



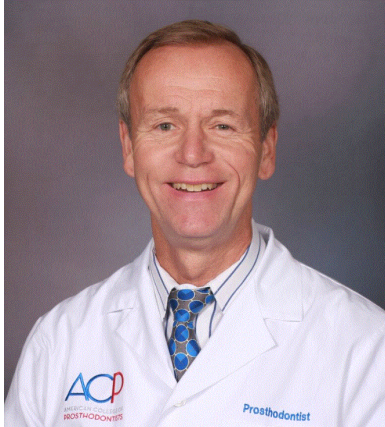
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Fatemeh S. Afshari, DMD, MS is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), College of Dentistry. Dr. Afshari received her BA from Northwestern University. She received her DMD from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, followed by a Certificate in Prosthodontics and MS in Oral Sciences from the UIC College of Dentistry. More recently, she is the new Managing Partner for the Vivaldi Predoctoral Student Clinic at UIC. Dr. Afshari was recently honored with the 2016 Claude Baker Faculty Award by the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics. Dr. Afshari has co-authored several peer-reviewed papers and mentored predoctoral, postgraduate, and master students, many of which have received local and national research awards. Her research interests include education, outcomes assessment, and caries risk assessment.



John D. Ball, DDS, FACP is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Clinical Sciences at the UMKC School of Dentistry; Removable Prosthodontics Section Head; and director of the Advanced Prosthodontics course, Clinical Removable requirements, and the Complete Removable Prosthodontics lecture and laboratory. He practices as a prosthodontic consultant at the Kansas City, Missouri VA Dental Service.

He retired in January 2013 after serving 37 years in the Department of Veterans Affairs-Department of Dentistry. He had been the Director of both VA Central Dental Laboratory (CDL) locations (Dallas and Washington, D.C.). He also maintained a clinical practice as a prosthodontist in the Dallas VA Dental Service.

Dr. Ball was an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences at the Baylor College of Dentistry, working in the pre-doctoral Removable Prosthodontic clinic.

Prior to relocating to Dallas, Dr. Ball was Director of the Prosthodontic Residency Program at the Houston VA Medical Center. Also, he was a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center- Houston Dental Branch.

In 1977, Dr. Ball earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry and completed the General Practice Residency Program at the Kansas City VA Medical Center in 1978. He completed the Prosthodontic Residency training program at the Houston VA Medical Center in 1994 and became a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics in 1997. Dr. Ball has been a member of the American College of Prosthodontists since 1992, an ACP Fellow since 1997, and Fellow of the International College of Dentists since 2001. He is an ADA member and was a former VA alternate delegate and delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. He served as President of the American Prosthodontic Society.



Douglas G. Benting, DDS, MS, FACP maintains a solo prosthodontic referral practice in Phoenix, Arizona and participates as a Visiting Faculty member at Spear Education in Scottsdale. He is a past-president of the Arizona Section of the ACP and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American College of Prosthodontists. He was a clinical instructor in the prosthodontic clinic as an Adjunct Faculty member at Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health and at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Dr. Benting

graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 1999 and went on to complete the prosthodontic specialty program with a Master's of Science in 2002. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists.



Miles R. Cone, DMD, MS, CDT, FACP is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and completed a three-year Prosthodontic residency program while serving in the United States Army before being honorably discharged as a field grade officer in the rank of Major. In addition to achieving board certification and diplomate status within his specialty, Miles has also successfully challenged all the

requirements necessary to earn his designation as a Certified Dental Technician. Currently Miles' career in civilian life revolves around his dual role as the owner of Nuance Dental Specialists, a private practice dental clinic limited to prosthetic dentistry in the heart of Portland, ME, and his role as Editor in Chief of the American College of Prosthodontists quarterly publication, *The Messenger*. When Miles is not at the chair, in the classroom or at the bench, he serves as a Key Opinion Leader and guest speaker for Amann Girschbach, GC America, and Straumann Implants.



Daniel A. Givan, DMD, PhD, FACP is a Professor of Restorative Sciences at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry and serves as Associate Chair for the Department, Division Head of Prosthodontics, and as the Assistant Director of the Graduate Prosthodontics Residency. He is actively involved in clinical prosthodontics and has lectured nationally and internationally with emphasis in occlusion, implantology, and digital dentistry. Dr. Givan received his dental degree from the University of Mississippi in 1992 and afterwards completed a general practice residency and a specialty residency in Prosthodontics. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and has earned a Ph.D. in

Biomedical Engineering with emphasis in dental materials. He is actively involved in both clinical research and applications of technology to dentistry. Dr. Givan maintains an active faculty practice limited to prosthodontics and is a member of numerous professional organizations including International Association for Dental Research, the American College of Prosthodontists, Academy of Osseointegration, and the American Dental Association.



James B. Morris, DDS, FACP is a board certified prosthodontist with over 25 years private practice experience in both solo and group practices. He also has completed a career in the US Navy as a reserve dental officer. In addition to private practice and the US Navy, Dr. Morris has 17 years teaching experience at the predoctoral level at the University of the Pacific's Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. Dr. Morris lives and practices in the San Francisco Bay Area.



