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'We want every child to establish a dental home....'

Meet Sara Paul, ECOH manager

WITH 20 YEARS in healthcare administration, project management, and program development, Sara Paul, MS, brings a successful track record as the first program manager for the Early Childhood Oral Health (ECOH) program.

"Sara has an extensive career in leadership in healthcare," said Dr. Joel Berg, Department Chair, "and we are extremely pleased to have her join our team.

"As ECOH Manager, Sara will help us to partner in new and improved ways with the intention of improving the oral health of children in our region through our own programs, and nationally, through our teaching and research models." ECOH's mission, in part, is to provide education, conduct research, and deliver oral healthcare services with the goal of dramatically mitigating the unmet need in the management of childhood dental caries in our local and regional communities and worldwide.

"I am drawn to creating and building new initiatives. But the best part of my work is seeing the positive results

affecting those most in need," Ms. Paul says. "As I researched what the University of Washington had in store for the ECOH program—the lofty goals and exciting challenges,

I knew this was a perfect fit for me. I am very excited to be here."

Ms. Paul moved here in December to begin her job as manager, and she is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and operation of the entire program, including a new offsite clinic facility, communications/publicity initiative, program staff, and grants and contracts. Ms. Paul will be the point of contact for the program, including Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) champions and coordinators, and an interdisciplinary team which includes local and state agencies, UW medical and dental programs, researchers, faculty, and staff, community agencies, donors, and the general public.



Sara Paul, MS, new ECOH manager

"Ultimately my goal is that the University of Washington's ECOH program and future center will be the first place the public and healthcare providers across the world turn to for information, advice, and training regarding early child-

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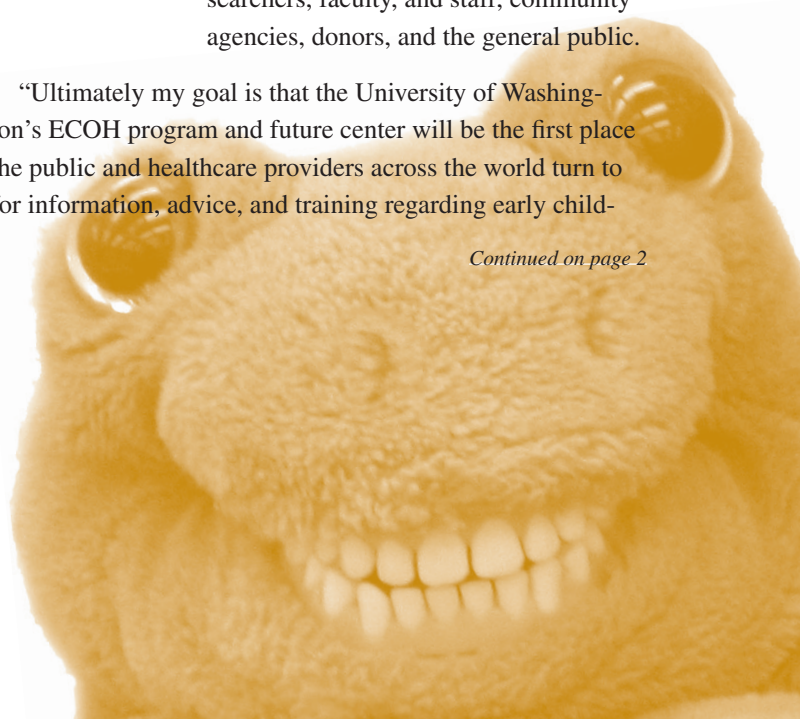
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Sara Paul brings experience to ECOH

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hood oral health,” said Ms. Paul. “We want every child to establish a dental home by age one in order to prevent tooth decay.”

There is a significant amount of research in early childhood oral health at the UW. The ECOH program’s aim is to assimilate that information and then disseminate it to the community.

Ms. Paul earned her bachelor’s degree in journalism and mass communication at the University of Iowa and her master’s in organizations and management from the Antioch University and New England Graduate School. Her administrative career includes experience in major academic centers such as the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover and Lebanon, New Hampshire, and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Most recently at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, she helped establish the new Cancer Center. Ms. Paul and her husband, Terry Paul, a software engineer, have two college-bound daughters and a sheltie dog named Bob.

Ms. Paul encourages individuals with comments about the ECOH program to contact her. She can be reached by calling 206-543-4885 or emailing her at sarapaul@u.washington.edu.



New ECOH manager, Sara Paul and friends from the clinic.

Class podcasts ‘put the lectures in students’ pockets’

“PODCASTS ALLOW US to put lectures into our students’ pockets,” said Dr. Simon Lin, acting associate professor. Dr. Lin was referring to the new technology he incorporated into the Pedo 520/525 preclinical class he taught last summer with Dr. Devereaux Peterson.

