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Happy February to all our Muriel Steele Society members!

We hope the new year has treated you well so far. Below you'll find updates, celebrations, and highlights of MSS members across specialties!

◆◆◆ New Spotlight: Dr. Patricia Loftus, MD ◆◆◆

Dr. Patricia Loftus was recently interviewed by medical student Maria Lee about her surgical journey, advice for other female surgeons, and her inspirations. Dr. Loftus is an Associate Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology– Head and Neck Surgery at UCSF.

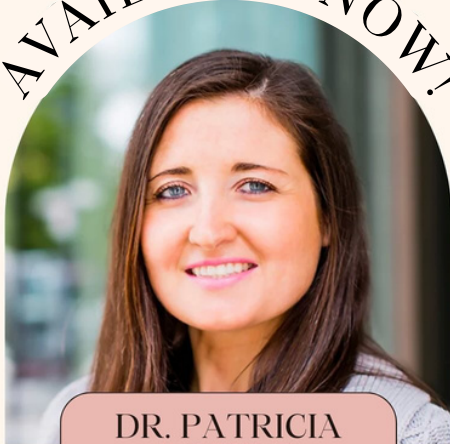
She completed a fellowship in Rhinology and Endoscopic Skull Base surgery at Emory University Hospital. Below is an excerpt from her spotlight that is **now live on the MSS website!**



“So that is what inspires me: the patients who I am privileged to help, and the students who remind me how lucky I am to do what I do and who allow me to show them that they can “do it all” as well.”

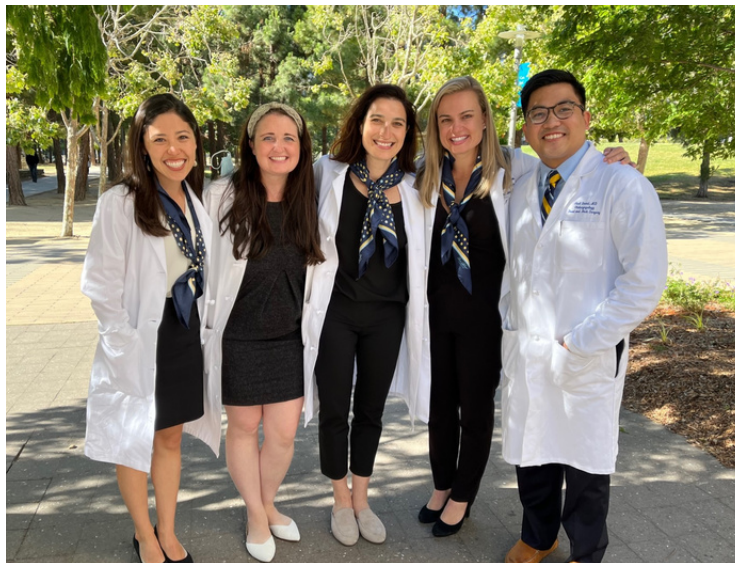
THE MSS SPOTLIGHT SERIES

AVAILABLE NOW!



DR. PATRICIA LOFTUS
INTERVIEWED BY MARIA LEE

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February is Black History Month!

Each year, Black History Month has a specific theme that highlights different aspects of African American history and culture. For 2024, the theme is **"African Americans and the Arts"** spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more.

To celebrate this month, consider attending the **Museum of the African Diaspora** in SOMA! They have **free admission** to all exhibitions on the second Saturday of every month. And check out the flyer below for different Black owned businesses to support around the Bay this month!



WE OUTSIDE!

EXPLORE BLACK SAN FRANCISCO BY VISITING THIS SELECT LIST OF BLACK-OWNED VENUES AND ACTIVITIES

Note: Establishments that are not Black-owned/Black-led are marked with an asterisk (*)

NIGHTLIFE + ENTERTAINMENT

BLACK THURSDAY* Feb. 1 | 6 PM
Enjoy an after-hours museum experience with live performances, conversations with Black Panther icons, vendors from in the Black marketplace, and more.

