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SHaping the FuTure 10 (SHIFT10)

May 8-10, 2026
Vancouver, Canada

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Workshop co-directors:



Dr. Lance Rucker



Dr. Lawrence Garetto



Dr. Dick Jones

Expectations of Conduct

Attendees of the SHIFT workshops are expected to fulfil each of these responsibilities:

- 1 Attend the full workshop including the workshop dinner. Arrive on time and stay until the workshop ends.
- 2 Adhere to the dress code: Business casual for all events.
(more business than casual; no jeans, tennis shoes, t-shirts)
3. At each session, sit next to someone different who you did not know until meeting them at SHIFT10
- 4 Be fully present for every presentation and group discussion with all electronic devices put away and all sidebar conversations held until the break



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Host Organization

American College of Dentists Foundation

The American College of Dentists (ACD) is a forward-looking organization with the strength of more than a century of history and hard work giving the organization the credibility and professional capital necessary to get things done.

Since its inception, the ACD has done much to define, redefine and shape the future of the dental profession. Fellowship in the College is not a transactional relationship. It provides a means of pooling talent, skills, commitment and resources to belong to the higher purpose and calling established by the Founders more than 100 years ago. Although rooted in history, the College is committed to moving forward and its current programs, including SHIFT, are reflective of that commitment.

The ACD Foundation (ACDF) underwrites the educational programming for the ACD, including SHIFT. The Foundation was formed in 1972 to provide capital for ACD's mission-based programs and address the needs of an active organization. Good stewardship and effective fundraising have ensured that the Foundation will serve as the funding source for top-notch programming and educational initiatives far into its second century.



Terry Norris
ACD President



Robert Faiella,
ACD Foundation President





Participants and faculty of SHIFT5 in Athens, Greece. November 2024.
Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion at sunset.

About SHIFT

SHiFTing the Future (SHIFT) workshops are intended to facilitate new leadership discoveries and create collaboration between participants from across the globe. These 2.5 day sessions are made up of a series of lectures and interactive discussion opportunities between workshop faculty and participants. The first SHIFT event took place in 2022 in Mahwah, New Jersey.

SHIFT Workshops

- SHIFT1 (2022) MAHWAH, NJ
- SHIFT2 (2023) JACKSON, MS
- SHIFT3 ACD (2024) ROCKVILLE, MD
- SHIFT4 (2024) ZURICH, SWITZERLAND
- SHIFT5 (2024) ATHENS, GREECE
- SHIFT6 (2025) IRVINE, CA
- SHIFT7 ACD (2025) ROCKVILLE, MD
- SHIFT8 ACD (2025) INDIANAPOLIS, IN
- SHIFT9 (2025) ROCHESTER, MN
- SHIFT1001 (2026) IRVINE, CA
- SHIFT10 ACD (2026) VANCOUVER, CANADA
- SHIFT11 ACD (2026) ROCKVILLE, MD

Getting to Vancouver, Canada

Vancouver, a bustling west coast seaport in British Columbia, is among Canada's densest, most ethnically diverse cities. A popular filming location, it's surrounded by mountains, and also has thriving art, theatre and music scenes. Vancouver Art Gallery is known for its works by regional artists, while the Museum of Anthropology houses preeminent First Nations collections

- Vancouver International Airport (YVR)
- This is the primary airport serving Vancouver.
- All major carriers fly to YVR



- Website resources:
- <https://www.destinationvancouver.com/plan-your-trip/getting-here>
- <https://vancouver.ca/about-vancouver.aspx>



Meeting location

The Inn at the Quay
900 Quayside Drive
New Westminster
British Columbia
Canada V3M 6G1



Recommended Hotel

The Inn at the Quay: <https://www.innatwestminsterquay.com/>

Reservation link: <https://bookings.innatwestminsterquay.com/book/dates-of-stay?groupID=4924086&hotelID=72713>

If you prefer to call to make a reservation:

Toll-free: 1.800.663.2001

Direct: 604.520.1776

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Friday, May 8, 2026

The Inn at the Quay hotel

5:00 PM	Welcome	Terry Norris, Suzan Pitman & Elizabeth Carr
6:00 PM	Icebreaker reception (in honor of Dr. Dick Jones)	Elizabeth Carr & Dick Jones
7:30 PM	Adjourn	

