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Alexander A. Bendayan DDS, CAGS, MBA –

“I am a Prosthodontist with expertise in computer science, digital dentistry, implants, dental ceramics, guided surgery, robotics, CBCT, 3D printing both in academia and in practice. I spend most of my career at Boston University and was able to incorporate the latest technologies in education. In April I transitioned to becoming the Chair of Prosthodontics at Nova Southeastern University for both predoctoral and postgraduate program. I am delighted to serve the College and would love to have a few minutes to continue to fuel your excitement for the specialty of Prosthodontics, one that will provide you with all the insight to plan and coordinate the treatment of your patients with a robust, precise and evidenced based approach to dentistry in

collaboration with other specialties. *This is a great time to become a prosthodontist when both the fundamentals of prosthodontics and technology have merged to provide residents with the best education.*

My philosophy for teaching is to inspire and spark the very best on my students and the members of my department, with the proper amount of motivation, support and coaching.”



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Robert M. Bentz, DMD, FACP received his Doctorate from Temple University School of Dentistry in 1991. He remained at Temple to complete his post graduate residency in Prosthodontics with training in Maxillofacial prosthetics and Implant rehabilitation. As a board-certified prosthodontist and founder of Bentz Dental Implant and Prosthodontic Center and CB Dental Laboratories, LLC in East Norriton, Pennsylvania, Dr. Bentz specializes in state-of-the-art full mouth digital implant solutions. He has maintained his practice since 1995, building it from the ground up with his wife Sara Cooley-Bentz, DMD, FAGD, RN. After Practicing only a few years, Dr. Bentz wanted additional surgical training which he obtained at Loma Linda University, Nobel Biocare- Yorba Linda and Pi Dental Institute in Fort Washington, PA. His involvement with the groundbreaking evolution of CBCT technology, guided surgical implant placements and Zygoma rehabilitation with immediate loading has positioned him as a leader in his field of surgical prosthetics. He is a dental consultant and an advisor to continuing education programs on dental implant techniques for dentists and universities nationwide.

Dr. Bentz completed his undergraduate education in Biology and Psychology at LaSalle University. This aspect of his education has helped with understating patient needs and improving their quality of life with advanced dental skills.

Dr. Bentz is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, an adjunct professor at University of Pittsburg graduate prosthodontic department, and is affiliated with Temple University Kornberg School of Dental Medicine aiding in the rebuilding of an advanced graduate department. He is a Fellow and past PA delegate of the American College of Prosthodontists and is recognized as an active member of the Pennsylvania Prosthodontic Association, where he served as a past President. Dr. Bentz most recently received the American College of Prosthodontist Private Practice Award, voted upon by his peers.

Currently, Dr. Bentz heads the private practice committee for the American College of Prosthodontists and collaborates with the planning team for the 2023 ACP San Diego Meeting. He has four children. His oldest daughter is a Prosthodontic Dental Resident at the University of Maryland. His son attends Temple University Kornberg School of Dental Medicine. His youngest two daughters are Nursing students at Thomas Jefferson University and West Chester University. He clearly loves his field and looks forward to the evolution of Digital Virtual Prosthodontics.



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Maria A. Loza, DMD, MS is originally from Puerto Rico from Cuban antecessors. She graduated magna cum laude in science from the University of Puerto Rico. She received her Doctor in Medicine Dentistry from the UPR School of Dental Medicine in 1994, followed by a certificate in prosthodontics and a master's degree in oral biology from the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University. She returned to the UPR School of Dental Medicine as a faculty in the Restorative Sciences Department for 21 years and served as prosthodontics section director and program director of the prosthodontics postdoctoral program. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics. Her research interest is in implant prosthesis outcome assessment, topic that she has been studying and published. She has been selected to participate in several leadership institutes: in 2006, the Higher Education Leadership Institute (HERS); in 2017, the ADEA Leadership Institute and in 2020, the UTHealth Executive Leadership Institute.

In 2018 she relocated in Texas where she was named chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics at the University of Texas, School of Dentistry at Houston and she holds the Yun J. Ahn and Song Ahn, DDS, Professorship in Implant Dentistry. Under her leadership, she supported the integration of digital dentistry in all of the department's courses and supported the creation of the dental students implant clinic. In 2020 and 2021, she was selected by the UTSD Office of Professional Development and Faculty Affairs to be included in the UTSD "Women in Dentistry Panel" for Women in Dentistry Month, and in 2021 she was elected by the UTSD Student Chapter of the Texas Association of Women Dentists (TAWD) to be interviewed and exhibited as an outstanding woman in dentistry. Recently, she was selected by ADEA as the 2022 Enid Neidle Scholar-in-Residence and she is being funded by National Science Foundation (NSF) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on two different collaborative projects.