Reservations Required | \$30
<https://www.calacademy.org/nightlife/nightlife-black-thursday>
California Academy of Sciences (Golden Gate Park)

THE WIZ*

San Francisco is the first stop for this all-new, Broadway-bound production of the timeless classic. Featuring Wayne Brady and Deborah Cox.

<https://www.broadwaysf.com/events/the-wiz/> Golden Gate Theater - 1 Taylor Street (Civic Center)

READ BABY READ* Feb. 3 | 12-2 PM

Dive into a day of stories, learning and fun for all ages!
Fillmore Heritage Center
1330 Fillmore Street (Fillmore)

ORIGIN FILM SCREENING* Feb. 3+4 | 3 PM

Join the SF Human Rights Commission for a free community screening of Ava DuVernay's latest film.
RSVP REQUIRED: <https://bit.ly/Origin-SF>
AMC Kabuki 8 | 1881 Post Street (Cabletown)

MISSION BOWLING CLUB

A retro bowling alley serving upscale comfort food fare. (21+ after 6:00 PM every day except Sunday)

<https://www.missionbowlingclub.com>
3176 17th Street (Mission)

CHURCH OF 8 WHEELS

Public skate sessions and rental in a repurposed church.
<http://www.churchof8wheels.com>
554 Fillmore (Fillmore)

BARS + RESTAURANTS

BAYVIEW

GUMBO SOCIAL

Gumbo-forward creole and soul food 5176 3rd Street

RADIO AFRICA KITCHEN

Moroccan, Ethiopian 4800 3rd Street

SPEAKEASY ALES + LAGERS

Brewery 1195 Evans Ave

YVONNE'S SOUTHERN SWEETS

Bakery 5128 3rd Street

FILLMORE/WESTERN ADDITION

SHEBA PIANO LOUNGE

Jazz club, Ethiopian-inspired menu 5419 Fillmore Street

CLUB WAZIEMA

Ethiopian food with a dance floor 543 Divisadero Street

HIYAKO OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM

Ice cream shop 1470 Fillmore Street

NOB HILL

PEACEKEEPER

Cocktail bar 1925 Bush Street

HARPER + RYE

Cocktail bar 5695 Polk Street

FINANCIAL DISTRICT

TERANGA

Senegalese food 4 Embarcadero Center

INTERNATIONAL SMOKE

Upscale American/Soul fusion 301 Mission Street

LITTLE SKILLSET

New American food 360 Ritch Street

BARS + RESTAURANTS (continued)

MISSION

BISSAP BAOBAB

West African food, nightlife 2243 Mission Street

CAFE ETHIOPIA

Ethiopian 878 Valencia Street

NORTH BEACH

DA FLORA

Italian 701 Columbus Ave

SUNSET

NEW ERITREA RESTAURANT

Eritrean food 907 Irving Ave

SUNSET CANTINA

Mexican 3414 Judah Street

RICHMOND

TASTEBUDS

Soul food cafe 600 5th Ave

BELLA TRATTORIA

Italian 3854 Geary Blvd

DOGPATCH

UNGRAFTED

New American 2419 3rd Street

TENDERLOIN

Z ZOUL CAFE

Sudanese 295 Eddy Street

HOUSE OF TADU ETHIOPIAN KITCHEN

Ethiopian 484 Ellis Street

EMBARCADERO

QUEEN'S LOUISIANA PO BOY CAFE

Louisiana dishes Pier 35

PEACHES PATTIES

Jamaican 1 Ferry Bldg NA 50

SOUTH OF MARKET (SOMA)

RIZE UP BAKERY

Bakery 1560 Howard Street

COFFEE

RED BAY COFFEE

1 Ferry Bldg, Shop 43 (Embarcadero)

SEXTANT COFFEE

5415 Folsom Street (SoMa)

TARRAGON CAFE

200 Fillmore Street (Lower Haight)

TALLIO'S COFFEE + TEA

4732 3rd Street (Bayview)

ARTS + CULTURE

MUSEUM OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

moadsf.org 685 Mission Street (SoMa)

AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTS + CULTURE COMPLEX

aaacc.org 762 Fulton Street (Fillmore)

