

Biographies

Michael Donaleski, DMD

Michael Donaleski is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Prior to entering USPHS Dr. Donaleski completed a GPR at Faxton-St. Luke's Hospital in Utica, NY. While in the IHS Dr. Donaleski completed a 2 year AGPR at Gallup Indian Medical Center. Prior to taking his current position Michael was the dental director of the Yakama Service Unit from 2008-2020. Dr. Donaleski has been the California Area Dental Consultant since April of 2020.

Amber Werdel

Amber Werdel is also from small town South Dakota and has been in the RCM space for 18 years. She holds CPC, CPMA, and CPB credentials from AAPC, as well as a bachelor degree from University of South Dakota. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and 11-year son on the family ranch.

Rena Aalbers

Rena Aalbers is from small town South Dakota and has been in the RCM space for over 20 years. She holds CPC and CPMA credentials from AAPC. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family.

Miranda Davis, DDS, MPH

Dr. Miranda Davis has worked at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) since 2019 where she serves as the Director of the Dental Health Aide (DHA) Program and the Prevention Consultant for the Northwest Tribal Dental Support Center (NTDSC). The DHA Program includes the Native Dental Therapy Initiative. Within these programs, Dr. Davis and the DHA team assist Tribes in implementing innovative workforce models under the nationally expanding Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) to address social determinants of health and expand access to high quality oral health care. Dr. Davis has assisted Tribes and States in several capacities, including the Oregon Senate Committee On Health Care's Dental Therapy Workgroup (2020), the Washington State Task Force on Dental Therapy (2021), Skagit Valley College dəx'ḡayəbus Dental Therapy Education Program Advisory Committee (2019-2022), Oregon Board of Dentistry's Dental Therapy Rules Oversight Committee (2021-present), Native Oral Health Network - Steering Committee (2021-present), Oregon HPV Dental Task Force (2020-2022), and others. She also serves as faculty for Indian Country Oral Health ECHO, and provides clinical care and supervision for dental therapists in Tribal clinics. Dr. Davis has worked in Tribal clinics in Washington and Oregon for over fifteen years, in private practice for five years, and she has worked as a volunteer in several countries. She earned a DDS from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco and a MPH from the University of Washington School of Public Health, and she continues to learn from every clinic, patient, and provider with whom she works.

Rochelle Ferry, DHAT, LDT

Rochelle Ferry is Inupiaq and was born and raised in Unalakleet, Alaska. In 2006 she graduated from the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, and returned to rural Alaska to begin her career in Dental Therapy with the Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome, Alaska. For twelve years she traveled to villages in the region to provide dental care in clinic and school settings. In 2018 Ms. Ferry was given the

opportunity to work with the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe as the second Dental Therapist to work in Washington State, and she has remained with Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe since then. In 2020 Ms. Ferry received the National Indian Health Board's Heroes in Health – Local Impact Award for her exceptional service before and during COVID-19.

Andrew Young DDS, MSD

Andrew Young DDS, MSD is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, University of the Pacific. He received his DDS from UCSF, and his MSD in Orofacial Pain from UMDNJ (now Rutgers School of Dental Medicine). He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orofacial Pain, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain. At the University of the Pacific, he directs the Orofacial Pain curriculum, patient care, and research, which includes temporomandibular disorders, neuropathic pain, and headache. He also directs the Evidence-Based Dentistry and Critical Thinking curriculum, which teaches students how to access, assess, and appraise research literature when making clinical decisions. He has published numerous peer-reviewed scientific papers.

Brandi Noonkester

Brandi Noonkester is a Managing Member of My Revenue Lane, LLC; a revenue cycle and HIM consulting company. Brandi has three certifications through AAPC: Certified Coder, Coding Instructor and Physician Practice Manager as well as an RHIT certification through AHIMA. She has been working with tribal health programs since 2011. In addition, Brandi is the Health Systems Administrator at Shingle Springs Health and Wellness Center.

