

# PCOHC Symposium Speakers

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Dr Sara Gordon is Professor of Oral Medicine and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Washington, School of Dentistry. She received a DDS from Dalhousie University, Canada, and MS (Pathology) from University of Western Ontario, Canada. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in both Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine, and a Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Scotland. Dr Gordon has received over 20 awards for scholarship, teaching, and public service. She is a past president of the Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine. She is a site consultant, advanced dental education, for the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation. She has given more than 120 lectures and continuing education courses at universities, associations and study clubs throughout North America. She has authored or co-authored nearly 100 journal articles, textbook chapters, posters and abstracts. She is a member of the editorial review board and/or a reviewer for many international journals. She has taught oral medicine and general, systemic, and oral pathology since 1985.



Dr. Steve Marinkovich graduated from the University of Washington. He has authored and lectured on several topics. For the last eighteen years plus, he has taken a special interest in the treatment of Sleep Disordered Breathing and has the distinction of being credentialed by the prestigious American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine. His clinic is one of the few in the United States that has received accreditation by the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. Besides being honored with fellowships in both the American and International Colleges of Dentists, he was a member of the Washington State Board of Dental Examiners for six years, including five additional years as an Agent. He also served as the president of that Board. He presently is in full time private practice and has served part time on the clinical faculty at the University of Washington Dental School in Restorative Dentistry. His practice is presently restricted only to the treatment of Snoring and Sleep Apnea. Steve enjoys golfing, exercise, and fly fishing. He has also traveled worldwide with his wife and presently spends much time in Sun Valley, Idaho.



Jessica Alvestad works as a Health Promotion Coordinator at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Over the last two years she has run the youth anti- alternative tobacco campaign and worked on alternative tobacco education throughout Pierce County. Jessica has a BS in Public Health- Community Health Education Specialization from Central Washington University.



Christina is currently the Treatment Services Program Manager at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Prior to joining the TPCHD team, she was the Health Care Administrator at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Purdy. Her 30 year career span includes working in the social services and justice arena in a variety of capacities, including roles as an ADA Coordinator, Equal Opportunity and Office of Civil Rights representative, Social Services Advocate, and adjunct professor in social and human services. Christina earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi Valley State University; and holds Masters' degrees in both Education and Social Services. In her spare time, Christina enjoys reading and writing poetry, as well as listening to classical and jazz music. She is the author of three books of inspirational poetry.

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Carolyn D. Robertson, BSDH, RDH has a Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene ('78) and Associate of Science Dental Assisting ('76) from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in Loma Linda, CA. Working full-time at Pierce College - Dental Hygiene Program since 2000, Robertson facilitates web-enhanced collaborative student learning as Professor and Lead Instructor in Dental Imaging I-II, General Pathology, Pharmacology, Oral Pathology, and Dental Hygiene Practice IV. She also participates in instruction, supervision, and observation of students as a Clinical Instructor in Dental Hygiene Practice I-III and Local Anesthesia. In addition, she serves as ADHA Student Chapter Advisor and Sigma Phi Alpha – Chi Beta Treasurer.

Robertson's most significant diverse professional experiences prior to coming to Pierce College include:

- Clinical Dental Hygienist for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs at the American Lake Campus
- Examiner/Interviewer for the Oral/Facial Pain Research Group at the University of Washington Dept. of Oral Medicine
- Membership Marketing Director for the Master Builders Association of Pierce County
- Account Manager for Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals (Dental, Long Term Care, Medical)
- Expert Examiner for California Board of Dental Examiners on Dental Hygiene Licensure Exams
- Expanded Functions Dental Hygienist at the Palm Desert Dental Group in California

Active in professional dental hygiene associations since graduation and a past president (2010) of the Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA), Robertson is currently serving as Speaker of the House for the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) and Treasurer of the Mt. Rainier Dental Hygienists' Society (MRDHS).

Robertson's love for reading and music took root early in life and she finds time for both whenever possible. Robertson usually reads for personal enjoyment or betterment and continues to add rhythm to her life by being the Percussionist for Crosswalk at WindWorks Fellowship in Olympia, WA. Married for thirty-nine years, home for Robertson is with her husband and daughter in Auburn, Washington.