Paul E. Scruggs, DDS has been practicing prosthodontics for 30 years in Raleigh North Carolina. He is past president of the Raleigh/Wake County Dental Society (1998), the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics (2005), and the North Carolina section of the American College of Prosthodontists (2008 to 2013). He also served on the Board of Directors of the American College of Prosthodontists as the region 2 membership director for two terms. He graduated in dentistry from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 1981, served three years active duty Army as a general dentist, and returned to education for a 2 year residency in Prosthodontics

at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1984-1986. Once leaving active duty, he continued in the Army Reserve for 4 more years and eventually transferred to the North Carolina National Guard, serving 17 additional years to culminate a 24 year career as a full Colonel and serving as Deputy State Surgeon for the NC Guard during the Iraq war. He is also an Assistant Professor Part-Time at the UNC School of Dentistry donating 1 day per month teaching in the graduate Prosthodontics patient clinic. He lectures regularly in the southeast on the use of dental implants. His main focus is in private practice, heavily emphasizing implant dentistry—both restorative and surgical. He is joined in practice by two other prosthodontists, Dr. Tony Molina and his son, Dr. Bill Scruggs, and he runs a full service laboratory and employs 11 auxiliaries. In 2012 he was appointed by the Wake County Commissioners to the Human Services Board of Wake County, where he actively participated in the public health efforts of the 2nd largest county in the state. He is married with 3 adult children and tries to spend as much time as possible along the beaches of North Carolina.



Ryan R. Sheridan, DMD, MS, FACP currently serves as the Director, Surgical Prosthodontics, Air Force Postgraduate Dental School, Prosthodontics Flight, JBSA-Lackland in San Antonio, TX. He received his DMD degree from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (2009), Certificate from a two year hospital based general practice residency from Monmouth Medical Center(2011), and Certificate in Prosthodontics (2014) and Master of Science degree (2015) from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He successfully challenged the American Board of Prosthodontics and became a Diplomate of the American

Board of Prosthodontics (2015) and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists (2015).

Major Sheridan has garnered numerous awards in both general dentistry and prosthodontics including the “decade award” from the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine as the most influential student for the years 2000-2010. Recently, he was awarded first place in the John J. Sharry Research competition from the American College of Prosthodontists (2015) and Dental Educator of the Year for the Air Education and Training Command (AETC, 2016).



Robert E. Stover, DDS, MS, FACP received his BA in Geophysics from Occidental College and then worked as a field geologist in the Rocky Mountains and Hawaii. Before going on to dental school, he also worked as a carpenter, and taught English in Japan. He received his DDS from Northwestern University Dental School, where he was elected by the faculty to Kappa Sigma Upsilon, the dental honor fraternity. After graduation, he joined the Air Force to do an AEGD residency and a residency in prosthodontics. He also received a Master's Degree from the University of Texas in Prosthodontics for his research on cell interactions with

implant surfaces, and has lectured both nationally and internationally. He was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, where he was responsible for the clinical and didactic instruction of AEGD residents, general dentists, and laboratory technicians. There he maintained an active clinical practice and was the regional prosthodontic consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General and the Officer in Charge of the Regional Dental Laboratory. Dr. Stover now maintains a private practice in Olympia, Washington.

He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and was elected Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. He has published a thesis at the University of Texas, and articles in the Journal of Periodontology and the International Journal of Dental Research.



Emily J. Taylor, DMD, MS, FACP completed her undergraduate studies at Bowdoin College (2004), her DMD degree at the University of Connecticut (2009), a GPR year at the Manhattan VA Medical Center (2010), and her Prosthodontic and MS degrees at the University of Illinois at Chicago (2013). She achieved diplomate status in the American Board of Prosthodontics in 2014.

Upon completion of her training, she worked for two private practices in the Chicago area—one a corporate clinic and the other a “boutique” general practice known for implant dentistry.

She has worked at the Washington DC VA Medical Center as a full time staff prosthodontist since 2014. She is the assistant program director of the General Practice Residency and maintains her own patient pool of veterans.

Dr. Taylor is a member of the ACP, participates in various ACP committees. She has given multiple presentations on the topics of challenging the ABP exam, predoctoral implant training and pink and white esthetic assessment in implant treatment. Her masters research was published in the Journal of Dental Education.



Elaine Torres-Melendez, DMD, FACP is a Board-certified prosthodontist who has been in solo-practice for thirty one years in Yardley, Pennsylvania. After graduation from the School of Dental Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, she completed a GPR at Rhode Island Hospital followed by a Graduate Specialty Program in Fixed Prosthodontics at the School of Dentistry of Temple University.

She is married to my college sweetheart, and they have two grown sons. Throughout her career she has strived to maintain a balance between fulfilling roles as a mother and prosthodontist.

She says, “I have had the privilege of transforming many lives among my family of patients and I consider every day a new opportunity to do this. As prosthodontists, we have an obligation to improve our patients’ overall well-being. We meet this challenge through patient education and guidance and through working collaboratively with other specialists to achieve the best health outcomes.”



Hai Zhang, DMD, PhD, FACP is a tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, University of Washington. He received a DMD from West China University of Medical Sciences in 1992. He also received a PhD in Oral Biology and a Certificate in Prosthodontics, both from the University of Connecticut (2002). Dr. Zhang is a board certified Prosthodontist, a Fellow in the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), and Assistant Director of UW Graduate Prosthodontics program. He currently chairs one of the Research in Prosthodontics Subcommittees in American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP). He is a member in ACP Research Committee and a member in American Dental Association (ADA) Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) Committee. In recent years, he has served as a chair in UW School of Dentistry Research Advisory Committee, as a member in AAFP Tylman Research Committee and American Association of Dental Research (AADR) Fellowship Committee. He was a secretary/treasurer and President (2015-2016) for the prestigious Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) National Dental Honor Society.

Dr. Zhang teaches didactic and clinical Prosthodontic courses at both Predoctoral and Graduate levels. His research focuses primarily on dental implantology and mineralized tissues. His research has received the ACP Geriatric Award and NIH/NCRR/ITHS Joint Ignition Award. He has published more than 40 peer-reviewed articles and several book chapters in the areas of dental implantology, clinical Prosthodontics, dental materials and oral biology. He is a Section Editor (Basic Science Research) of the Journal of Prosthodontics and a member of the Editorial Review Board of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.