Jan Carver, MSHS, RDH

Jan began her career in public health as the Dental Project Coordinator for CRIHB's four-year Local Dental Pilot Project of the Dental Transformation Initiative, which promoted medical-dental integration, and now works as the Dental Consultant for the Dental Support Center. In her previous life, Jan was a Dental Hygiene Educator for eight years, teaching Periodontics, Dental Morphology, Head & Neck Anatomy, and Dental Hygiene Care for Patients with Special Needs. She is a graduate of Sacramento City College (A.S. Dental Hygiene), CSU Sacramento (B.A. History), and Trident University (M.S. Health Science).

Angela "Jackie" Kaslow

Angela "Jackie" Kaslow, DrPH, MPH, has over 20 years of combined public health and clinic operations experience. Dr. Kaslow's experience includes overseeing tribal public health programs as the Director of Family and Community Health Services at the California Rural Indian Health Board. Dr. Kaslow is currently the Director of the Red Medicine Tobacco Prevention Project serving tribes and tribal clinics in Kern, Kings and Tulare counties, and holds an Adjunct Assistant Professor position at the UCSF School of Nursing.

Gemalli Austin

Gemalli Austin, DrPH, RD, CBDCE, has over 15 years of professional experience. Dr. Austin has a Doctorate in Public Health with emphasis in Preventive Care. Dr. Austin is currently the Diabetes and Tobacco Program Manager at Lake County Tribal Health, a position she has held since 2013.

Heidi Christopher RDH, FWCLI

Heidi Christopher currently practices as a clinical hygienist, specializing in periodontal and laser therapies, and owns Dental Team Advancement, a laser education and consulting firm. She holds 6 Laser Certifications and earned a Full Fellowship from the World Clinical Laser Institute in 2014. Heidi has been working with and researching soft tissue lasers for almost 20 years. She is a published author and lectures throughout the country. Heidi is a member of the American Dental Hygiene Association, the California Dental Hygiene Association, the Academy of Laser Dentistry and the Northern California Laser Study Club

Chalise Morgan, DDS

Dr. Morgan is the Dental Director at the Shingle Springs Health & Wellness Center. She has been the AEGD site director for NYU Langone since 2015. Dr. Morgan completed her AEGD certification from Lutheran Medical Center in 2008 from Maui, HI. During her residency her focus was on implantology. Now she instructs her current dental residents on CBCT guided implant placement. She is current a member of ADA, CDA, and SDDS. She is part of the El Dorado Smiles Medical-Dental Integration Initiative, El Dorado County Early Childhood Head Start, Dental Transformative Initiative, and a Dental Advisory Committee member, Central California representative for the California Rural Indian Health Board El Dorado Oral Health Advisory Coalition.

STANLEY F. MALAMED, D.D.S.

Stanley F. Malamed is a dentist anesthesiologist and emeritus professor of dentistry at the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry, located in Los Angeles, California, USA. In 1973, Professor Malamed joined the faculty of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry (now the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of U.S.C). Dr. Malamed retired from the university in 2013. Doctor Malamed has authored more than 180 scientific papers and 17 chapters in various medical and dental journals and textbooks in the areas of physical evaluation, emergency medicine, local anesthesia, sedation, and general anesthesia. In addition, Dr. Malamed is the author of three widely used textbooks, published by CV Mosby: Handbook of Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (8th edition 2023); Handbook of Local Anesthesia (7th edition 2020); and Sedation - a guide to patient management (6th edition 2017) and two interactive DVD's: Emergency Medicine (3rd edition, 2018) and Malamed's Local Anesthetic Technique DVD (2004) (edition 2 - 2012). The textbooks have been translated into 22 foreign-language editions. In his spare time, Doctor Malamed is an avid runner, exercise enthusiast, and admits an addiction to the New York Times crossword puzzle, which he has done daily since his freshman year in dental school

Justin Crone

My name is Justin Crone. I am the owner and lead instructor of CPR & Safety Solutions. I have been a firefighter for 22 years. Before I was a firefighter I worked as an EMT and Field Training Officer for American Medical Response. I travel all over California teaching CPR and other safety classes to businesses.