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Saturday, May 9, 2026

The Inn at the Quay hotel

8.00 am	Coffee and light breakfast available at the office	
8.15 am	Leadership across borders	Lance Rucker & Larry Garetto
8.30 am	Leadership collaboration between and within national dental associations	Lynn Tomkins
8.50 am	Leadership collaboration between and within international dental organizations	Bob Faiella
9.10 am	Leadership collaboration across governments and regulatory bodies	Lisa Sweeney
9.30 am	Leadership collaboration to enable globally impactful research	Hiroshi Egusa
9.50 am	Leadership collaboration to enable globally impactful oral health education	Abeer Hadidi
10.10 am	Leadership collaboration to enable globally impactful patient care	Suresh Nayar
10.40 am	Break	
11.10 am	Panel discussion	Morning speakers - moderated by Suzan Pitman
12.15 pm	Lunch	
1.00 pm	Giving and receiving feedback	Elizabeth Carr
2.30 pm	Break	
3.00 pm	Transforming the world through cooking	Greg Chang
4.00 pm	Adjourn	
7.00 pm	Workshop social	

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Sunday, May 10, 2026

The Inn at the Quay hotel

8.30 am	Coffee and light breakfast available at the office	
9.00 am	The sweet spot	Sreenivas Koka
10.30 am	Break	
11.00 am	Courage: Why, when and how	Elizabeth Carr
11.45 am	The do's and don't of planning a successful CE/Section event	Dick Jones
12.30 pm	Lunch	
1.15 pm	The science and art of branding (virtual)	Mike Graham
2.15 pm	Break	
2.45 pm	Where does the rock go when the rock needs help?	Sreenivas Koka
3.30 pm	Certificate ceremony and closing	
4.00 pm	Adjourn	



Lawrence Garetto is Professor Emeritus of Oral Pathology, Medicine and Radiology at Indiana University School of Dentistry (IUSD) and an Affiliate Instructor at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. A fellowship-trained clinical ethicist, he served at the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics within the Indiana University Hospital system. At IUSD, Larry directed the ethics curriculum across the 4-year DDS program and was the advisor to Indiana's Student Professionalism and Ethics Association (SPEA) chapter.

Larry is Past-President of the American Society for Dental Ethics and served as the ethics liaison to the Board of Regents of the American College of Dentists.



Lance Rucker is a native of Kentucky and 1974 graduate of the School of Dentistry at the University of California in San Francisco. He has lived in British Columbia since 1974 and is Professor Emeritus of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry. He is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and has served as Regent for Regency 8 of the College between 2019 and 2023. He is a citizen of both the U.S. and Canada.

As Director of the UBC Clinical Simulation Laboratory, he pioneered development of custom declination in surgical telescopes and contributed to the development of educational equipment and teaching methodologies which improve the ergonomics of dental practice.

He co-founded ErgoLogic Enterprises Inc., a university technology spin-off company which produced one of the major alternative computer keyboards of the Twentieth Century, a keyboard which has been credited with reducing those factors most associated with keyboard-related Repetitive Strain Injuries. As consultant to an international collaborative effort of several major universities and the World Health Organization, he has lectured globally on dental ergonomics.

In addition to scores of academic articles published in refereed journals, Lance has written over 100 freelance articles and has published three mystery/suspense novels. One of his screenplays (co-written with well-known U.S. freelance writer Tim Perrin) was honoured with the prestigious Angie Award at the International Mystery Festival in 2007. The work ("Albatross") was produced as a radio play at the Festival before live studio audiences, and featured Harry Anderson (well-known star of television's "Night Court").



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Elizabeth Carr is a dedicated advocate for oral health in her roles as Professor and Chair of Dental Hygiene and the Director of the Mississippi Population Oral Health Collaborative at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) School of Dentistry. A proud native of the Mississippi Delta, Elizabeth was raised in both Catholic and Baptist communities and began her academic journey at Delta State University. She earned her Baccalaureate degree in Dental Hygiene at UMMC, a Master of Dental Hygiene from The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and a Doctorate of Health Administration from UMMC.

Elizabeth's commitment to advancing oral health has been recognized with numerous accolades, including being named the UMMC School of Health-Related Professions Alumnus of the Year and a Healthcare Hero by the Mississippi Business Journal. She has published research on teaching methodology, leadership, and courage, reflecting her passion for inspiring others to make courageous choices and navigate career and life changes confidently.

