



# AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FIXED PROSTHODONTICS

## PRESIDENTIAL BIOGRAPHY



**DAVIS A. GARLAPO DDS, MSD**

**PRESIDENT, AAFP 1999-2000**

*Dr. Davis A. Garlapo was born in Warsaw, NY in 1942. He graduated from Colgate University in 1964, and then pursued his dental education at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dentistry from which he graduated in 1968. Dr. Milton Brown, George Ferguson and William Feagans rendered prominent professional influences on Dr. Garlapo's professional life. These influences directed Davis toward an academic career and the specialty of fixed prosthodontics.*

*Davis was recruited to teach Crown and Bridge Prosthodontics following graduation from dental school. In conjunction with this he began a Fixed Prosthodontics Residency in 1970 completing the program in 1974.*

*It was during dental school that he met Marsha Byledbal who he married in 1972. Their marriage was blessed with three children, twins Karen and William and a younger daughter Lauren.*

*During his academic career at Buffalo, which began in 1968 and continues full time even now in 2009, Davis administered over the years each didactic and clinical program within the discipline and specialty of Fixed Prosthodontics including all four years of the DDS along with the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Program. He rose through the ranks, during his period as a full time academician at the SDM, and was promoted to Full Professor in 1982.*

*Dr. Garlapo, in addition to his teaching and research activities, served as Chair of the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics from 1985 to 1994. Subsequent to this he served a Chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry, which included the Departments of Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics, Operative Dentistry, Biomaterials and Endodontics. He continued in this role until 2003 when his wife, Marsha received a diagnosis of what became a terminal cancer. At this juncture, He stepped down from administrative responsibilities and returned to focus on his love of teaching.*

*Garlapo was repeatedly recognized for his teaching efforts by students with awards, yearbook dedications and certificates of teaching excellence. The privilege of being able to provide private patient care at the SDM enriched a most rewarding career.*

*Presently (8/2009), Dr. Garlapo continues with a full time academic career and personally enjoys the close relationship with each of his three children in Amherst, New York where he resides.*