

May 2024 | Monthly Newsletter



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NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

As a woman facial plastic surgeon, **Dr. Andrea Park** shared her story of becoming a surgeon and what mentorship means to her.

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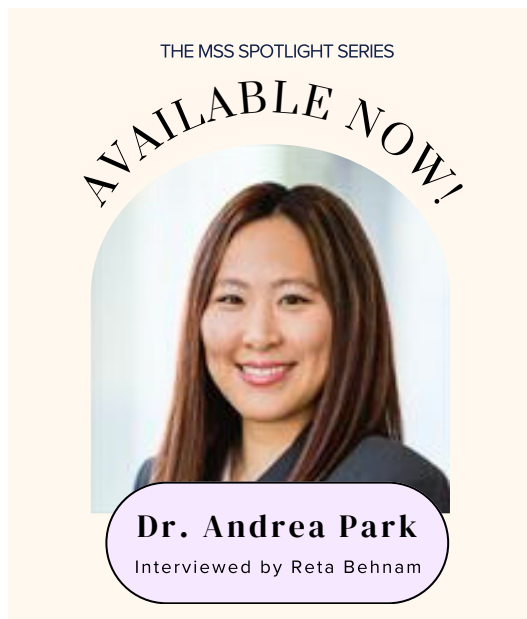


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Happy May and **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month** to all our Muriel Steele Society members!

Below you'll find updates, celebrations, and highlights of MSS members across specialties!

✨ **New Spotlight: Dr. Andrea Park!** ✨



Dr. Andrea Park, MD, is a facial plastic, aesthetic, and reconstructive surgeon in the department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at UCSF Medical Center. She specializes in improving facial paralysis and in correcting facial defects that are congenital, acquired, or the result of cancer treatment.

Below is an excerpt from her spotlight that is **now live on the MSS website!**

“I believe that being a physician and a surgeon is a calling. I think it's hard otherwise to do what we do every day. My patients inspire me as does my family. I want to be a great example and the best mother for my son.”





Congratulations to our MSS Class of 2024!



To our incredible graduates, thank you for all that you do—we send our warmest wishes to each of you as you continue towards exciting futures in surgery! Here are some MSS c/o '24 features:



Juliana Smith | *OBGYN, UCSF Fresno*

“I enjoyed leading the MSS Honor Roll because I could read all the inspirational stories of women in surgery at UCSF. Even better was knowing that those honored could see the kind words acknowledging the hard work and amazing teaching they put in for their co workers and students.”

Rachel Mernoff | *OBGYN, UCLA*

“The leadership opportunities, mentorship, and connections I developed through MSS were incredibly helpful in supporting me on my path to OBGYN. I am forever grateful for everyone I have met through MSS and will carry this with me in residency!”



Jenny Cevallos | *General Surgery, Loma Linda*

As the first doctor in my family, the path to surgery, especially as a female, was one that initially I was not completely sure about for myself. Throughout my 4 years at UCSF, I've met incredible female surgeon mentors who have shown me this path is possible and incredibly rewarding! I am grateful that as a member of the MSS, I had the opportunity to pass this on by facilitating mentorship opportunities for over 100 female medical students interested in surgery.

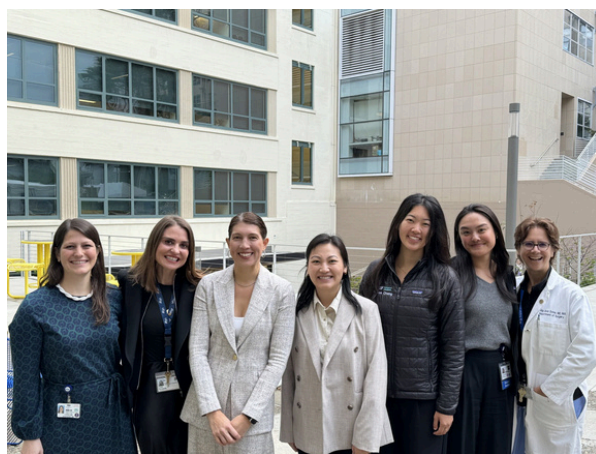




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April in Review...

✨ **MSS Grand Rounds 2024: Dr. Heather Yeo** ✨



Dr. Heather Yeo, an esteemed surgeon and DEI researcher at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, spent time connecting with MSS members during the week of April 15 at UCSF. During her visit, she shared her expertise, experience, and wisdom with surgery-aspiring medical students, surgical residents, and attendings alike. Her Grand Rounds presentation, “Disparities in the Surgical Workforce: Lessons Learned and the Path Forward” addressed important themes in modern healthcare, including the way that gender, racial, and ethnic disparities shape surgical resident attrition and academic surgical faculty representation.

Dr. Yeo, we are so grateful for your time and energy and dedication to MSS, and we hope you had a wonderful time in the city! Please come visit us again soon 😊



New Website!

Check out our beautiful new MSS website at:

murielstelesociety.ucsf.edu



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Up next in May...

MSS Spring Research Symposium 2024



Mark your calendars & RSVP by May 6!



MAY 14 | 7-8 PM



Dr. Chelsea Bahney



Dr. Patricia Loftus



Dr. Alison Baskin



This session will include a Q&A on tips and tricks for how to organize your poster presentation followed by an interactive session where panelists will share example posters and/or provide feedback on posters anonymously submitted by attendees.