Marie Angie, as her friends and family calls her, enjoys being outdoors with her husband and two sons, either hiking, camping, or playing golf.



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Sompop Bencharit DDS, MS, PhD, FACP is an Associate Professor, Director of Clinical Research, and Founding Director of Digital Dentistry Technologies at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). He received his DDS and Diploma in Prosthodontics from Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand; and his Certificate and Master Degree in Prosthodontics, a PhD in Oral Biology, as well as a Certificate in Clinical Research from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC).

He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College of Dentists. He was recently awarded the 2021 ACP Distinguished Researcher. He has numerous publications (>80 peer reviewed articles, >100 published abstracts, as well as numerous monographs, editorial commentaries, and invited articles) in prosthodontics, implant dentistry, salivary biomarkers, as well as protein structural biology.

He is currently serving as Associate Editor for the Journal of Prosthodontics, Academic Editor for PLoS ONE, Scientific Editorial Board Member for Scientific Reports, Editorial Board for the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics, and Editorial Contributor for the ADA/Elsevier PracticeUpdate Clinical Dentistry (>17,000 subscribers worldwide). He currently serves as Director for the International Association for Dental Research/American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR/AADOCR) Prosthodontic Research Group, as well as Research Committee Member for the ACP and American Academy of Osseointegration (AO).



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Jasmine J. Silas, DDS received her DDS degree from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in 2017. She completed her postdoctoral residency in Prosthodontics at the Dental College of Georgia in 2020. She currently serves as a Captain in the United States Air Force. Dr. Silas is the Chief of Prosthodontics and Dental Laboratory Operations at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, DC. She is also an associate professor for the AEGD-1 residents at Joint Base Andrews Air Force Base.

Outside of dentistry, Dr. Silas enjoys spending time with her dog Bruker, visiting museums, and working out.



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Rebecca H. Brim, DMD, MS, FACP currently serves as a full-time clinical prosthodontist in the United States Army and is currently stationed at Fort Belvoir near Washington, DC. Dr. Brim is from Walhalla, South Carolina and earned her DMD degree in 2014 from the Medical University of South Carolina's James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, graduating 3rd in her class.

Upon graduation, she began her service in the US Army where she completed the Advanced Education in General Dentistry in 2015 and the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics in 2021 including a Master's Degree in Oral Biology from the Uniformed Services University. Dr. Brim successfully challenged the board examinations and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics in 2021.

Dr. Brim has received several awards during her professional military career including the Meritorious Service Medal and third place in the 2022 Joseph L. Bernier Dental Research Competition. She has presented lectures on the fundamentals of implant restorations, immediate dentures, and general prosthodontic concepts to her colleagues in the United States Army Dental Corps.

During her first year practicing prosthodontics full time, she has discovered a passion for developing novel ways to integrate digital dentistry into daily practice to increase efficiency and positive patient outcomes. She credits the extensive foundation in analog clinical and laboratory procedures she learned in her Prosthodontics Residency at Fort, Gordon, GA in her ability to apply digital techniques in unique ways.

Dr. Brim's current projects include writing two case reports for future publication, experimenting with new clinical and laboratory photography techniques, and mentoring general dentists in the amazing world of prosthodontics.



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Lisa A. Lang, DDS, MS, MBA, FACP is a Professor in Prosthodontics at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. She began her professional career as a Dental Hygienist, receiving a BS in Dental Hygiene in 1986 followed by her DDS in 1991 from the University of Michigan. She completed an AEGD (Columbia University), and a Certificate and MS in Prosthodontics (University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School). In 2010, she earned an MBA in Health Care Management (Texas Tech University). In her academic career as a faculty member, she has had the opportunity to be a Chair at two institutions, an Assistant Dean for Clinical Education, and now Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists, a fellow and Past-President of the Academy of Prosthodontics, and a member of the American Dental

Association and the American Association of Dental Research. Dr. Lang has held various leadership roles at the national and international level of these organizations. Dr. Lang is currently the ACP Region 3 Membership Director.

Dr. Lang's teaching focus has been in innovative curricular development in removable and implant prosthodontics with an emphasis on evidence-based dentistry. Her research efforts have been to study implant biomechanics and clinical outcomes (parameters of health/disease, success/failure of treatment, and Oral Health Related Quality of Life measures). More recently, she has combined her interests in clinical outcomes with evidence-based dentistry to investigate the available evidence to support clinical practice. She is the author of numerous publications and has recently published the Dental Clinics of North America edition on Prosthodontics. In 2012, she received the Mather's Spotlight Prize in recognition of her Excellence in Research and in 2021 she received the Postle Teaching Award and is the first recipient of the Dr. & Mrs. Julian B. Woelfel Endowed Chair of Restorative and Prosthodontics Dentistry at the Ohio State University.