Podcasting is a means for sharing multimedia computer files over the internet. Computer files can be accessed and transferred from a website to an individual computer and copied into a portable audio player. Students can listen to the audio or watch the video on their computers just as they would any audio or video.

This was a pilot project “continuing the tradition of innovative uses of electronic media and internet,” said Dr. Lin, “like the web-based Atlas of Pediatric Dentistry.” The podcasts consist of PowerPoint slides and audio of the instructor’s voice explaining each slide displayed in class. Students using this educational application of a new technology can learn at their own pace by going back and reviewing material presented in class as many times as necessary.

The technology can be used for other learning situations, for example, to demonstrate step-by-step lab procedures showing how to fabricate space maintainers. Dr. Lin plans to explore further uses of podcasting.

Dr. Rebecca Slayton inducted into American College of Dentists

DR. REBECCA SLAYTON, Pediatric Dentistry graduate program director and associate professor, was inducted into the American College of Dentists October 17, 2006. Fellowship in the American College of Dentists is by invitation and is based on a confidential peer-review system. Dr. Slayton was nominated for this honor by Dr. John Liu, a pediatric dentist practicing in Issaquah, Washington.

Fellows of the College have records of leadership, excellence, and meritorious achievement in dentistry or public service. For dentistry, these credentials may be reflected in professional organizational involvement, dental education, dental research, dental journalism, or other areas. Additionally, candidates must be members of the American Dental Association or an equivalent foreign organization.

Fellowship in the American College of Dentists recognizes the accomplishments of nominees who epitomize excellence.

Dr. Sheller receives 'Family Choice Award'

Dr. Barbara Sheller received the 2006 *Family Choice Award* for providing outstanding family-centered care at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle.

Dr. Sheller is a UW pediatric dentistry affiliate professor and Chief of Dental Education and Resident Training at Children's. Patients and families nominate physicians, employees, teams or departments for the award, choosing employees who have made a difference to families during their time at Children's. Dr. Sheller's award focuses on her warmth and her commitment to involving patients and families.



Dr. Rebecca Slayton with sponsor Dr. John Liu at the ACD convocation.

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AAPD Alumni Reception

Look for our alumni reception on Saturday, May 26, at the 2007 AAPD Annual Session in San Antonio. We would love to have you join us for some good food and wine and even better company!

What's the clinic doing? Cool stuff!



Brian Zimmerman, clinic supervisor

Brian Zimmerman supervises the clinic and...

Serving as the interim clinic manager for more than a year, Brian Zimmerman is now appointed clinic supervisor. He brings skills as a dental assistant as well as in patient care and clinic management.

His previous clinical experience includes working in a multi-specialty private dental office, ultimately becoming the head orthodontic dental assistant and serving as the assistant to the program director at the University of Southern California graduate orthodontic program where he became the prime liaison for the department's computer management system and the proposed software developer.

He also helped in several research projects involving computers and digital dental photography.

Working at the UW Office of Clinical Services, he served as a patient care coordinator for three years before coming to the pediatric dentistry department.

In addition to managing the ECOH program, Sara Paul, left, will meet with oral health providers in areas of Washington State who are participating in the ABCD program. Here she and dental assistant Yordi Weldu practice lap-to-lap pediatric dental screening on Allie the Alligator.





Brian Zimmerman photo

...its host of public service activities

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry adopted a kindergarten class for the holidays. Residents and clinic staff brought toys and gifts for each child at the Cooper Elementary School class in West Seattle; departmental staff and faculty purchased and donated gifts, games, and educational toys for the class as a whole.

The class teacher accepted the gifts and then delivered them to families during their holiday break—and during the snow storms of December. This highly concentrated effort was received well by the wonderful children in the kindergarten class of Cooper Elementary.

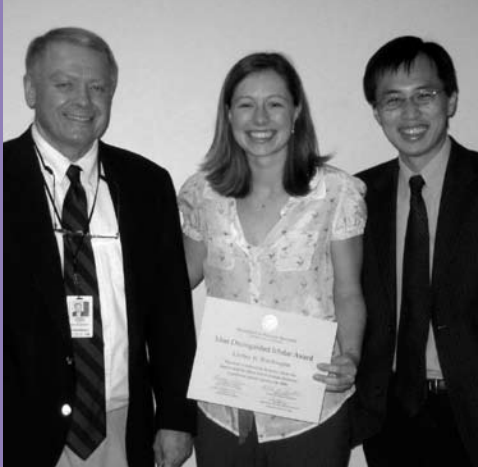
In addition, for children at local preschools, the department, through its predoctoral program, Dent 610, provided approximately 75 limited exams, cleanings, and fluoride applications.



