiana, the [regular] 2021 legislative session is coming to a close . . . which means the time for meeting directly with legislators and proposing ideas for the 2022 Session is upon us. For IDA members, including students in the DDS program, engaging with the IDA Governmental Affairs Committee and/or the Indiana Dental Association Political Action Committee (IDPAC) would be a great place to start. [Individuals can] email me ([tjtreat@iu.edu](mailto:tjtreat@iu.edu)) or send a note to Shane Springer of the IDA directly at [shane@indental.org](mailto:shane@indental.org). All politics are local and developing personal relationships with state legislators can be mutually beneficial for you and the profession! We can help you get started, or please let us know if you already have a relationship developed and would like to be more engaged in the legislative process in the future.

# Compliance Update



Recently, IU School of Dentistry community members were targeted in a phishing email scam. This phishing attempt looked to gain information by luring us into a cause that has impacted us all in some way – COVID-19.

Phishing scams are typically fraudulent email messages appearing to come from legitimate enterprises (e.g., your university, your internet service provider, or your bank). These messages usually direct you to a spoofed website or otherwise get you to divulge private information (e.g., a passphrase, credit card, or other account information). The perpetrators then use this private information to commit identity theft.

One type of phishing attempt is an email message stating that you are receiving it due to fraudulent activity on your account, and asking you to "click here" to verify your information.

Phishing scams are crude social engineering tools designed to induce panic in the

reader. These scams attempt to trick recipients into responding or clicking immediately, by claiming they will lose something or potentially gain a greater benefit (e.g. email, bank account). Such a claim is always indicative of a phishing scam, as responsible companies and organizations will never take these types of actions via email. Always think twice or even call if you are unsure of an email you have received. IU will never ask you in an email to provide sensitive or otherwise confidential pieces of information via an email.

For more information on how you can protect information whether at work or at home, visit the IU Knowledgebase website at <https://kb.iu.edu> or [Protect.IU.edu](https://protect.iu.edu), or you may contact the IUSD Compliance Office for guidance.

If you believe that you have responded to a potential phishing email and the information contains sensitive data, report this incident immediately by calling 812-855-8476 (business hours) or 812-855-6789 (after hours). When addressing non-emergency security incidents, please report

those incidents to [it-incident@iu.edu](mailto:it-incident@iu.edu) and notify your unit supervisor. You may also download the PhishMe app by visiting the IU Knowledge Base at <https://kb.iu.edu/d/aogv>. PhishMe Reporter is an add-in for Outlook (available for both Windows and Mac) that allows you to quickly report suspected phishing messages. For more information about the software, see the IU KB article on phishing. The PhishMe Reporter is available to everyone at Indiana University. Contact [talk2uits@iu.edu](mailto:talk2uits@iu.edu) for more information.

Please also be on the look out for a task from ICT to renew your Annual Compliance and Privacy Training for IUSD. Faculty and staff will need to access the canvas site listed in the ICT Training Task notification. Once you have completed the training, faculty and staff will need to upload the certificate into the ICT system for clearance. This year we will need to complete the 2021 Compliance and Privacy Training by July 1, 2021. Please reach out to the IUSD Compliance Office at [compiusd@iu.edu](mailto:compiusd@iu.edu) with any questions.

## LAMP Applications Open

The Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP) is a year-long, cohort-based faculty development and orientation program for faculty in the second and third years of their appointment. The seminars introduce participants to the fundamentals of career planning, self-management and leadership skills. As a result of this program, faculty have tools that will enable them to accomplish their primary career goals and aspirations.

The 2021-2022 curriculum includes sessions specifically designed for both clinicians and research faculty and involves a one-on-one coaching session with a senior faculty member. Tentative curriculum topics include (subject to change based on speaker availability):

⇒ Promotion and Tenure Guidance

- ⇒ Leadership Practices
- ⇒ Turning Everyday Work into Scholarship
- ⇒ Effective Teaching Practices
- ⇒ Maintaining Balance in Your Work
- ⇒ Discovering Your Strengths
- ⇒ Individual Coaching Sessions

Because of the time investment required for LAMP, all applicants are asked to solicit a letter of support from their chair or division director. It is expected that LAMP participants will commit to attend all nine sessions during the academic year. LAMP session dates are as follows: September 23, 2021; October 14, 2021; November 18, 2021; December 16, 2021; January 20, 2022; February 17, 2022; April 21, 2022; and May 19, 2022. Space is limited to ensure a personalized approach to academic

goals and career plan.

