

Straight Talk

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17th Annual Graduate Symposium

Please join us

With the changing of the seasons another crop of impressive third-year graduate students readies themselves to enter the professional ranks of the Orthodontic community. Spirits are high as the Graduate Program prepares to present the Orthodontic Class of 2008 at the 17th Annual Orthodontic Graduate Symposium.

The festivities begin on Friday, May 30th with a light lunch served at 11AM in the William T. Young Library. Dr. Joseph Petrey will be presenting his work Orthodontic Mini-Implant Insertion Variables:

Effects on Retention beginning at noon. Immediately following Dr. Petrey, Dr. Cheryl Aldridge will present Palatally Displaced Maxillary Canines and Hypodontia: Prevalence in Kentucky.

At 1:30, our keynote speaker, and newest faculty member, Dr. James K. Hartsfield will present The Future of Genetics in Orthodontics. A discussion of the material covered in Dr. Hartsfield's presentation will follow.

Following the presentations at the library, join us at the Lexington Country Club where the Orthodontic

Alumni Association and Graduate Program will host a cocktail reception beginning at 6:30 followed by the Graduation Banquet at 7:30 for those wishing to dine and mingle with the finest the Kentucky Orthodontic community has to offer.

This year's Symposium will count as 5 Hours of Category B Continuing Education Credit.

Please don't forget to register for the Graduation Symposium by May 14th!

We are looking forward to visiting with everyone at this joyous event!

Online Anytime : <http://www.mc.uky.edu/Dentistry/students/ortho/index.html>
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From Our Newest Faculty Member

Dr. James K. Hartsfield

Dear UK Orthodontics Alumni,

It is with great enthusiasm that I join the UK orthodontic faculty July 1st. The kindness of the faculty and alumni that I have met supports the reputation of the program as one of collegial and scholarly learning. Professionally I have two main interests, orthodontics and clinical genetics. At



UK I will be able to pursue both the practice of, and research in both, thanks to your support of the E. Preston Hicks Endowed Chair in

Orthodontics and Oral Research. I am proud to be coming into this position named after an individual who has given so much to the program and profession, and was rightly honored by you in supporting this endowment.

My work will continue on some of the clinical questions that I have seen in my own private practice and others. We often bear the brunt of accusation when root resorption occurs, but we have evidence that not everyone is the same in their susceptibility to this happening, and will continue our studies on the genetic factors that may be involved. Likewise coming to UK offers the exciting opportunity to work with Dr. Okeson and his world renowned group on the genetic factors that

may be involved in facial pain/TMD, especially those who do not readily respond to treatment. We know that not all patients with facial pain/TMD have it for the same reason, yet we often treat them to some degree the same. Knowing not only what genetic factors that may be involved in the etiology of some types of facial pain/TMD, but also how those factors interact with environmental factors, and may affect response to treatment is a new and exciting area. There is much to be done to better the treatment of our patients, and I am excited to be coming to UK to be a part of this program's contribution. I look forward to meeting you when I speak at this year's graduation.

Dr. James Hartsfield



Vancouver

Erica Odusanya—Ortho/Perio Clinical Unit Manager

The Exan 2008 summit in Vancouver proved to be very informative demonstrating new features that will improve clinical productivity and quality control, with the latest version of AxiUm.

The college was gracious enough to send clinic managers, financial administrators and information technologists to join the Exan Academic team and an enthusiastic group of other providers for this informative conference. In

addition to learning about the new software enhancements, the meeting proved to be an excellent opportunity to share ideas with providers from many other schools. In attendance were 37 different dental schools, some of whom gave presentations demonstrating their experience with AxiUm in a variety of situations as well as focus group discussions to share thoughts and ideas about key AxiUm and patient care topics.

It was an excellent opportunity for networking and renewing relationships within the close-knit academic dental community.



I look forward to our program implementing some of the exciting system enhancements as we work our way toward an electronic patient record.

You Are Invited

**American Association
of Orthodontists
108th Annual Session
Alumni Reception
Denver, Colorado
Colorado Convention
Center
Room CCC-208
Saturday, May 17
7-9pm**



Thank you to the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and Orthodontic Alumni Associations and the Office of Alumni Affairs for supporting and organizing this event

Research Day 2008

On Tuesday, March 11, the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry held its annual College Research Day at the Biomedical/Biological Sciences Research Building. The Plenary Session featured Dr. Thomas Hart, Chief, Human Craniofacial Genetics Section, NIDCR at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland presenting his work "Genetic Studies of Dental Diseases." Following Dr. Hart, residents from the College made oral presentations including our own third year student, Dr. Joe Petrey. The afternoon continued with table clinics and poster presentations which also featured two of our Orthodontic students, Dr. Jennifer Sullivan and Dr. Miso Moremi who prepared "Cone

Beam Applications in Orthodontics and More..."

Research Day concluded with an awards session where the top presentations for the day were recognized. Congratulations to Dr. Petrey as his oral presentation, "Orthodontic Mini-Implant Insertion Variables: Effects on Retention," took first place.

Dr. Jeff Ebersole, Associate Dean for Research, Center for Oral Health Research at UKCD noted

that this year's Research Day was the most widely attended in recent history.



Dr. Joe Petrey presenting at UKCD Research Day

A very special THANK YOU to Gene Ruffing with Ormco for personally funding the new Ormco Vector System kit for the Graduate Clinic. Gene's generosity is greatly appreciated.

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