Top photo: preschoolers received free dental exams. Bottom photo: two of the Cooper Elementary School children who received holiday gifts from pediatric dentistry.

First-time award

Six predoctoral students' excellent scholarship recognized in preclinical pediatric dentistry



Lindsey K. Worthington was awarded the first Most Distinguished Scholar Award in the PEDO 520/525 course.

The preclinical course is directed by Dr. Devereaux S. Peterson (left), assisted by Dr. Simon Lin (right), acting assistant professor.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, the Department of Pediatric Dentistry presented formal awards to the top scholars in predoctoral pediatric dentistry. These awards which will be presented annually, acknowledge the academic excellence of predoctoral students after completing their preclinical coursework. The awards are granted to the students with the highest academic achievement during their preclinical courses in pediatric dentistry.

Dr. Simon Lin, originator of the concept, explained that “they would be an additional incentive for predoctoral students to work their hardest during preclinical training.”

SOD distinguished staff award goes to Elide Quintero

Elide Quintero, predoctoral program coordinator, was honored as a winner of the 2006 Distinguished Staff Award in the School of Dentistry. Ms. Quintero was nominated by coworkers in Pediatric Dentistry.

“Almost everyone who has contact with our department talks to Ellie,” said Linda Yedlin, department administrator. “We rely on her integrity, persistence, and heartfelt response to the work.”

As coordinator for the predoctoral program, Ms. Quintero assists Dr. Devereaux Peterson, program director, and supervises arrangements for the classes and rotations. He said that she reminds him of Radar from *MASH* who knew what needed to be done before getting orders. “That is really an exemplary quality,” Dr. Peterson noted.



Ellie Quintero

Dr. Devereaux Peterson, who directed the preclinical courses during 2006, agreed with Dr. Lin and added, “There was clear and obvious evidence of improved student diligence in connection with the awards. We are very proud of our student doctors.”

Lindsey K. Worthington received the 2006 *Most Distinguished Scholar Award*, designated for the student doctor with the highest academic achievement in preclinical pediatric training.

Another five classmates were recognized for their outstanding scholarship in pre-clinical pediatric dentistry and received the 2006 *Outstanding Student Award*. They are **Sang H. Bae, Kent A. Beesley, Christie A. Laughlin, Karlyn K. Taylor, and Lance E. Vander Giessen**.

Dr. Peterson and Dr. Lin conferred the awards at a ceremony during autumn quarter. Both Dr. Peterson and Dr. Lin emphasized that all the student doctors are superb representatives of our profession.

“These students are a great credit to the University of Washington,” said Dr. Peterson. “This course is intended to prepare the student with an understanding of the basic concepts necessary for the successful diagnosis and treatment of the child in the primary, mixed, and early permanent dentitions. Lecture, laboratory, and seminar experiences are combined to provide the needed preparation for care of the pediatric dental patient.”

Dr. Joel Berg, department chair, said, “We are very proud of Lindsey and the other award winners. It is a great pleasure to honor these future doctors on their superb academic achievement.”

We salute our donors for 2006!

Thank you to all the wonderful donors in 2006 who supported the Department of Pediatric Dentistry programs to promote oral health in children.

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Dr. Joel Berg
Professor,
*Lloyd and Kay Chapman
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Chapmans' legacy: disseminate knowledge to help people

EVERY DAY I AM HONORED to be the holder of the *Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health*. I want to share some interesting and enlightening pieces of information about the origin of this gift to the University of Washington and about the family behind it.

The Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health was given to honor two UW faculty members, Drs. Donald MacEwan and Arnold Stoller, educators who enabled Dr. Chapman to maintain his growing practice while he was out for a period early in his career. These two faculty members in orthodontics mentored Dr. Chapman, and he never forgot what they meant to him and his career. When this endowed chair was created, Dr. Chapman noted, "Knowledge should be made available equally to everyone, and it should be used to help people. Stoller and MacEwan were sterling examples of those principles, and we want them to be remembered."

Recently while meeting with Dr. Lloyd Chapman's son, Norman Chapman, and his wife Judy, to update the family about our department, Norman told me a few things about his father, his family, and the family leadership that prevails today. Norm and Judy are involved in many community activities. Norm's brother, Donald, led a successful campaign to re-establish a former Canadian policy granting citizenship to children of patriots who moved out of the country. Donald and his followers fought tirelessly in Ottawa and all over the country to change the law – now done – benefitting many. See www.lostcanadian.com/main.asp for the full story.

Whatever success we have in the improvement of oral health for children is merely a "pay-it-forward" manifestation of the original Chapman family gift. Their gift will continue to inspire me to inspire others, building on the foundation of excellence at the UW. Every time I sign my name on a letter with the *Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health* words below, I am reminded to continue the work of Dr. Chapman's mentors: to create and disseminate knowledge that will help people.

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