With a track record of working with non-profit stakeholders, Elizabeth has advocated for changes that enhance oral health. She has a lifelong dedication to improving public health and engaging and collaborating with different communities.



Robert Faiella is a Past-President of the American Dental Association, and serves currently as a Director on the American Board of Periodontology, and on the Board of Regents for the American College of Dentists.

Bob received his pre-doctoral education from Villanova University, earning two Bachelor of Science degrees, and his D.M.D degree from Fairleigh Dickenson University School of Dental Medicine. He received his graduate training in Periodontology as an NIH Post-Doctoral Fellow at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, as well as a Masters of Medical Science degree from Harvard Medical School. During this time, he served five years as a Research Fellow with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He also received his Masters in Business Administration at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

Bob is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the American Academy of Dental Science, the Academy of Osseointegration, and the International Team for Implantology (ITI).

Bob has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and has been invited to deliver the Commencement Address to eight Schools of Dental Medicine over the past ten years. He has served on numerous councils and committees on the national, constituent, and component levels. He is also a Past-President of the Massachusetts Dental Society, and former ADA First District Trustee. Bob has also served as the Chairman and President of ADA Business Enterprises, Inc., the for-profit subsidiary of the American Dental Association.





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Lynn Tomkins graduated from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry in 1981, receiving the Dean's Gold Medal and numerous other academic and leadership awards. While a dental student she was the first woman to sit at the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) Board of Governors and remained actively involved in organized dentistry throughout her career.

After serving on numerous Ontario Dental Association (ODA) Committees and Councils, Lynn was elected to its Board of Directors in 2004. She became the Ontario Dental Association President in 2010, the third female President since its founding in 1867.

Lynn chaired the ODA's 150th Anniversary Celebration and was appointed to the CDA Leadership Task and the CDA National Oral Health Roundtable. In 2015 she was elected to the CDA Board of Directors, becoming Canadian Dental Association President in 2022, its second female President since its founding in 1902.

As a general dentist, Lynn practised in midtown Toronto for over 35 years and was a member of the clinical teaching staff at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry in Oral Diagnosis and Medicine for over 30 years. She also served on several Committees of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario and was an invigilator for the National Dental Examining Board of Canada.

Lynn has received several awards throughout her career including the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry Alumnus of Distinction Award, its Alumnus of Influence Award, the Pierre Fauchard Academy Dr. Elmer Best Award, and the American College of Dentists Distinguished Service Award, as well as the Dr. Bruce Hord Master Teaching Award from the Faculty of Dentistry University of Toronto.

Lynn is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Academy of Dentistry International.

Lynn is a founding member of "Women for Nature" which supports environmental education and leadership in young women, and is a Member of the Senate of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, Canada's oldest continuously serving infantry regiment. Alongside her husband Dan, Lynn is an avid skier, hiker, canoeist and back country explorer of Canada's National Parks. She finds great joy in her role as "Auntie Lynn" to over 30 young people and in mentoring, and being inspired by, her nieces, nephews, colleagues and students.



Abeer Hadidi is a Clinical Associate Professor and Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at NYU College of Dentistry.

Abeer earned her DDS degree from the University of Jordan. She then completed her certificate and MS degree in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She later obtained her PhD from King's College, University of London and her MBA from the University of Hong Kong.

Abeer is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. Her research focuses on the use of 3D data and 3D image analysis in treatment planning, diagnosis, and follow-up of complex dental patients. She is also actively involved in exploring artificial intelligence (AI) applications for disease detection, quantification, and prediction.



Hiroshi Egusa is Professor and Chair, Division of Molecular and Regenerative Prosthodontics; Director, Center for Advanced Stem Cell and Regenerative Research at Tohoku University Graduate School of Dentistry; and General Vice Director (Head of Dental Division) of Tohoku University Hospital. He is a board-certified prosthodontist and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Prosthodontic Research.

Hiroshi received his DDS (1998) and PhD (2002) degrees from Hiroshima University. He worked in the Department of Oral Microbiology at the University of Hong Kong in 1999 and received a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPath). He was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship by the Japanese government for stem cell research at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) from 2002-2004. In 2004, he moved to Osaka University as Assistant Professor in the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics.

In 2014, Hiroshi was appointed as a full Professor in Tohoku University. Professor Egusa received the IADR Distinguished Scientist Award - Young Investigator Award (2012); First place in the IADR Edward H. Ha\on Award (2002); and the First place of the IADR Arthur R. Frechette Prosthodontic Research Award (2004). Since 2021, he has been listed as a Top 2% Scientist in the world ranking in a global survey by the Elsevier/Stanford University.