JONATHAN CARVER MOORE

jonathancarvermoore.com 996 Market Street (Tenderloin)

JENKINS JOHNSON GALLERY

jenkinsjohnsongallery.com 1275 Minnesota Street (Dogpatch)

SHOPPING

IN THE BLACK MARKETPLACE

intheblackshop.com | IG: @intheblackshop 1567 Fillmore Street (Fillmore)

RELOVE SAN FRANCISCO

shoprelove.com | IG: @shoprelove 1815 Polk Street (Pacific Heights)

TEXTURES VINTAGE

IG: @texturesvlg 269 Jefferson Street (Fisherman's Wharf)



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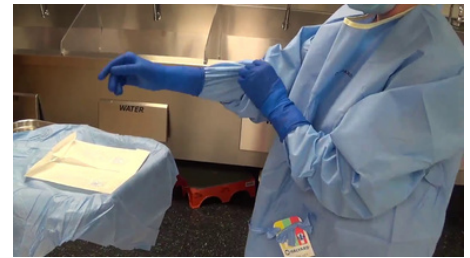
✦ ✦ ✦ **Mark your Calendars!!!** ✦ ✦ ✦
MSS and the Surgery Interest Group
Spring 2024 Surgical Skills Workshop

This symposium is hosted by residents and senior medical students and serves as an orientation to the operating room, an opportunity to get hands-on practice in surgical skills such as gowning and gloving. It is also a chance to meet and learn from female surgical mentors!

If you are an MS1 interested in attending, please scan the QR code on the right to register!

And if you are an M3/M4 or resident interested in teaching please email Alyssa.Murillo@ucsf.edu and Caroline.Stephens@ucsf.edu!

Event details:
 Date: Sunday, 2/25/24
 Time: 11 am - 1pm (lunch provided)
 Location: Mission Bay
 Attire: Blue UCSF scrubs



Event details:
 Date: Friday, 3/1/24
 Time: 8am - 5pm
 Location: UCOP in Oakland



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UC Wide Health Sciences Leadership
Development Conference:
'Innovating the Future: Women Leaders as Catalysts for Change'

The inaugural UC Health Sciences Leadership Development Conference will be held in Oakland to bring together the UC Health community to share best practices, connect UC and national leaders, and discuss strategies to help drive change and innovation.

The event will consist of thematic and TED-type talks, breakout sessions, panel discussions, and workshops.

For more information, the conference agenda, and to register, please scan the QR code to the left!





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MSS Wellness Committee and Pancea: Managing Stress and Burnout Webinar

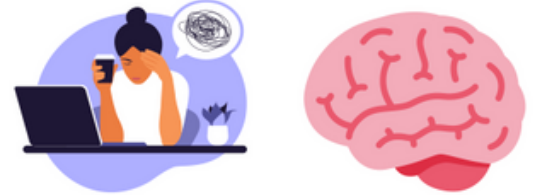
This webinar is hosted by the MSS Wellness Committee in collaboration with Pancea, a woman majority health tech group that is working to reimagine relief for chronic pain by providing on the go guidance and care.

What better way to kick off the new year than through this workshop that will touch on how to introduce practical self-care tips into your daily routine and how to spot early signs of burnout and reverse/manage its impact.

This session will be led by Dr. Sundas Pasha Fick, a licensed Clinical Psychologist. Check your emails for a flyer and scan the QR code on the right for the Zoom Link!



Finding Balance: Stress Reduction Strategies for Healthcare Professionals



Event details:

Date: Wednesday, 2/21/24

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Zoom



✦ ✦ **ASRM Conference Recap** ✦ ✦

In January, MSS members in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery attended the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery Conference in the Bahamas!



Congratulations to all our colleagues who presented posters, moderated discussions, and had podium presentations!





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Highlight of Achievement



“The thing I’ve seen both domestically and internationally is that we do a lot of talking about people without talking to them,” she said. “You’re limited in how much impact you can make that way – the people you’re trying to help and support have a ton of ideas because this is what they’re living through.”