Interested faculty must request a brief nomination from their department chair or division director. These can be submitted by email to [lampdmed@iupui.edu](mailto:lampdmed@iupui.edu). Nominations are due by Friday, June 4, 2021. Once the nomination is received, you will be requested to submit a one-page document describing your career goals and what you most want to accomplish in the next three years, along with your CV. The Goals Statement and CV are due by Friday, June 25, 2021.

The nomination letter, goals statement, and CV must be received no later than Friday, June 25, 2021 to be considered for this year's cohort. Please visit <https://faculty.medicine.iu.edu/get-involved/programs/lamp> for more information.

# Dentistry Through a Pandemic



What do Earth Day, the owner of Integrated Psychological Center of Indiana, and Mariam Sobh of Boulder, Colorado have in common with the IU School of Dentistry and the Indiana Dental Association? They were all joined together for a program hosted by Mariam Sobh in April 2021 for a WFYI program called "All In." Ms. Sobh, whose career path includes acting and stand up comedy, joined WFYI barely a month earlier. She moved to Indiana from Illinois to take on the WFYI position with one aspiration being not only to increase innovation but also to make radio "cool again," with audiences really wanting to be "part of the conversation."

Ms. Sobh invited Indiana University School

of Dentistry's dean, Dr. Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch, and the department chair of Orthodontics & Oral Facial Genetics, Dr. Kelton Stewart, to join her in a serious discussion about the anxiety people around Indiana and the globe are having about returning to work, particularly if that work involves being at or going to a dental facility. Aware that the School of Dentistry's Emergency Clinic continued to treat patients in critical need during the pandemic, Ms. Sobh opened with questions related to safety protocols and quality of care, probing the reality of how "scary" provision of care must have been for both the patients and providers (essential frontline workers). Allaying concerns while em-



phasizing the oath dental professionals take to provide patient care, Dr. Stewart and Dean Murdoch-Kinch illustrated how dentistry as a whole was better prepared as a result of infection control training and practices historically central to the daily work of oral health care professionals. With tact and precision both Dean Murdoch-Kinch and Dr. Stewart showcased why the gap needs to be closed between how dentistry is perceived in comparison to medicine and other traditionally thought of professions as an essential frontline response service provider. Throughout the interview and discussion adaptive technological innovations were identified, allowing for some exploration of the evolution of dentistry and potential implications for dental/oral health education. Their full conversation is [available](#).

## 2021 IU Online Conference

### IU ONLINE 2021 CONFERENCE

The sixth annual IU Online Conference will be held virtually over Canvas and Zoom from October 27 to October 29, 2021. The conference will be hosted by the Office of Online Education, the Office of Collaborative Academic Programs, and eLearning Design and Services.

Proposals are being sought from IU faculty, staff, and students. Preference will be given to proposals that are broadly applicable to a

variety of disciplines and/or align with this year's theme, "Transforming Student Access and Success with Online Education," though it is not a requirement for submission. Sessions are especially being sought that showcase effective and innovative online teaching and strategies for promoting student success. Successful past sessions have focused on such topics as high impact practices and active learning; assessment; inclusion; engagement strategies; universal design for

learning; learning technologies; and content creation and curation; and student services, marketing, and recruitment. All sessions will be 45 minutes in length, including Q&A.

Proposals are due by Monday, June 7, 2021. If you have any questions about the proposal process, please contact [iuo-event@iu.edu](mailto:iuo-event@iu.edu). Enrollment in the conference Canvas course is free. For more information and to submit your proposal visit [here](#).

## IUSDAA DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Congratulations to Dr. Thankam Thyvalikakath, Professor, Cariology, Operative Dentistry, and Dental Public Health, who received the 2021 IUSDAA Distinguished Faculty Award for Research, and Dr. Daniel Bennett, Clinical Assistant Professor, Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care, who received the 2021 IUSDAA Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching. Award recipients are determined by a committee of the three most recent awardees and the Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs and receive a plaque from the IUSD Alumni Association. Congratulations!





# INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

2021 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

**FRIDAY  
MAY 14, 2021  
12:00PM**

Dean Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch  
invites guests of graduates to view the virtual  
Dental School Recognition Ceremony to present  
diplomas and certificates to graduates of the  
Dental, Allied Dental, and Advanced Dental Education Programs.

Join from computer or mobile via Facebook Live Video:

<https://www.facebook.com/IUDentistry/live>

We encourage likes and comments during the ceremony  
to congratulate and show support for the new graduates.

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