Hiroshi is a board-certified specialist of the Japanese Society for Regenerative Medicine and a board-certified infection control doctor (specialist in hospital infection prevention and control). He was appointed as an associate member of the Science Council of Japan in 2023. He is currently Vice-President (President-Elect) of the Japanese Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (JADR)



Richard "Dick" Jones completed his prosthodontic training at Indiana University in 1978. He was in the full-time practice of prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetics in Munster, Indiana for 30 years. The practice emphasis was on complex reconstruction utilizing advanced evidenced based treatment planning concepts.

Dick directed the Private Practice of Prosthodontics Seminar at Indiana University for 20 years. He lectures to small study clubs and national organizations. He has held membership in many dental organizations, including the American College of Prosthodontists, the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, the Academy of Osseointegration and the Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. Dick has served the American College of Prosthodontists as an officer, Director, Judicial Division, the Director of the Center for Prosthodontic Education and the Parameters of Care Committee. He served the American Dental Association on the ADA CERP Committee and the Prosthodontics Test Construction Committee, Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.

Dick has a strong interest in ethics and evidenced-based dentistry and a mission to collect and share knowledge that makes quality dental care easier and more predictable. He presents a value-based lecture The Self-Centered Practice: Keys to Success. He chaired the Indiana Dental Association Council on Peer Review, 1989 to 2018. Dick chaired the IDA Task force on Ethics and Professionalism. He chaired an ACD IN Section committee that developed a mentoring program. He received the Indiana State Ethics Award, 2005 and the Indiana University School of Dentistry Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2009.

Dick is a past chair of the Indiana Section of the ACD, past ACD Regent of Regency 4 (2015 to 2019), and past President of the ACD (2021-2022).



Mike Graham is a veteran executive in the field of dentistry and serves the American College of Dentists as Executive Director. Throughout his career, Mike has demonstrated a passion for the dental profession, a dedication to motivating volunteer leaders and members, and a commitment to achieving substantial gains for the profession in Washington.

For nearly 30 years, Mike served the American Dental Association (ADA) in the Washington, DC-based Government Affairs office advocating on the behalf of member dentists and their businesses. Most recently, as Senior Vice President, Division of Government and Public Affairs, Mike led the ADA's repeal of the longstanding antitrust exemptions of the McCarran-Ferguson Act and their COVID-19 response to re-open dental offices at the height of the pandemic. In this role, Mike managed ADA's 29-member government affairs team and two ADA Councils. He built the ADA's brand reputation to be one of the finest lobbying offices in Washington. Under his leadership, the ADA Political Action Committee has risen to one of the Top 50 PACs in Washington over the last 10 years, raising more than \$1.5 million per year.

Earlier in his career, Mike served in government relations roles for the National Association for Medical Equipment Services, National Association of Rehabilitation Facilities and Maryland Department of Human Resources.

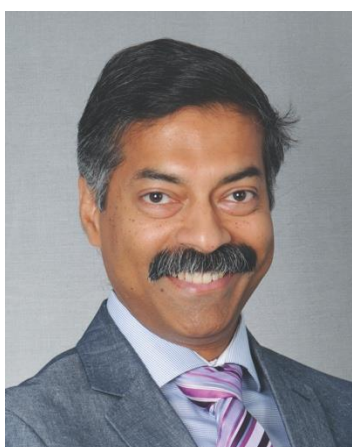


Suzan Pitman is currently the ACD's Program Director and has worn many hats in her decade with the College. Her deep commitment to mission-based work that has the potential to elevate the quality of life for all is a theme that runs through her professional as well as community life.

She is currently serving a second term as an appointee to the City of Rockville Planning Commission, to which she has been elected Chair twice by her colleagues. Her other Rockville community leadership roles have included community building and historic preservation. Suzan is also a former Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Comal County, Texas, where her work on consensus projects brought deeper understanding to multiple counties regarding the state of the Hill Country's aquifers.

Suzan's career in education included teaching geography and history, instructional strategy, grant writing and management, mentoring and peer-coaching, and turning data into useful information that improved learning outcomes for teachers and students, all skills she thoroughly enjoys applying to her work at the ACD.

Suzan and her husband, David, live a bicycle ride away from ACD's office in Rockville, Maryland.