Congratulations to MSS member, Dr. Marissa Boeck, for being awarded the 2023 Early Career Global Health Scientist Award by the UCSF Institute of Global Health Sciences!

Dr. Boeck is a trauma and critical care surgeon with research interests in understanding the underlying causes of gun violence and what social factors make it more common in some San Francisco neighborhoods than in others.



Highlight of Achievement




Congratulations to MSS member, Dr. Emily Finlayson, and our colleague Dr. Wen Shen for being appointed the UCSF Fishbon Endowed Chairs in Ambulatory Surgery I and II!

Dr. Finlayson is a colorectal surgeon with expertise in the treatment of colon and rectal cancer, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.


Dr. Shen is an endocrine surgeon who specializes in surgery of the thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal glands.

Highlighting Research Excellence: MSS Members at the 19th Academic Surgical Congress in DC!

Many of our MSS members will be showcasing their remarkable research at the upcoming 19th Annual Academic Surgical Congress in Washington, DC, from February 6-9. You can find all of UCSF's accepted works below. Follow along on our instagram to see when and where everyone will be presenting!




Evaluating ChatGPT Versus Surgeon-Generated Informed Consents for Common Operations



Presenter:
Hannah Decker, MD
General Surgery Resident

Date: Thursday, February 8th
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 AM
Session: 79
Room: Columbia 6

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Peritoneal Dialysis in a Safety Net Hospital: A Surgical Perspective




Presenter:
Lara Senekjian, MD
Assistant Professor in Surgery

Date: Thursday, February 8th
Time: 1:40 - 3:40 PM
Session: 100
Room: Columbia 6

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Is Repeat CT Angiography for Asymptomatic Grade 1 Blunt Cerebrovascular Injury CostEffective?



Presenter:
Cynthia Susai, MD
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Time: 1:40 - 3:40 PM
Session: 108
Room: Lincoln West

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Intimate Partner Violence Screening in Limited English Proficiency Patients: Does Language Matter?



Presenter:
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Date: Tuesday, February 6th
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 AM
Session: 16
Room: Columbia 11

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Identifying Gaps in Education for Post-Mastectomy Autologous Breast Reconstruction




Presenter:
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Date: Tuesday, February 6th
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 AM
Session: 12
Room: Columbia 7

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Association of Housing Status Changes with Cancer Outcomes in a National Sample of Veterans



Presenter:
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Date: Wednesday, February 7th
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 AM
Session: 34
Room: Columbia 5

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Race and Operative Experience in General Surgery Residency Training: A Qualitative Review



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Concerns with Crowdfunding for Solid Organ Transplant-Related Expenses



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Shared Decision-Making Tool for Gender Affirming Mastectomy: Patient Satisfaction and Experience



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Impact of adapting a surgical safety checklist training to a virtual platform in Ethiopia



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Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Surgical Trauma Case Rate Across Mexican States



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The Current State of Blood Availability in Mexico



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Policy Implications of Variation in Surgical Volume Amidst COVID-19 in Mexico: A Specialty Analysis



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How to Build an Academic Powerhouse: Let's Study Who's Doing it



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Evaluation of ChatClinic's AI-Simulated Clinical Interactions Using LLMs and Human Experts



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Optimizing surgery for lobular breast cancer: rates of oncoplastic surgery and shave margins by BMI



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Wound Care Strategies: Complexity in Online Patient Education Materials



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Laparotomy Patient Outcomes at the National Referral Hospital in Dar es Salaam Tanzania



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Factors Contributing to Follow-up Loss for Traumatic Injury Survivors in the San Francisco Bay Area




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The Clinical Significance of Penetrating and Blunt Trauma Following Temporary Abdominal Closure




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CRISPR/AAV Genome Editing Restores Hemoglobin Production in α -thalassemia Hematopoietic Stem Cells



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Language Serving Hospitals Have Fewer Readmissions for Patients with Non-English Primary Language



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Uncovering Distinctions Between the Regenerative and Fibrotic Programs of the Oral Mucosa and Skin



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Training Local Birth Attendants in Diagnosis and Early Management of Congenital Anomalies in Uganda



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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 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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