Clara Kim, DMD, MS

Dr. Clara Kim is a specialist in Periodontology and Implant Dentistry. Dr. Kim completed his Doctorate in Dental Medicine at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She then continued to complete her

specialty training in Periodontics and Implant Dentistry at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. During this time, Dr. Kim earned her Master of Science in Oral and Craniofacial Biology as well. Dr. Kim has been involved in considerable research and academics throughout her professional career. Dr. Kim has published several articles in peer-reviewed journals on subjects ranging from crown lengthening, aggressive periodontitis and furcation involvement. Dr. Kim is an associate professor at Western University of Health Sciences, School of Dental Medicine

Mitchell A. Goodis, DDS

I graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry in 1979. Retired from the Air Force, I now practice general dentistry in Diamond Springs, California. Horrified at the destruction that I have seen in the dentition of methamphetamine users, young and old alike, I have conducted extensive interviews with addicts, produced videos, and spoken to high schoolers to help prevent addiction.

RaCole Hardy

RaCole Hardy is a clinical practicing Dental Hygienist in California. She has been in the dental field for more than twenty-five years both as an assistant and hygienist. RaCole is presently with Riverside- San Bernardino Indian health at the Soboba Dental clinic where she has worked for in 19 years. She studied Dental hygiene at Allegany College of Maryland, in Cumberland, Md. RaCole has done numerous amounts of Dental outreaches educating communities as well as volunteering her time and skills at a Free dental clinics. Early on in her Dental Hygiene career she was compelled to do Oral cancer screenings running behind her schedule or not. She had a friend that battled Oral cancer and that was discovered by his Dental Hygienist. Therefore, she takes the time to look!

Edmond R. Hewlett, D.D.S.

Dr. Hewlett is a native of South-Central Los Angeles attended UCLA for undergraduate and dental school. He received his D.D.S. degree from the UCLA School of Dentistry, completed a General Practice Residency at the University of Illinois, Chicago and an Advanced Prosthodontics residency at UCLA. A member of the UCLA School of Dentistry faculty for more than 35 years, Dr. Hewlett currently a Professor and Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at the school where he chairs the curricular tracks in Cariology and Esthetic Dentistry. His research interests include restorative dental materials and dental school curricula around cultural competency. His bibliography includes numerous scholarly articles and abstracts in peerreviewed journals and three book chapters. Dr. Hewlett is a Fellow in the American and International Colleges of Dentistry, and serves as a consultant to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, ad-hoc reviewer for several journals, and a Consumer Advisor for the American Dental Association. He has presented over 300 invited lectures and courses on restorative dentistry both nationally and internationally. Dr. Hewlett has leadership roles in climate/culture/diversity initiatives at the School of Dentistry, UCLA campus-wide, and University of California systemwide levels. He maintains a private practice limited to prosthodontics at the UCLA Faculty Group Dental Practice.

Lancette VanGuilder,BS,RDH,PHEDH,CEAS

Lancette VanGuilder, BS, RDH, PHEDH, CEAS serves as the clinical director for Sierra Sleep, Airway and Wellness Center in Reno, Nevada and was recently elected as the Vice President of the American Dental Hygienists Association. She is a complete health dental hygienist committed to improving practitioner and patient health while bridging the medical-dental divide. She is an internationally recognized continuing education speaker, a clinician, airway ambassador, business owner, non-profit founder, public health advocate, lobbyist, proud vaccinator and certified ergonomic assessment specialist. Lancette has received numerous awards for her contributions to dentistry. She is passionate about access to care, disease prevention and medical-dental integration. Lancette is the co-founder of Abundant Life, a health and wellness hub, and The RISE Experience. RISE offers personalized retreats to support women entrepreneurs in healthcare.

Melodi Randolph

Melodi Randolph has been teaching dental assisting for over 30 years in both private and public institutions and has been actively involved in many Allied Dental Health organizations during her professional career. She has been faculty and the dental assisting program director at Sacramento City College, San Joaquin Valley College, and Western Career College. She is the owner of RDA4U, a company approved by the Dental Board of California for all DA and RDA certification courses. She graduated from the first RDAEF2 course ever offered in California and though she thoroughly enjoys clinical dentistry, her real passion is passing along her knowledge and enthusiasm for dentistry to Allied Dental Health students everywhere.

