Dr. Warren Arrasmith

I would like to feature our 2 new faculty members, Dr. Warren Arrasmith and Dr. Terry Whatley. Most of you know Associate Professor Dr. Warren W. Arrasmith as a native of Birmingham, Alabama; graduate of University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; graduate of UAB School of Dentistry and alumni of our advanced training in our Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program. He graduated from Dental School in 1969, (vintage Dr. David Rawson) and trained under Dr. Charles Alling. He published two fine articles on squamous cell carcinoma in the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and has always remained active in academics and organized dentistry. Dr. Arrasmith is a state delegate to AAOMS, past president of SSOMS and senior statesman. He remains married to Anne, his artistic better half!

Dr. Arrasmith is essentially the full time undergraduate clinic director and is doing a superb job with our dental students. He is in the clinic full time and the “Go to” man for the students, residents and school at large. Dr. Tom Jones would be proud!

I would also like to thank everyone who gives to the ”Tom Jones Adjunct Professorship” because this is a profound academic accomplishment. We now have over $500,000.00 in the corpus and approval for an Endowed Professorship by the Board of Trustees. The School of Dentistry only has three endowed Chairs. Someday our department may have two faculty endowed.
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**Associate Professor Terry G. Whatley**

Associate Professor Terry G. Whatley is our newest faculty member and valued yeoman. He is truly a faculty pillar with a great deal of private practice experience and works closely with the residents. Dr. Whatley is also an Alabama native, born in Winfield; a graduate of Alabama and finished dental school in 1971. He served in the United States Naval Corp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba from 1971 – 1974. He then trained in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Oklahoma under Dr. Athol Frew from 1974 -1977. Dr. Whatley enjoyed private practices in Huntsville, Alabama and Missoula, Montana until I was able to entice him into academic oral and maxillofacial surgery. Terry demonstrates a quiet confidence and unassuming character. He is married to Marjorie, a concert pianist, and they have two beautiful twin girls.

**Dr. Anthony Morlandt**

Dr. Tony Morlandt is also “new faculty in training”. He finished our program in 2012 and is currently in an oral cancer/reconstructive fellowship training with Dr. Fernandez and Dr. Vega at the University of Florida. We were able to secure mission support funding for his fellowship with the plan to return to UAB. He will collaborate with the Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Head and Neck Cancer Hospital program. Tony displays the enthusiasm for teaching I remember 30 years ago. It is so refreshing to feel his drive and see academic succession.

Dr. Morlandt has a very strong academic record and excels in everything. He is a graduate with honors from Baylor and University of Texas, San Antonio School of Dentistry. He received the Dental School Ambassador Award, Outstanding Research, Dean’s list, 1st Place Table Clinic, AADR Travel Award (twice) and the John Belew Award for Outstanding Community Service. We are very proud to have Tony join our academic rank, but I am sure he would say he is most proud of his lovely young family and the support they allow for his career development.

I couldn’t close without thanking all of our faculty for the reliable day to day hard work they do - especially Dr. Louis and Dr. Sitti. I’m proud to serve as Chairman and still very excited about our future. Please ask me more about our on-going project at McCallum meeting this summer.

*Peter D Waite MPH, DDS, MD*
The residency program is currently preparing for its accreditation by the Commission Dental Accreditation. This year our site visit coincides with the School of Dentistry site visit for accreditation. This happens every 35 years since the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program is on a 5 year cycle and the School of Dentistry with the rest of the programs are on a 7 year cycle. We are currently completing our self-study evaluation. As part of the normal process for preparing for a site visit, it is the job of the program director to evaluate the program by answering a series of questions and provide documentation to support the answers. The questionnaire of the self-study is in some ways more detailed than the accreditation questionnaire used for the self study. Since the self-study is usually completed about a year before the site visit, I fully intend to evaluate the program, identify any potential problems and correct deficiencies within the program. It is also an opportunity to strengthen the training program.

Having served as the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Commissioner for 5 years, I have been able to see and evaluate every program in this country. This has given me some unique insights into training programs and where strengths and weaknesses lie. This has also allowed me to gain a unique understanding of the process of accreditation. If deficiencies are identified with a program, there is an opportunity to correct those through reporting requirements. Depending on the nature of the deficiency, the reporting maybe quite difficult and may require significant changes within the structure of the training program. However, in most cases the reporting is minor and can be corrected easily. Programs are evaluated based on the Commission on Dental Accreditation Standards. Major areas of evaluation include the program director, the faculty, the educational content, the number and variety of major and minor surgical cases, anesthesia, training facilities, support staff, institutional committed, scholarly activity and outcomes assessment. As a general report card, the program is doing well. We have 5 full time faculty, 1 half time faculty and multiple part-time faculty. We offer 10 post graduate level courses which 4 are truly multi-disciplinary. We performed 994 major hospital cases and 2,089 anesthesia cases. We cover and operate at 4 hospitals and 4 outpatient clinics. We have 24 full time employees and multiple part-time employees. In 2012 we published over 20 articles, with multiple articles in the pipeline for 2013. The number of lectures given by full and part time faculty totaled over 50.

