



ACADEMIC SENATE

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The Distinction in Teaching Award Ceremony

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 - Cole Hall - Noon

Great teachers not only effectively convey information, but they have the ability to inspire their students to investigate beyond the material, and even to become teachers themselves. UCSF has a grand tradition of producing exceptional health science professionals and exceptional health science educators.

Each year, the Academic Senate celebrates excellence in teaching at UCSF with the Academic Senate Distinction In Teaching Awards. The Academic Senate recognizes two faculty members, one who has been at UCSF five years or fewer and one who has been at UCSF more than five years, as individuals who have distinguished themselves as the best of the best, and embody the spirit of the dedicated teacher.

This year the Academic Senate recognizes the following faculty for their teaching excellence:

Bradley A. Sharpe, MD
Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor

and

Brian L. Schmidt, DDS, MD, PhD
Associate Professor

The Distinction In Teaching Award Ceremony will include introductions by UCSF Academic Senate Chair David Gardner, MD, Chair of the DIT Award Selection Committee Rita Redberg, MD, and personal introductions by Robert Wachter, MD, Chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine and M. Anthony Pogrel, DDS, MS, Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

A light lunch will be provided.



Bradley A. Sharpe, MD
Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor

Dr. Bradley Sharpe came to UCSF for his residency training in Internal Medicine in 1999 and was selected as Chief Medical Resident for 2002-03. In July 2003, Dr. Sharpe was appointed as a Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine and Hospitalist in the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Sharpe serves as the Site Director for the medical residents at Moffitt-Long Hospital and, in addition to his own teaching responsibilities (for which he consistently earns nearly the highest ranking student evaluations of all department faculty), Dr. Sharpe is responsible for ensuring the quality of Medical Service teaching. Dr. Sharpe is recognized by the Chief of the Medical Service for "constantly seeking ways to improve the educational experience of our trainees."

Talmadge King, Chair of the Department of Medicine, writes, "Dr. Sharpe has become one of our most outstanding and exceptional educators in his five years on faculty. He is intelligent, dedicated, and amazingly enthusiastic about teaching and helping his learners to be the best physicians they can be." One student remarked that Dr. Sharpe has transformed the daily attending rounds "into a treasured space for teaching and learning."



Brian L. Schmidt, DDS, MD, PhD
Associate Professor

After earning his BS in Biochemistry at UC Davis, Dr. Brian Schmidt earned his DDS, MD, and PhD at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Schmidt joined the faculty of UCSF in 2002 and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the School of Dentistry. Since then Dr. Schmidt has been named the Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Oncology Fellowship (beginning in 2003), Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Training Program (beginning in 2004), and Vice Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (beginning in 2007).

Dr. Schmidt is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in oral cancer. In addition to his particular clinical responsibilities in his own department, Dr. Schmidt participates weekly in the multidisciplinary UCSF Head and Neck Tumor Board. Dr. Schmidt is the principal investigator of an NIH funded laboratory with two post docs, two PhD candidates and four predoctoral students. His research interests include neurologic mechanisms in oral cancer pain and discovery of biomarkers for the detection of oral cancer. In addition to his exemplary skill as both researcher and clinician, Dr. Schmidt excels as a clinician educator and mentor. Dr. Schmidt has designed a closely integrated patient-centric approach to teaching, research, and clinical programs.

According to Interim Department Chair of Cell and Tissue Biology Peter Sargent, Dr. Schmidt's "lectures are outstanding. He has the ability to condense mounds of information into neatly-formed, crystalline gems that the students can grasp and remember. I have never seen an individual with a clinical perspective make basic science come alive as well as Dr. Schmidt. The word that comes to mind is *spellbinding*."