Mark Mintline DDS

Mark Mintline is an assistant professor at the Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) College of Dental Medicine. He is the founding Laboratory Director of WesternU Health Oral Pathology Laboratory. At WesternU, he serves as the Co-Coordinator of the Advanced Oral Diagnosis Workgroup, Director of the Ryan White Part F Program, and Director of the Biopsies Save Lives Program. Dr. Mintline received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the UCLA School of Dentistry. He completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. Dr. Mintline is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

John Jow, DDS

Dr. Jow earned his DDS from UCLA in 1976 when he went into private practice before entering the prosthodontic residency at Wadsworth VAMC in West Los Angeles. Dr. Jow then became a staff prosthodontist at the Wadsworth VAMC from 1982-2008 and was Service Chief from 1990-2008. Dr. Jow was a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics from 1984-1998. He was also an Associate Professor at UCLA and UCSF from 1990-2018.

CAPT Kevin Zimmerman

CAPT Zimmerman completed his DMD at Temple University School of Dentistry and completed a General Practice Residency at Denver Health Hospital and an Advanced General Practice Residency at Gallup Indian Medical Center. He entered the Public Health Service in August 2001 with the IHS in Fairbanks, Alaska. He completed the Air Force Forensic Dentistry Training and was deployed as a

DMORT liaison to Hurricane Katrina. He was the chair of the IHS National Oral Health Council and the USPHS Dental Professional Advisory Committee. He is currently the Chief Dental Officer at the Eloy Detention Center in AZ. He has been on 6 Remote Access Medical missions, ADA Mission of Mercy and 2 HOPE missions, in addition he has gone on Global Dental Ambassador missions internationally to the Ministry of Health Dental Training School in Lusaka, Zambia and the Global Dental Congress in Amritsar, India.

Wayne Cortez

Wayne Cortez is a 56-year-old Native American from Torres Martinez Reservation Band of Desert Cahuilla Indians. He is a Peer Support Specialist at Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health Inc. all his educational background comes from lived experience being raised traditional as a ceremonial person. Wayne conducts sweat lodge, talking circles, blanket ceremonials, and Cahuilla bird singing. Wayne also teaches The Red Road to Wellbriety in the Native American way for people struggling with their addiction. He works with 7 other tribes including his own reservation. He has completed several Wellbriety trainings from celebrating families which consists of youth programs, warrior down, mending broken hearts, medicine wheel and 12 steps.

Joyce M. Galligan, RN, DDS

Joyce M. Galligan, RN, DDS is the Chief Health Officer, Director Patient Safety/Infection Control and a full time professor of clinical dentistry at the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC. Dr Galligan is a registered nurse as well as a dentist. She has lectured and written articles regarding infection control, medical emergencies, and disaster preparedness. She is a past recipient of the Organization for Safety and Asepsis (OSAP) James A. Cottone Award . Dr. Galligan has conducted research about the effects of HIV in the oral cavity, using saliva as a diagnostic and risk assessment tool and the effectiveness of alpha interferon lozenges for a dry mouth for a pharmaceutical company. She has served as an expert witness for legal cases regarding infection control breeches.

Bruce Peltier, PhD, MBA

Dr. Peltier is Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Ethics at the Dugoni School of Dentistry (University of the Pacific) and has taught Master's and Doctoral students in Psychotherapy at the University of San Francisco for 30 years. He's received numerous awards, including the distinguished teaching award at both universities. He currently teaches as an adjunct at Santa Clara University. Dr. Peltier is a 1970 graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point. He served in the Infantry as an Airborne Ranger for five years, where he conducted racism and diversity training prior to earning his doctorate in Counseling Psychology. He later spent two years as a researcher at Stanford University, then completed post-doctoral clinical training at the University of Southern California. He is licensed as a Psychologist in California and Nevada. He is Past-President of the San Francisco Academy of Hypnosis and the American Society for Dental Ethics. Dr. Peltier has provided remediation services for 130 doctors and practitioners who have had their license disciplined by state boards over the past thirty years. Dr. Peltier has published or co-authored two books and one hundred articles in the professional literature. His most

recent book, "Dental Ethics Primer" can be accessed in digital format at his website (www.brucepeltier.com).

Patricia M. Galligan

Patricia M. Galligan, J.D., LL.M. is an attorney who has been in practice for over 30 years. Her practice is in La Jolla, CA. After graduating from Loyola Law School, in Los Angeles, she obtained her Masters in tax law from the University of San Diego. She has been presenting the California Dental Practice Act seminar for over 12 years.