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SPEA Spotlight

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Regency: Six
Regent: Steven Daws
ACD Regent: Dr. Mark A. Bauman
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Local Chapter: Touro College of Dental Medicine @ NYMC
Location: Hawthorne, NY
M.C.: Jessica Li
Panel:
ACD Regent - Dr. Mark A. Bauman
President of The Ninth District Dental Association-
Dr. Mary Ellen Lukaswitz
Past-President of The Ninth District Dental Association - Dr. Paul Kim
Member of The Ninth District Board of Governors - Dr. Duraid Sahawneh
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Event Title: From Student to Practitioner & The Role of Organized Dentistry

Touro College of Dental Medicine had its inaugural joint meeting hosted by the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and Student Professionalism & Ethics Association (SPEA) chapters. This event was co-sponsored by The Ninth District Dental Association and the New York Section of the American College of Dentists. The program included a pizza lunch and a panel discussion -- covering topics including, but not limited to, ethical considerations, an overview of organized dentistry, the benefits of involvements with organized dentistry, and the American College of Dentists (please see below for a list of questions). Questions were set prior to the event and each panelist was randomly assigned a question to answer. The floor was then opened for follow-up questions from students.

Special thanks to: Dr. Mark Bauman (ACD Regent), Dr. Julie Connolly (Columbia), Steven Daws (SPEA Regent), Dr. Michael Meru (National Head of SPEA), Juliet Tchor (Columbia), Dr. Eric Wachs (Touro), and all panelists (see above).

We applaud them for their devotion to ethics, professionalism and peer engagement!
Regency 1
UCSF- Event Title: How Will You Present Yourself on Social Media?
Our quarterly Lunch and Learn in the Spring featured an American College of Dentists Fellow, Dr. Jean Creasey. Whether or not to use social media is no longer the question in this digital age. The real question is how to use social media tools to build a positive perception of the profession with our patients and our community. Dr. Creasey discussed the best practices for managing our online presence as both dental students and dentists in the future. Should we add our patients on FaceBook? How do we address them when we do receive such requests? What types of photographs should we avoid posting? An open discussion was held with the speaker and the audience, allowing us to critically think about the consequences of our social media actions and guidelines we should keep in mind.
Ava Arshadi ‘18

Regency 2
Marquette-
Marquette’s SPEA chapter is young and thriving! They expanded their chapter with 108 new members this year! Together, they’re working to build awareness and participation within the Student Professionalism and Ethics Association. Earlier this month, they held a “SPEA Soup Cook-off,” chaired by Payton Canchola where members made homemade soups, served with Hawaiian bread, during the lunch hour. Entry was $5 and included taster cups so faculty, students and staff could try each one before scooping up a bowl. Soups included tomato basil, chicken curry, broccoli cheddar, dairy free corn and potato, lentil vegetable, and more! Members brought their A-game with the mouth-watering recipes! Events this spring included speakers presenting on the “Polished Professional” focusing on CV’s and resumes and Ethics Grand Rounds teleconferences with local hospitals on different topics. Keep up the great work Marquette!
Alison Agnes, Marquette ‘18

Regency 3
Oklahoma- Event Title: Ethics in the Geriatric Population
Our 3rd meeting of the year featured Dr. Jan Henry, a general dentist in Nichols Hills, OK and alum of OU College of Dentistry. She highlighted the growing geriatric population and how to ethically treat aging patients. As baby boomers begin to reach retirement, they become a large portion of our patient family. Dr. Henry asked several questions to spark discussion and later provided insight to how she handles her elderly population. What accommodations should be made for the elderly in the dental office? Do we need to treat as aggressively in a geriatric patient? Students were able to think critically and share thoughts about this particular population.
Lauren Nichols, Oklahoma, ‘18

Regency 4
Indiana- Event Title: Professionalism Panel
Students and faculty gathered in one of the lecture halls at IUSD to listen to insight on dental licensure, board hearings, and state laws regarding dentistry from Dr. Mark Stetzel, Dr. Richard Nowakowski, and Dr. Gregory Berger. Dr. Stetzel is the current president of the Indiana State Board of Dentistry, and in the past, has served in the ADA house of delegates, as the president of the Indiana Dental Association (IDA), and as the president of the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society. Dr. Nowakowski is the current secretary for the Indiana State Board of Dentistry and Dr. Berger is a newly appointed member of the State Board. Both Dr. Stetzel and Dr. Nowakowski are IUSD graduates of the class of 1984. Dr. Stetzel gave a short presentation on the current dynamics of state board exams, some of his personal values concerning patient care, and a comparison between the duties of the State Board and the IDA. Through his experiences with both institutions he observed that the state board has goals oriented more toward serving the public whereas the IDA, with its peer review board, is more focused on protection of the dentists. Following the presentation, Dr. Stetzel and Dr. Nowakowski led an engaging discussion on the current initiative for one nationally recognized board exam and the ethical dilemmas of the live patient board exam. Students and Dean John Williams debated possible alternatives or improvements that would constitute better protection of the patients but also adequate examination of the students’ clinical capabilities.
Jill Stetzel, Indiana ‘19
Event Title: Dining Dilemmas
Cost to attend event: Free

Description: This was a two-part event consisting of a video followed by a dinner discussion. The first part of the event consisted of a twenty-minute video from CBC marketplace entitled “Is Your Dentist Ripping You Off? Hidden Camera Investigation.” The video, which originally aired in 2014, was filmed in Toronto. It was characterized as an exposé of the dental profession. During the video, we saw the same patient visit dental office after dental office where she sought out an opinion of what dental treatment she needed. We quickly witnessed that there was absolutely no consistency or agreement about recommended treatment by any of the dentists. The patient was told that her needs ranged from a few hundred dollars worth of treatment at one office, to well over ten thousand dollars at another. The question that naturally arose from this video is why was there so much variability between the dentists, and is it possible that some dentist were guilty of overtreatment? The second part of the event was the discussion aspect of the program, which was centered on a fully catered three-course dinner. We had SPEA members act as moderators at each table, where they served to ask follow-up questions and guide the conversation. To close out the event, we had a large group discussion where we wanted to see if the students felt that there really was an ethical issue at hand or if the variability was simply due to a difference in clinical experience. We also wanted to highlight how events like this video shape and influence the public opinion about dentistry. We ended the evening by exchanging views on what we could do in order to preserve the integrity and ethics within our profession of dentistry.

Danielle Gough, East Carolina ‘18

Regency 6
Tufts- Event Title: SPEA and Tufts + Alumni!

Professionalism in action! The full chapter of Tufts SPEA met with the Dean of Tufts Dental to accept a check from gracious alumni Dr. Janice Conrad who donated her award from the American College of Dentists earlier this year. The funding will be put to good use, as the group has a “Questionable Ethics Discussion” dinner in the works and a Town Hall meeting later in the year. This chapter may be new, but we are growing fast and growing strong!

Ian Dickinson, Tufts ’19

Regency 7
Toronto- Event Title: “Facebook, Social Media, and What Happened Here” by Dr. Ferne Kraglund, the Assistant Dean of Students at Dalhousie University, Faculty of Dentistry. Dr. Kraglund spoke to us about her experiences and challenges while managing an unfortunate social media related situation at Dalhousie’s Faculty of Dentistry in 2015. She highlighted the ethical and professional issues and predicaments involved in the situation, and walked us through how the staff and the students worked together to resolve the issue. Her talk was very well received and we thank Dr. Kraglund for her efforts and commitment to SPEA’s mission of enhancing ethical and professional awareness in Dentistry and healthcare!

Zane Haji, Toronto ‘19

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