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Susan Coldwell, PhD is Associate Dean for Student Life and Admissions at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. Dr. Coldwell completed her MA and PhD degrees in Experimental Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania in 1990 and 1994, respectively. While a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, she held a Heinz fellowship in nutrition, which allowed her to pursue doctoral research at the Monell Chemical Senses Center. Dr. Coldwell moved to the University of Washington in 1994, and is currently an Associate Professor in Dental Public Health Sciences. She has authored 37 peer-reviewed manuscripts, and has received outside funding for her research including NIH, as well as industry support. Dr. Coldwell's areas of research include methods to reduce pain and anxiety during dental procedures, taste preference changes, as well as psychophysical scaling and measurement issues. She has served as director of training for the Northwest/Alaska Center to Reduce Oral Health Disparities. She also worked on a Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) grant with Heritage University in Toppenish, WA to encourage under-represented students to pursue careers in research related to the health sciences. She has received a number of awards including: an honorary membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society, the UW Postdoctoral Association's Outstanding Mentor Award, and the 2008 International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Giddon Award.