- Moderators: Katherine Miclau (MS3), Allison Chang (MS1), Rachel Huynh (MS1)

MSS Wellness Committee Cookie Decorating Social

Join the MSS Wellness Committee for cookie decorating, de-stressing, and chatting on

May 16th from 6:30 - 8 PM

**in the Nursing Mezzanine
(Parnassus Campus)**

Please [RSVP here](#)



RSVP

By
**Tuesday,
April 30th!**



MSS PRESENTS:

COOKIE DECORATING SOCIAL

COME JOIN US FOR
**COOKIES, FRIENDS,
AND RELAXING**

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH 2024
6:30PM TO 8:00PM
NURSING MEZZANINE
PARNASSUS CAMPUS
HOSTED BY
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Celebrating **May Women's Health Month** at UCSF!

The UCSF Committee on the Status of Women is a diverse group of women; including faculty members, staff, post-doctoral scholars, graduate students, residents and students; who are interested in advocating for, building awareness of and advising on Women's issues at UCSF.

Join us as we celebrate the 50+ year anniversary of the Committee on the Status of Women here at UCSF!

Upcoming Events



Spring into Fitness: Women's Health Table

Location: Koret Quad
Date: May 16, 11:30a - 1:30p

UCSF Fitness & Rec and Wellness is planning a table promoting women's health at the UCSF Spring into Fitness fair.

Women's Health Expert Panel

Location: Obendorf Auditorium
Date: May 21, 12 - 1p

A panel of experts will address current challenges facing women's health across a woman's life cycle. Light refreshments served.

The Committee on the Status of Women has been active in highlighting and moving forward issues related to women at UCSF, as well as sponsoring events to help educate, support women and create forums for continued conversation. Projects, initiatives, and accomplishments that the Committee has worked on include:

- UC Back-up Family Program
- UC Lactation Policy Standards
- UC Climate Survey
- UC Leadership Course
- UC Fertility Benefits
- UCSF Child and Dependent Care Task Force
- Annual International Women's Day celebration
- Tip Sheets for Women Campaign
- COVID-19 and Caregiving
- Advocated for expanded BUCA resources



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2024 J. Englebert Dunphy Visiting Professor: Dr. Katherine Gallagher, MD



We are excited to host Dr. Katherine Gallagher, MD as this year's J. Englebert Dunphy Visiting Professor!

Dr. Gallagher holds the positions of Professor of Surgery, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, and the Leland Ira Doan Research Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan. Her groundbreaking translational research in epigenetic regulation of immune cells and her expertise in the molecular pathogenesis of wound repair and cardiovascular diseases make her an exceptional scholar.

Dr. Gallagher's contributions to medical research, including her mentorship and commitment to the next generation of scientists, have earned her recognition from various prestigious organizations.

Tuesday, May 7

Pre-Symposium Welcome Reception | 6:00 – 7:30 PM



The Department of Surgery and the Muriel Steele Society are delighted to extend an invitation to all UCSF medical students for a special pre-symposium welcome reception on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 6:00-7:30PM. To confirm your attendance, kindly RSVP—please note that RSVPs are required as attendance is limited.

Wednesday, May 8

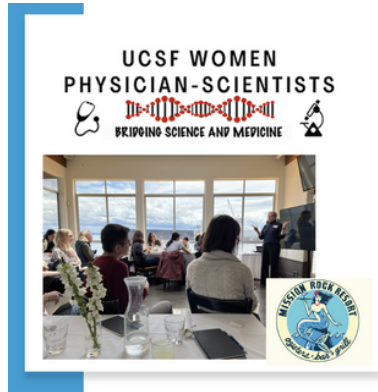
Research Symposium | 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM | CS-0101, Parnassus

The J. Engelbert Dunphy Resident Research Symposium is an annual event which showcases the research of residents, fellows and medical students in the Department of Surgery, and honors the life and accomplishments of J. Engelbert Dunphy, M.D., a legendary surgeon and a former chair of the UCSF Department of Surgery.



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WPSS 2nd Annual Retreat 2024



May 9, 11 am – 4 pm

Mission Rock Resort

With fabulous food, networking, and content!

Keynote speaker: Dr. Jane Koehler

Lightning talks on hot topics:

Advancement, ASCI, NAM featuring Dr. Julie Saba and others

Welcoming Dr. Clara Gomez-Sanchez to General Surgery Program Leadership! 🌟



The Department of Surgery is delighted to share that **Dr. Clara Gomez-Sanchez, Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Vascular Surgery**, will be stepping into the role of **Associate Program Director of Compliance and Logistics** within the General Surgery Program leadership group!

Dr. Gomez-Sanchez brings experience and dedication to her new position. As a talented clinician, passionate educator, and staunch advocate for resident education, she is exceptionally well-suited for this role. In her new capacity, Dr. Gomez-Sanchez will spearhead efforts to enhance compliance with ACGME requirements for the clinical learning environment.



Listen to a new podcast episode featuring Dr. Peggy Knudson!



🎧 Dive into the world of military-civilian partnerships in trauma medicine with WarDocs! 🎧 Hear Dr. Peggy Knudson's insights on WarDocs latest episode.





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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 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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