Suresh Nayar is a prosthodontist with subspecialty training in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics.

Formerly with iRSM and University of Alberta, Canada, he trained in India and the UK, earning Specialty Memberships and Fellowships from Royal Colleges in the UK. He holds an MPhil and was a Consultant in Restorative Dentistry in the UK.

Suresh is the current Vice President and Program Chair of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, is on the board of the European Prosthodontic Association and is a Past President of the British Society of Prosthodontics.

Suresh's research and teaching interests includes use of digital technologies, additive manufacturing and osseointegrated implants in advanced jaw reconstructions, and use of AI in adverse tissue reactions among others. Founder of Head and Cancer Support Society, Suresh has received several awards for his clinical and humanitarian contributions to patient care and outcomes.



Greg Chang is a dentist, food educator, chef and trained clown. After graduating from University of British Columbia Dental School, Dr. Greg studied and worked with culinary and pastry chefs and schools around the world.

Seeing a need to prevent dental decay and childhood obesity in his young patients, Dr. Greg began teaching healthy eating, cooking and sports to kids 8-12 years in a program he created called SuperChefs Cookery for Kids. This program is entering its 18th year of operation which offers free children's culinary/nutrition/sports camps and full time summer employment to University students.

Working with experts from Sesame Street, The Whitehouse, MasterChefs, Canadian Football League/NBA, Yale/Harvard/UBC, International Association of Culinary Professionals, NASA, Starwood/Westin Hotels and others, his work has appeared in USA Today, The New York Times, National Post, Epicurious/Gourmet, California Dental Association, The Canadian Dental Association, Exceptional Parents Magazine. SuperChefs was nominated by Former First Lady Michelle Obama's Partnership for A Healthier America's 2018 Impact Award, by being at the forefront of America's culture shift towards health and wellness.



Other awards from the Government of Canada, Canadian Dental Association, BC Dental Association, UBC Health, James Beard Foundation and others highlight the reach and influence of SuperChefs. Dr. Chang maintains private practice in Surrey BC and has been the Canadian Football League's BC Lions Team Dentist for close to 30 years. His latest work involves leading a Canadian national network of Sports Dentists to support the Canadian Olympic Team's dental needs.



Lisa Sweeney is the Executive Director of the SKYGEN International Foundation, which is focused on finding cost effective ways to improve healthcare in underserved parts of the world by using emerging technology. In this role, she is charged with developing all operations from the ground-up. The Foundation's current initiative is generating funding to train local care teams to use the latest mobile diagnostic equipment for vision testing in Tanzania, and in the future, other developing nations. Children and adults in these communities will receive glasses custom-made to their specific prescription.

Lisa moved into the charitable practice of SKYGEN after contributing to the success of the corporate side for more than 16 years as the Chief Financial Officer. During that time, she also led SKYGEN's vision benefits management organization, as well as making contributions in a variety of functional areas including operations, quality, cost containment, compliance, facilities, and human resources. Prior to joining SKYGEN, she was Finance Director – Procurement for CNH, a global leader in the capital goods sector, and Cost Accounting Manager at EZ Paint.

Lisa began her career as an Auditor at KPMG US. In addition to being a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Management Accountant and Certified Financial Manager, Ms. Sweeney holds a Master of Business Administration and Management from Marquette University, as well as Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in Accounting and in Information Systems from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Sreenivas Koka received DDS and MS (prosthodontics) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Nebraska faculty in 1992, became a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics in 1995, and received his PhD in Oral Biology from the University of Nebraska in 1999. He is former Consultant and Chairman of the Department of Dental Specialties at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Sree received an MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Management in 2013 and moved to Zurich, Switzerland to be Executive Director of the Foundation for Oral Rehabilitation.

Sree moved back to the US to focus on patient care and student education and open Koka Dental Clinic, focusing on implant and removable prosthodontics in San Diego. Sree served as Dean of the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry From April 2021-May 2024. He is currently the CEO of Executive Leadership Enterprises LLC and committed to helping early-career and first-time leaders flourish in their new roles

Sree is a Fellow and Past-President of the Academy of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, President of the International College of Prosthodontists, and was Chair of MIT's Sloan School of Management Alumni Board. In addition, Dr. Koka is the co-founder of the Future Leaders in Prosthodontics (FLIP) and Shaping the Future of Implant Dentistry (SHIFT) workshop series.

SHIFT10 Participants - to be added



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