As we ready ourselves for the accreditation process, we must continue to strive for excellence and build upon this place we call UAB.
I’m transitioning into private practice in Atlanta.

“I will miss Saigon Café on 280 the most.”

I’m moving to Charleston, West Virginia to complete a Cleft/Carniofacial fellowship with Dr. Horswell and Dr. Jasklůlka.

“I’m going to miss Saw’s BBQ in Homewood the most!”

I’m coming home . . .

It is a dream to be training here in Jacksonville with Dr. Rui Fernandes. I look forward to returning to UAB in 2014 to help take care of our patients there -- it is an excellent opportunity and I’m honored to join the team.

“Sarah and I are looking forward to Little Savannah restaurant and Mt. Cheaha State Park upon our return. Our kids look forward to Steel City Pops!”
Dr. Anthony Morlandt completed his OMS training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and began his fellowship in Jacksonville, FL on January 1, 2013. He will join the faculty here in OMS in January where he will share his talents in the field of head and neck oncology.

New Residents for 2013

Ya-Sin Peaks
University of Alabama
Birmingham

Tamir D. Anver
University of Texas
Houston

David Davis
University of Alabama
Birmingham

Chris Bannon
University of Alabama
Birmingham
“Twenty or 30 years ago, children with chronic arthritis were often confined to wheelchairs, or were blind from the inflammation that came with the arthritis. Now we can get over 50 percent, maybe up to 70 percent, of kids in remission — so most people don’t even know the children have arthritis.”

The American College of Rheumatology notes that rheumatic diseases are a major cause of disability in childhood, but that proper diagnosis and early aggressive intervention can minimize both short and long-term morbidity of these conditions.
“This annual program, held March 6, 2013, showcases the high quality research and scholarly activities of our students, residents and faculty. These accomplishments constitute a central component of the School of Dentistry’s mission and their excellence is recognized throughout our nation and world.”

Michael S. Reddy, DMD, DMS
Dean, UAB School of Dentistry

**Blake Smith**

*Complication Rates of Rhytidectomy in Conjunction with other Maxillofacial Surgery*

We have a unique patient population who undergo rhytidectomy simultaneously with other major maxillofacial procedures. The majority of these patients are undergoing temporomandibular joint procedures, as the rhytidectomy approach affords superb access to the joint. The question presented is whether facelifts performed simultaneously with other major maxillofacial procedures differ in their complication rates than those performed as a primary procedure.

**Hari Digumarthi**

*Post traumatic ear reconstruction*

Reconstruction of a partially avulsed ear remains a challenge to surgeons. The irregular nature of the defect, severe wound contamination and delayed presentation time all create challenges in reconstruction. A simple reattachment of the ear usually leads to necrosis. We describe two successful cases of reattachment using an advancement flap.

**Scott Falconer**

*Anatomic Consideration for Posterior Iliac Crest Bone*

This study analyzed the posterior ilium and relevant vital structures using cadavers to determine quantitatively a safety zone in regards to posterior iliac crest bone graft harvesting.
Recent Publications


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| **SSOMS 64TH 2013 ANNUAL MEETING** | April 24-28, 2013  
Southhampton, Bermuda |
| **Senior Banquet** | June 22nd  
Annual OMS Senior Residents' Banquet  
6:00 - 9:00  
The Historic  
Rucker Place |
| **2013 McCallum Society Meeting** | July 19th — 21st  
Caribe Resort  
Orange Beach, Alabama |
| **AAOMS 95th Annual Meeting, Scientific Sessions and Exhibition** | October 7 - 12, 2013  
Orlando, FL |
| **Dental Implant Conference** | December 5 - 7, 2013  
Chicago, IL |

**Grand Rounds**  
May 21st  
**Dr. Michael Reddy**  
Implants

**Senior Residents' Seminar**  
June 22nd  8:00 a.m.—12 p.m.  
School of Dentistry  
RM 220  
Angelo Cuzalina, MD, DDS  
Dr. Angelo Cuzalina is the newly elected 2013 President of the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery (ABCS).  
CDE credits offered

**Alabama Alumni & Friends Reception**  
Annual AAOMS meeting in Orlando, Fl  
October 10th, 2013  
5:30 - 6:30 pm  
Location: TBA
August — Dr. Amjad Javed

September — Dr. Thomas Williams

October — Dr. Randy Q. Cron

November — TBA