

2007 GRADUATING ORTHOPAEDIC RESIDENTS



Aaron Altenburg, M.D.

Aaron was born and raised in rural southern Oregon. He attended Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where he majored in biology and minored in chemistry. He then spent the next year pursuing personal interests and worked

as both a whitewater rafting guide during the summer months and a waterfowl hunting guide during the fall. Ultimately, he completed his medical school training at Oregon Health and Sciences University before matriculating east to Iowa.

Aaron has been blessed with a wife, Tammy, and a son, Cody, who is already following in Dad's hunting-and-gathering footsteps. The family will be moving to Rochester, Minnesota, for an adult lower extremity reconstructive fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. Following this fellowship, they will head back west where Aaron will join a private practice in Pocatello, Idaho.

Aaron would like to thank not only his family for their love and support, but also the faculty here at Iowa for helping him grow as a physician. He would also like to thank all of his fellow residents for their camaraderie through many difficult and stressful times. Long live the ATF club!



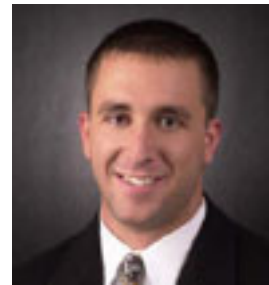
Mohana Amirtharajah, M.D.

Mohana Amirtharajah was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka, but moved at the age of one to Bozeman, Montana, where she learned to hate the cold weather and got nicknamed Mo. After a brief time in Maryland,

she moved to Dunwoody, Georgia, for junior high and high school. She completed her undergraduate degree in biochemistry at Brown University and then moved to New York where, after hitting the clubs for two years, she attended New York University medical school.

After leaving Iowa, she will complete a hand fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. She then plans on moving somewhere warm with an appropriate number of four-star restaurants.

Mo is grateful to have spent time at Iowa working not only with many of the giants of orthopaedics, but also with the greatest group of residents to be found anywhere. She especially enjoyed the time she spent in the Ponseti Molecular Biology Lab. She is also thankful for the ongoing support of her family. Although she plans on never again living in the Midwest, she will continue to harbor an inexplicable fondness for apples from the food co-op, the Iowa Caucuses, and the vacant stares of the sheep on Dr. Found's farm.



Matthew DeWall, M.D.

Matt DeWall grew up on a farm in northwestern Iowa. He completed his undergraduate as well as medical school training at the University of Iowa. It was during his last year of medical school that he met his wife Jennifer, who moved to

Iowa City to join him for his residency. In July, Matt and Jen will travel to Sydney, Australia, for his one-year fellowship in knee surgery. After the fellowship, they plan to return to Iowa where Matt will join a private-practice orthopaedic group.

He would like to thank his classmates for being great colleagues and friends, the faculty for all of their contributions to his training, and most importantly, his wife Jen for her support and understanding.



Kevin Jones, M.D.

Kevin was born in southern California and raised in St. Louis. He came to Iowa after earning a degree in English literature at Harvard University and his medical degree from Johns Hopkins. He and his wife, Arden, have had simulta-

neous residencies while in Iowa City, hers in child-rearing and his in orthopaedics. They both count many blessings from the last five years, most importantly, the three children who have joined their family, Caelen, Ewin, and Lillian.

Next year they will move to Toronto for Kevin's fellowship in musculoskeletal oncology. The year after that, Kevin will begin a faculty position at the University of Utah, including basic science research and patient care in the Huntsman Cancer Center.

Kevin has relished the unique environment of the department, which encouraged—never stifled—curiosity and healthy skepticism. He also enjoyed the open and inviting scientific environment of the University overall, where requests for multidisciplinary collaborations were always welcomed. Most importantly, he is grateful for the mentorships he received from so many in the Department. He was always surprised to see that his education was of sincere interest to the faculty, even in the midst of their many other departmental, institutional, national, and international involvements and responsibilities.



Christina Ward, M.D.

Christina Ward was born and raised in Kansas. She received her undergraduate degree from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, where she was introduced to the wonderful Iowa winters. On a positive note, Grinnell was also where

she was introduced to her husband, Nathan Lueck. She received her medical training at Washington University in St. Louis. Christina will spend next year completing hand fellowship training at the University of Iowa.

Christina and Nate have appreciated the kindness and support of all of the orthopaedics department faculty and staff, and have especially enjoyed the friendship and support of the residents.

2007 GRADUATING FELLOWS



Bryce Bederka, M.D.

Bryce Bederka was born in Bangkok, Thailand, but unfortunately has no memory of that time in his life. The family moved to Chicago, Illinois, when he was 2 1/2, and he has spent the rest of his life in the Midwest. He attended the

University of Iowa and, although he initially enrolled in a premed track, received his undergraduate degree in business administration. Bryce worked for several years in Chicago before realizing that he really did indeed want to be a doctor, and began medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago with the intention of becoming an orthopaedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine. He completed medical school and then residency at that same institution.

While looking at fellowships, Bryce was very impressed with what he saw at the University of Iowa, and was excited about having the chance of working intimately with the Hawkeye athletics program that had given him so many years of excitement in the past. He has greatly enjoyed his year here at Iowa, working with the Orthopaedic staff and residents, and all of the athletics staff.

This fall, Bryce will be moving with the family to Portland, Oregon, to start up practice with a private group. He hopes to establish a relationship with one of the small local colleges or universities in town, but has not ruled out migrating south to Eugene and becoming a Duck. He also plans on taking advantage of all the Pacific Northwest has to offer in terms of outdoor lifestyle. He will miss the Midwest and Chicago, but, as he has been known to say, "Chicago is a great city, it's just in a crappy location."



Danielle Conaway, M.D.

Danielle Conaway is the current Hand Fellow in the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She received her undergraduate degree at Eastern Michigan University where she competed

in Cross Country and Track. Dr. Conaway then obtained her medical degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. From 2001 to 2006, Danielle completed her Orthopaedic Surgery Residency training in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She recently accepted a hand surgery position in Traverse City, Michigan. She and husband Scott are also expecting their first child in September.



Mauricio Campos Daziano, M.D.

Mauricio Campos Daziano is an Associate Instructor in Orthopaedic Surgery, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile. He attended medical school and later completed his orthopaedic residency at the same institution.

He has been an attending orthopaedic surgeon since 2003 at PUC, dedicated completely to the field of Spine Surgery. He sought further training abroad, completing a one-year Fellowship in Pediatric Spine Surgery at The University of Iowa under the guidance of Dr. Stuart L. Weinstein and next year will complete a year of Fellowship in Spine Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco.