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## Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor, Department of Preventive Dentistry,  
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## Education

- 2020** CAGS. Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA; **Geriatric Dental Medicine**
- 2019** DScD. Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA; **Dental Public Health**
- 2010** BDS. King Abdulaziz University Faculty of Dentistry, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; **Dental Medicine and Surgery**

## Postdoctoral Training

- 2019-2020** **Postdoctoral Resident in Geriatric Dental Medicine**, Section of Geriatric Dental Medicine, Department of General Dentistry, Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA USA.
- 2015-2019** **Doctoral Resident in Dental Public Health**, Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research, Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA USA.

## Academic Appointments

- 2021-** **Chair of the Community Service Office**, Umm Al-Qura University College of Dentistry, Makkah, Saudi Arabia.
- 2021-** **Assistant Professor in Dental Public Health**, Department of Preventive Dentistry, Division of Dental Public Health, Umm Al-Qura University College of Dentistry, Makkah, Saudi Arabia.
- 2019-2020** **Teaching Assistant in Geriatric Dental Medicine**, Section of Geriatric Dental Medicine, Department of General Dentistry, Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA USA.
- 2014-2015** **Teaching Assistant in Dental Public Health**, Department of Preventive Dentistry, Division of Dental Public Health, Umm Al-Qura University College of Dentistry, Makkah, Saudi Arabia.

## Non-Academic or Other Professional Experience

- 2020-** **Co- Chair of the International Committee,**  
American Mobile and Teledentistry Alliance, USA
- 2018-2019** **Director of Community Engagement of The Arab Conference at Harvard,** Harvard Arab Alumni Association, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA USA.
- 2017** **Student Consultant in Global mHealth and Health Communication Projects,** Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA USA.

## Awards and Scholarships

- 2020** **2020 Top 40 Most Influential Leaders in Teledentistry**  
The American Mobile and Teledentistry Alliance.
- 2020** **First Place - Leverett Graduate Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dental Public Health.** USA.  
American Association of Public Health Dentistry. Project entitled "Type and Frequency of Behavior Change Techniques in Popular Patient Oral Health Apps."
- 2020** **UNLEASH+ 2020 Fellow.**  
Selected to participate in a 6-month pre-acceleration program. Project entitled "CARED Dental Homecare Project."
- 2017** **Refd Conference - Social Entrepreneurship.** Detroit, Michigan USA.  
Selected among 50 Saudi young leaders to participate in a leadership training program.
- 2017** **UNLEASH - Innovation lab Global SDG Talent.** Denmark.  
Selected as a global talent to participate in a fully-sponsored innovation program.

## Teaching/Education Experience and Responsibilities

- 2021-**
- Taught dental students dental public health clinical sessions and program planning. Also taught teledentistry course for the first time in Saudi.
- 2019-2020**
- Presented to fellows in Geriatric Medicine, Geriatric Dental Medicine, Dental Public Health, and Oral Surgery in weekly/monthly case discussion seminars, grand rounds and journal clubs - peer to peer education experience.
  - Guided and taught predoctoral (DMD) and advanced standing (AS) dental students in weekly lab sessions and presented lectures in Geriatric Dental Medicine.

## Public Health Experience

- 2021-**
  - Supervised research projects of master students in Saudi Arabia and Germany
  - Established the Community Service Office's annual plans in serving the community of Makkah city.
  - Organized the patient education corner at the University's hospital.
  - Presented workshops in dental public health skills to interns.
- 2019-2020**
  - Conducted research and community outreach projects in oral health, and presented them in local and international conferences.

## Peer Review

- 2021-** **Presentations Reviewer**, SPH GH 804 (mHealth Course): Boston University School of Public Health.
- 2021** **Research Reviewer**, Saudi Journal of Health Systems Research.
- 2021-** **Research Judge**, Research Award competition for the Young Dentists organized by the Saudi Dental Society.
- 2020** **Presentations Reviewer**, SPH GH 804 (mHealth Course): Boston University School of Public Health.
- 2020** **Abstract Reviewer**, Oral Health: American Public Health Association (APHA) 2020 Annual Meeting.
- 2020** **Abstract Reviewer**, Health Informatics Information Technology: American Public Health Association (APHA) 2020 Annual Meeting.
- 2017** **Strategy Report Reviewer**, The New Model of Care (MoC) Digital Strategy for the Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia

## Accepted Abstracts

- 1. Alaa Qari**, Romano Endrighi, Belinda Borrelli. *A Systematic Review and Content Analysis of Mobile Apps for Dental Patients: Features, Adherence to Clinical Guidelines, and Readability*. International Association for Dental Research, March 2020.
- 2. Alaa Qari**, Belinda Borrelli. *Usability Analysis of Popular Patient-Facing Dental Apps Using the Mobile Application Rating Scale (MARS)*. 2020 Behavioral and Social Oral Health Sciences Summit, March 2020.

3. **Alaa Qari**, Romano Endrighi, Belinda Borrelli. *Type and Frequency of Behavior Change Techniques in Popular Patient Oral Health Apps*. National Oral Health Conference, April 2020.

## Original Articles

1. **Qari A** (2020). *E-Health: Mobile Oral Health Apps*. Afaq Dental Medicine Magazine 45: 44-45. Available from <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/207711/24/> (Article in Arabic).
2. **Qari A** (2019). *Assessing The Quality of Mobile Apps for Oral Health: Content Analysis and Usability*. (DScD). Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine United States Retrieved from <https://hdl.handle.net/2144/37387>
3. Linjawi AI, Bahaziq AM, **Qari AH**, Baeshen HA, Hassan AH (2019). *Impact of dental visits on oral health awareness in Saudi Arabia*. The Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice 20(7):784-788.
4. **Qari A**, Dunklee B, Jensen C, Kaur P (2017). *mHealth app for CHWs to perform depression screening in Chiapas, Mexico*. Available from <https://collaborate.health.bu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Depression-Screen-Consulting-Deck.pdf>

## Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations

1. **Alaa Qari**, 2021 *Virtual AAWD Spring Brunch Part 2: Professional Impact*. **Webinar** organized by the American Association of Women Dentists Boston University Chapter. May 2021.
2. **Alaa Qari**, *Planning Public Health Programs Using the Logic (Mental) Model Tool*. **Webinar** organized by the Epi-Public Health Research Club, Waey Society. March 2021.
3. **Alaa Qari**, *Empowering Saudi Woman*. *International Women's Day*. **Webinar** organized by the College of Community Service and Continuing Education at Umm Al Qura University. March 2021.
4. **Alaa Qari**, *Mobile Dental Apps: Considerations to Select High Quality Apps for Your Patients*. Evolve Twenty21, National Mobile and Teledentistry Conference. Virtual, March 2021.
5. **Alaa Qari**, *Why Should We Know About Teledentistry*. **Webinar** organized by the UQUDent Student Club, College of Dentistry at Umm Al Qura University. February 2021.

6. **Alaa Qari**, *Teledentistry 101: An Overview of Teledentistry and its Applications*. **Webinar** organized by the Continuous Education Unit, College of Dentistry at Umm Al Qura University. January 2021.
7. **Alaa Qari**, *Technologies and Innovations in Education Practical*. **Workshop** organized by the Ministry of Health. Advanced Nurse Educators. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, November 2020.
8. **Alaa Qari**, “*Teaching Skills- Using Advanced Techniques*”. Advanced Nurse Educators Event organized by the Ministry of Health. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, November 2020.
9. **Alaa Qari**, Romano Endrighi, Belinda Borrelli. *Type and Frequency of Behavior Change Techniques in Popular Patient Oral Health Apps*. GSDM Virtual Science Day 2020. Boston, USA, April 2020. [Poster Presentation]
10. **Alaa Qari**, Kadambari Rawal, Romano Endrighi, Belinda Borrelli. *Assessing the Quality of Mobile Dental Apps: Content Analysis and Usability*. National Mobile Dentistry Conference. Orlando, USA. February, 2020. [Poster Presentation]
11. **Alaa Qari**, “*Assessing the Quality of Mobile Dental Apps: Content Analysis and Usability*.” The Mobile & Electronic Health Affinity Research Collaborative (ME- ARC). Boston University School of Medicine. Boston, MA USA. February, 2020. [**mHealth Seminar**]
12. Prajakta Joshi, **Alaa Qari**, Kadambari Rawal, Joseph Calabrese. *Saving Senior Smiles: A Community Outreach Educational Program and a Pilot Research Project*. Yankee Dental Congress. Boston, USA. January, 2020. [Poster Presentation]
13. **Alaa Qari**, Kadambari Rawal, Belinda Borrelli. *Mobile Apps for Oral Health: A Scoping Review*. *International Association for Dental Research (IADR)*. Vancouver, Canada. June, 2019. [Poster Presentation]
14. **Alaa Qari**, Meshari Alwashmi. “*Practical Tools to Create a User-Friendly App*.” **Workshop** organized by the Arab Conference at Harvard. Cambridge, MA USA. April, 2019.
15. **Alaa Qari**. “*Innovation in Dentistry: Applying User-Centered Design in Developing Effective Health Technological Innovations*.” **Roundtable Session** organized by the National Oral Health Conference. April, 2018. Louisville, Kentucky USA.
16. **Alaa Qari**. “*Networking*.” Entrepreneurship Talks event organized by Qotuf Entrepreneurship Foundation. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. December, 2017.
17. Meaghan Wostbrock, Deana Barakat, Maria Cerda, **Alaa Qari**, Kalpita Patel, Elizabeth Powell, Andrew Solomon, and Jacey A. Greece. *Engaging Providers with Telehealth Technology: Training Modules and Communication Strategies to Increase Access to Care for Rural Patients*. APHA’s 2017 Annual Meeting and Expo. Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2017. [Poster Presentation]

18. **Alaa Qari**, Maria Cerda, Deana Barakat, Kalpita Patel, Meaghan Wostbrock, Elizabeth Powell, Andrew Solomon, and Jacey Greece. *Engaging Providers with Telehealth Technology: Training Modules and Communication Strategies*. 12 Annual John McCahan Medical Campus Education Day. Boston, MA. May, 2017. [Poster Presentation]
19. **Alaa Qari**, Meaghan Wostbrock, Deana Barakat, Maria Cerda, and Kalpita Patel. "Engaging Providers with Telehealth Technology: Training Modules and Communication Strategies." **National Webinar** presented by the Northeast Telehealth Resource Center. April, 2017. <https://youtu.be/sCPzPJfYsfM>
20. **Alaa Qari**, Woosung Sohn, Thayer Scott, Sharron Rich, and Elizabeth Kaye. *Dental Caries and Sugar Intake in People with Taste and Smell Disturbances*. National Oral Health Conference. Albuquerque, New México. April, 2017. [Poster Presentation]
21. **Alaa Qari**. "Design for People." Dentists with Other Interests event organized by Northeastern University. Talked about design thinking and presented my projects in the field. Boston, MA USA. April, 2017.
22. **Alaa Qari**. "How Curiosity Can Shape Our Lives?" Leaders Day event organized by The Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission SACM. Boston, MA USA. January, 2016.
23. **Alaa Qari**, Sara Makhdoom, Doa'a Al-Toukhi, Hanin Abu-Hashem, Marwa Al- Moagli, and Sumer Alaki. *Distraction Techniques and Their Effect on Children's Behavior during the First Dental Visit*. Intern's Poster and Project Day at King Abdulaziz University Hospital. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. June, 2011. [Poster Presentation]