

June 2024 | Monthly Newsletter



MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY



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Happy Pride Month to all our Muriel Steele Society members!

We hope Memorial Day weekend was a happy kick off to your summer! Below you'll find updates, celebrations, and highlights of MSS members across specialties!

Congratulations to our very own Lucy Kornblith, MD, FACS!

Dr. Kornblith has been appointed the Inaugural Director of Research for UCSF at Zuckerberg San Francisco General hospital. Effective 9/1/24, she will step into this new and pivotal role in the ZSFG Dean's Office designed to support the broad range of research activities conducted at ZSFGH.



Congratulations to Genna Beattie, MD!

Dr. Beattie is currently a Senior Fellow in the Trauma & Emergency Surgery Division. In the Fall, she will step into her new position as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, at UCSF East Bay.





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Congratulations to Caitlin Collins, MD!

Dr. Collins is currently a Senior Fellow in the Trauma & Emergency Surgery Division. In the Fall, she will step into her new position as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center.



Congratulations to the 2024 Krevan's Awardees!

The Krevans Award recognizes "excellence in patient care, as exemplified by clinical competence, professional conduct, concern for patients and interaction with all levels of staff, including peers." Recipients are selected by the chiefs of the various medical departments at the Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center. The award was established in 1979 by the Gladstone Institutes, a privately funded, UCSF-affiliated research institute formerly on the ZSFG campus. The award is named for former UCSF Chancellor Julius R. Krevans.

Krystal Lee Karunungan, MD

Anesthesia and Perioperative Care

Sravani Kondapavular, MD, PhD

Neurological Surgery

Schlyer Edwards, MD, MA

Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences

John M. Neseemann, MD, MSc

Ophthalmology

Wyatt David, MD

Orthopaedic Surgery

Rex H. Lee, MD

Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

Maria Fernanda Romero Hernandez, MD

Surgery

Peace Orji, MD

Urology



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THE MSS WELLNESS COMMITTEE
PRESENTS A VIEWING OF

1001 Cuts

A film about surgeons who are women that was part of the official selection for the DC Independent Film Festival premiering in February.



1001 CUTS

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH TIME: 7PM
LOCATION: DR. JOCELYN CHAPMAN'S HOME
(address to be shared with those who RSVP 'Yes')

Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Due to limited space, attendance is capped at 25 and admission is granted at a first come, first serve basis! **You can RSVP by emailing camilla.gomes@ucsf.edu**

THE MSS RESEARCH COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO COMPLETE



The ACS Wellness Survey



The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is launching a national well-being survey! **On Monday, June 3, surgeons across the country received individual email invitations with unique survey links.**

The ACS is committed to surgeon well-being and ensuring surgeons can thrive and flourish in healthy environments through webinars, resources, and mindfulness.

If you did not receive a survey link or if you have any questions please email wellbeingsurvey@facs.org.



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New Child Feeding Resources!

Milk Stork

UCSF is partnering with a human milk shipping company to provide reimbursement for breast milk shipping.

Milk Stork is the world's first human milk shipping company aiming to benefit UCSF parents traveling on UCSF business with seamless milk delivery and potential reimbursement.

Make an account to request reimbursement [here](#) or scan the QR code!



Lactation Room



A new lactation room has been opened at Mount Zion! **It is located in PeriOp on the 3rd floor in room A302.** This new room is now listed on the MZ lactation room directory.

As a reminder, at Parnassus Heights, the 4th floor Clinical Science Building (CSB) has two lactation rooms that now have badge readers. Additionally, there is a new lactation room L170L within the ED staff lounge for ED only, and one new lactation room on B1, room L008H.



Lactation Rooms by Campus



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May in Review...



1. MSS Spring Research Symposium



Dr. Chelsea Bahney



Dr. Patricia Loftus



Dr. Alison Baskin

Thank you to our incredible speakers and moderators! You can find the recording of this session on our website here or at the QR code.



