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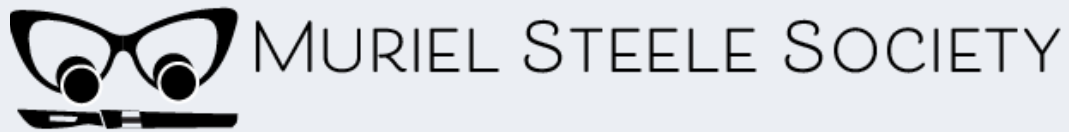
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Happy new year to all our Muriel Steele Society members!
Here's to a year of opportunities, growth, and collective success. Let's cherish the beautiful memories and achievements of December as we stride into the future

✨ Spreading the Holiday Cheers ✨



MSS Holiday Party

The MSS Wellness Committee organized the annual MSS holiday party where members gathered at Dr. Varma's residence to celebrate the holiday season. Dr. Melissa Coleman, UCSF thoracic surgeon and sommelier, guided us through a delightful wine tasting session!

Department of Surgery Holiday Party

Our members were joyfully present at the Faculty holiday party hosted by the Department of Surgery. Amidst the festive atmosphere, we celebrated and reflected on the year, expressing mutual appreciation for the outstanding dedication and care shown not only to patients but also to each other.





🏆 **Highlights of Achievement** 🏆



Dr. Esther Kim
*Associate Professor of Surgery;
Division of Plastic & Reconstructive
Surgery; Chief of Surgery, UCSF
Transgender Surgery; Co-Director,
UCSF Microsurgery Fellowship*

Congratulations to **Dr. Esther Kim** who was **selected for the Short-Term Mentor Award for the 2023-2024 term!** Acknowledged by her mentee, medical student Matthew McLaughlin, she will be celebrated at the upcoming 2023 Mentor and Project Discovery Workshop, tailored for first-year medical students. Well-deserved recognition for her exceptional mentorship!



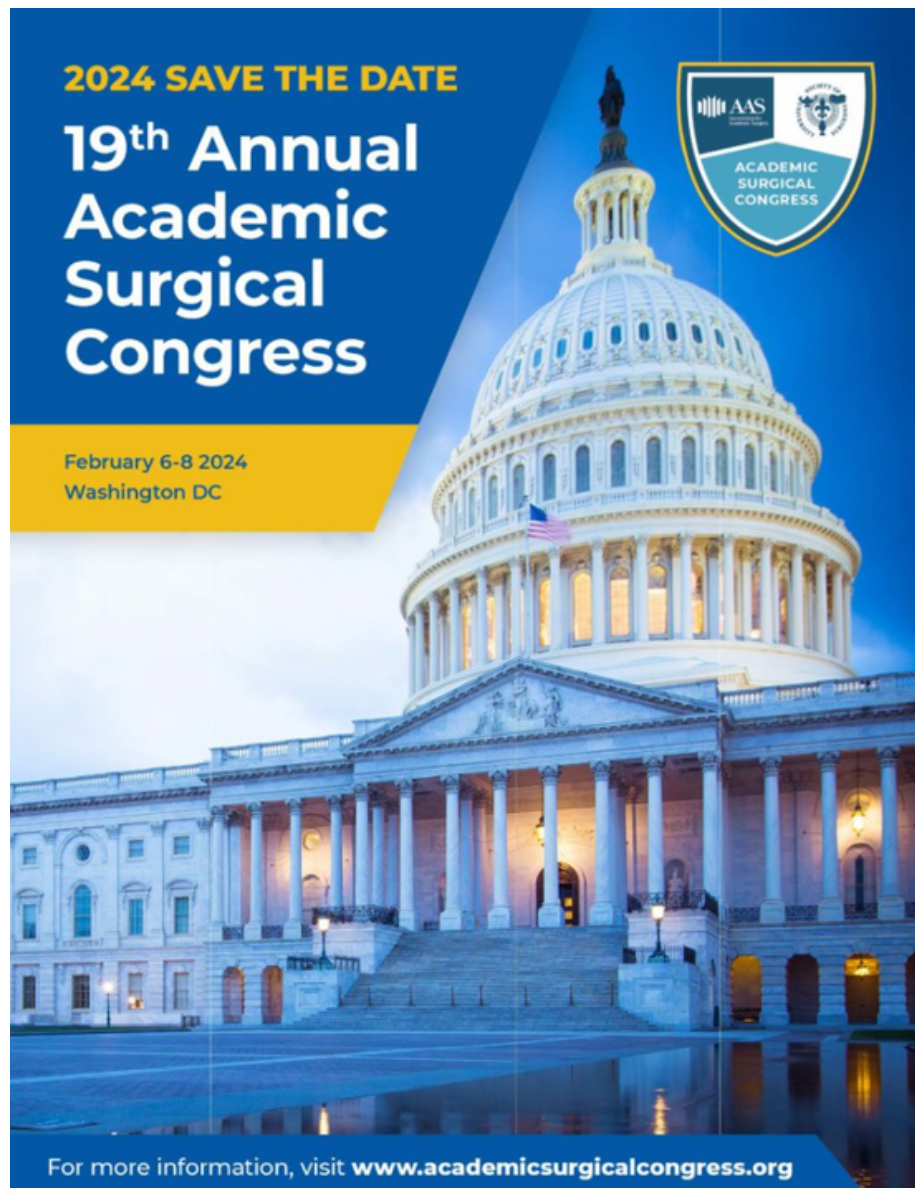
Dr. Valerie M. Weaver
*Professor & Director, Center for
Bioengineering and Tissue
Regeneration; Co-Director Bay Area
Center for Physical Sciences and
Oncology*

Congratulations to **Dr. Valerie M. Weaver** who has been chosen as one of 32 UCSF scientists acknowledged as the **most influential figures in their fields** by Clarivate, a science & intellectual property company. Thank you for your dedication to advancing our understanding and knowledge!

Highlighting 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. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to come together and extend our support to each other during this exciting event.

Stay tuned for more details on talks presented by MSS members. If you're attending, we look forward to seeing you there!



Thanks for reading!
MSS Communications Committee

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 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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