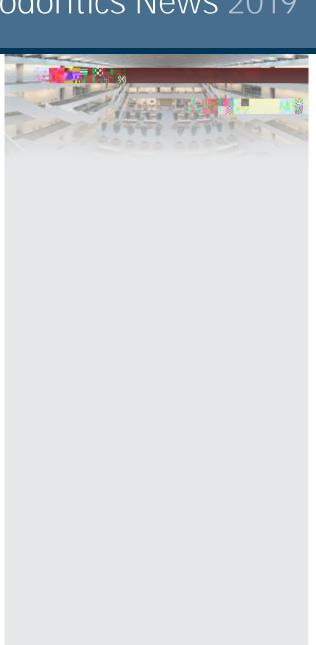
## **Endodontics News 2019**









Mona Adams, DDS, MS received her DDS degree in 2004 from the University of Gothenburg, Institute of Odontology, in Sweden. Prior to moving to the United States, she was in private practice in Sweden and the UK. In 2005, she joined the Eastman Institute of Oral Health at the University of Rochester Medical Center where she completed the AEGD program before going into private practice in Virginia. In 2017, Dr. Adams received her Master of Science degree from the UCLA School of Dentistry. She enjoys reading classic literature and keeping active by running every day.



**Iman Attar**, **BDS** graduated from Al-Mustansiriya University (Iraq) in 2009 and then practiced as a general dentist for a few years in Iraq and Mexico. At CWRU, she completed a one-year internship in oral medicine and one-year fellowship in endodontics before becoming a resident.



**Moeen Al Weshah**, **BDS**, **MS** received his dental degree from the University of Jordan. Prior to joining the endodontic program at CWRU, he earned his Master of Science degree in endodontics from the University of Manchester in the UK. Prior to coming to CWRU, he had the opportunity to visit and became interested in both teaching methods and patient management. He considers himself very fortunate to be a resident in the program.



**William E. Smith, DDS** received his BS in biology from Alabama A&M University and DDS from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. Upon graduation, he was commissioned with the United States Army and served three years of active duty with Fort Sill's DENTAC. He currently serves as a Captain in the Army Reserves located in Twinsburg, OH. When time permits, he enjoys traveling, singing, and trying new and exciting activities. He is extremely excited about expanding his clinical and didactic experiences at CWRU.





**Xingyu Duan**, **DMD** has aspired to be an endodontist since undergraduate school, leading him to pursue his endodontic master's and doctoral education at the West China School of Stomatology, Sichuan University, and now at CWRU. He notes that the CWRU Endodontics Program has a good sense of team spirit that allows everyone's talents to flourish by providing an environment that develops residents and fellows both personally and professionally, and exposes them to a well-rounded endodontics experience. He believes that this opportunity will help him "to cure"

sometimes, to relieve often, and to comfort always."

## Fig. C.

In closing, I congratulate our recent graduates who will take our fine reputation to new places, welcome our highly qualified new residents, and acknowledge our dedicated faculty. I know you will enjoy reading about

our colleague Dr. Ronald Taylor who exemplifies the best of our profession. In our continuing spirit of family and comradery, let me hear from you with your latest news: andre.mickel@case.edu.

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Waleed Almutairi, BDS has taken an academic position at Qassim University, Saudi Arabia, where he is also in the faculty endodontics practice. He is also enjoying time with his family.

**Alvaro Rodrigues, DDS** is now in a private endodontic practice in Fort Worth, Texas. He is very proud to be a CWRU graduate and appreciates all that Dr. Mickel, the faculty, CWRU and city of Cleveland offered him.

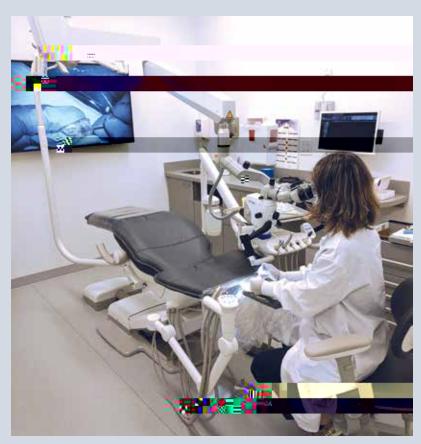
**Qian Wang**, **BDS**, **DMD**, **MSD**, **DScD** is staying in Ohio to practice as an associate in private practice and serve as a CWRU volunteer faculty member in the Endodontic Clinic.

**Ghaeth H. Yassen, BDS, MSD, PhD** visited his family in Iraq before starting as a fulltime associate in a private practice in Washington state.

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## Alumni Spotlight Ronald C. Taylor, DDS, MSD '99



Over the past two decades, Dr. Ronald Taylor has been an endodontist and entrepreneur in equal measure. With a thriving practice that includes seven locations in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and most recently the Philadelphia area, RCT Endodontics is a brand with both equity and

momentum. The mission to save natural teeth (and to do it as painlessly as possible) always remains at the center of Dr. Taylor's focus.

"People are placing a high value on keeping their teeth," observes Dr. Taylor. "Millennials, for example, are very well informed—they do their research and understand the advantage."

The Bronx-born Dr. Taylor received his BA from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and then enrolled in dental school at the University of Maryland. Before earning his DDS degree in 1996, he did an externship at the University of Dundee (Scotland). He returned to New York in 1997 for his General Practice Residency at The Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center and in 1999 completed his endodontic specialty training at CWRU.

"It was very satisfying to have Dr. Taylor as a student and I am proud of him," notes Dr. André Mickel, who was the program director at that time. "He was always a talented clinician who clearly had the ingenuity to be a successful entrepreneur."

In addition to his robust practice, Dr. Taylor serves as an associate professor at the Howard University College of Dentistry and as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He has been a mock board examiner for endodontic residents in the U.S. Navy Post Graduate Endodontic Residency Program, the Medical College of Virginia, Boston University, and the University of



Maryland. A diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, he was appointed to serve as a mentor to board-eligible endodontists.

While meeting the challenge of managing the multiple locations of his practice—which now has 14 endodontists—Dr. Taylor still enjoys seeing patients three days a week at the Silver Spring and Bowie, Maryland offices. The remaining days are dedicated to administration and refining his business model to facilitate the integration of the recently acquired Springfield Endodontics (Greater Philadelphia) and Painless Root Canal Specialists (Washington, D.C.).

"I had a really great experience at CWRU—the faculty gave me all of the tools to be the best endodontist I could possibly be. I am grateful that they were invested in my future," adds Dr. Taylor.

Dr. Taylor and his wife, Chalissa Taylor, live in Crownsville, Maryland (near Annapolis) and are the parents to two sophomores: a daughter in college and son in high school.