2. Resident Research Symposium

On May 8th, UCSF surgery hosted its 37th Annual Resident Research Symposium with Dr. Katherine Gallagher, MD as this year's J. Englebert Dunphy Visiting Professor.



3. UCSF SOM Graduation

To our incredible graduates, congratulations! We send our warmest wishes to each of you as you continue towards exciting futures in surgery!



4. 2024 Faculty Retreat

The UCSF Surgery faculty went on their annual retreat! The theme this year was "New Frontiers" and focused on collaborative discussions and innovative thinking to inspire forging stronger connections and uncovering fresh perspectives.





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Congratulations to our MSS 2024 Honor Roll!

Department of Surgery.



Seung Ah Lee, MD



Elizabeth Lancaster, MD



Sabreea Parnell, MD



Patricia Conroy, MD



Oluseyi Akintorin, MD, MPH



Monica Goodstein, MD



Mignote Yilma, MD



Kelsey Rankin, MD



Karen Trang, MD



Chelsie Anderson, MD, MS



Caroline Melhado, MD



Caroline Stephens, MD, MPH



Audrey Brown MD



Amandine Godier-Furnemont, MD, PhD



Alison Baskin, MD



Alexandra Hight, MD, MSc



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Jessica Thiesmeyer, MD



Rita Muktar, MD



Heidi Nafday, MD



Laura Esserman, MD, MBA



Jasleen Kukreja, MD, MPH



Lan Vu, MD



Marissa Boeck, MD, MPH



Ava Yap, MD, MHS



Tasce Bongiovanni,
MD, MPP, MHS



Elizabeth Lancaster, MD

Department of Urology:



Farnoosh Nik-Ahd, MD



Anne Suskind, MD,
MS, FACS, FPM-RS



Michelle Van Kuiken, MD



Emily Hacker, MD



Leah Ibrahim Puri, MD, MA



Sima Porten, MD, MPH



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Carissa Chu, MD



Avery Braun, MD



Grace Lee, MD



Christi Butler, MD



**Lindsay Hampson,
MD, MAS**

*Department of Otolaryngology/
Head and Neck Surgery.*



Michelle Florentine, MD



Patricia Loftus, MD



Jacqueline Harris, MD



**Taylor Standiford
Erickson, MD**



**Karolina Plonowska
Hirschfeld, MD**



Tania Benjamin, MD



Sifon Nidon, MD



Megan Durr, MD



**Josephine Czechowicz
MD, FAAP**



Jennifer Grandis, MD



Caroline Schlocker, MD



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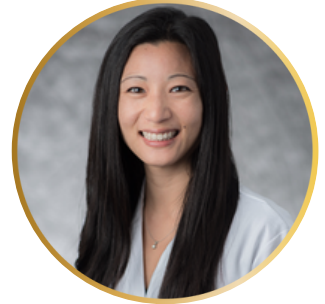
Vyvy Young MD, FACS



Ana Marija Sola, MD



Grace Banik, MD



Katherine Wai, MD



Alexandra Bourdillon, MD



Anna Meyer, MD



Mary Jue Xu, MD



Marcelle Cedars, MD

*Department of
Obstetrics and Gynecology:*



Amy (Meg) Autry, MD



Jeannette Lager, MD, MPH



Wenjia Zhang, MD



Tushani Illangasekare, MD



Josie Urbina, MD



Lee-May Chen, MD



**Jocelyn Chapman,
MD, FACS, FACOG**



Brooke Brannon, DDS

*Department of Oral
and Maxillofacial Surgery:*



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Department of Anesthesia:



Elena Haight, MD

Department of Orthopedic Surgery:



Nicole Schroeder, MD



Stephanie Wong, MD

Department of Neurosurgery:



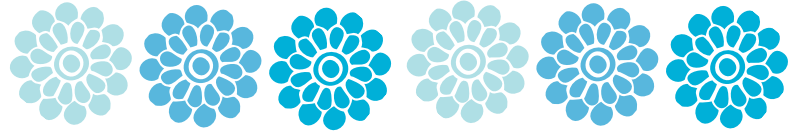
Reilly Kidwell, MD



Line Jacques, MD



Doris Wang MD, PhD



The annual Muriel Steele Society Honor Roll celebrates influential and inspiring women and gender minority faculty, fellows, and residents in surgery and surgical sub-specialties. Current learners (both residents and medical students) are invited to nominate women who have had a positive impact on their training and the nominees are recognized at our annual MSS Grand Rounds. This year we had a historic 70 nominations, a testament to the strong mentorship spirit within UCSF surgery.





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AWS Membership Resources

To all our faculty, residents, and trainees—don't miss out on the **invaluable resources** available through membership in the **Association of Women Surgeons (AWS)**! We believe that by actively participating in organizations like AWS, we contribute to the growth and success of women in surgery. Let's take full advantage of these opportunities to thrive both professionally and personally. If you have any questions or need assistance in utilizing your benefits, feel free to reach out to the MSS Communications Committee.

Mark your Calendars!!! 2024 AWS Annual Conference



Save the date for **#AWS2024!** The **AWS Annual Conference** provides educational content, presentations by leaders in surgery, mentoring opportunities, and professional development. Join us right here in **San Francisco** from **Friday, October 18 to Saturday, October 19.**

Faculty:

AWS colleagues invite you to join them as a member of the Association of Women Surgeons.



[Learn more!](#)



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Residents:

All UCSF residents in the Department of Surgery are institutional members of AWS through UCSF—we encourage you to fully leverage the diverse range of benefits AWS membership offers.

Medical Students:

Medical students are encouraged to join AWS for a fee of \$25—becoming a member will provide multiple networking opportunities for students at the AWS conference taking place in SF later this year!



[Learn more!](#)

AWS Benefits

Networking Opportunities:

Connect with a global community of female surgeons, fostering collaboration and mentorship.

Educational Resources:

Gain access to exclusive webinars, workshops, and publications to stay informed on the latest advancements.

Mentorship Programs:

Benefit from mentorship opportunities that can provide guidance and support at every stage of your career.

Career Development:

Access resources aimed at enhancing your professional skills and advancing your career in surgery.

Thanks for reading!

MSS Communications Committee:

Resident Leads: Alexis Colley, Fernanda Romero-Hernandez

Medical Student Lead: Aileen Gozali

Newsletter: Allison Chang, Reta Behnam

Social Media: Rachel Huynh, Nikki Mahendru, Reta Behnam

If you have anything you would like to feature (articles, advice, work photos/achievements, family/personal photos/achievements, etc) in this new section of our newsletters, please send an email to themurielsteelesociety@ucsf.edu.

The Muriel Steele Society is an inclusive community dedicated to inspiring, supporting, and promoting women and other gender minority surgeons so they can thrive at all stages of their careers. We will be hosting events throughout the year to foster a strong community of allies and to achieve the goal of continued excellence at UCSF. The Muriel Steele Society is dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion of colleagues, trainees, and learners at UCSF and beyond, who identify as women, transgender, and nonbinary in surgical fields. Our overarching goal is to advocate for a culture of belonging - free of bias and discrimination - that is focused on expanding the advancement of all genders and the broader LGBTQ+ community in surgery. All women and gender minority surgeons or medical students interested in surgery are included in the society but we recognize that some may have been inadvertently left out of these emails. Please forward to anyone who you think might like to be included in the MSS. If you are interested in membership, please email us at themurielsteelesociety@ucsf.edu.

For more information about the Muriel Steele Society, please visit our website or follow us on Twitter.

Have an opportunity or event that you'd like to share with the MSS membership? Email us at themurielsteelesociety@ucsf.edu.

Want to become more involved with the Muriel Steele Society? We especially welcome women and other gender minorities in other surgical departments to join our Executive Council! Email co-chairs Mika Varma (mika.varma@ucsf.edu) or Lucy Kornblith (lucy.kornblith@ucsf.edu) for more information.



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