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Happy November to all our Muriel Steele Society members, hope everyone is having a wonderful fall season so far!

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





Join us for the MSS Fall 2024 Research Symposium Panel: **Optimizing the Research Mentor-Mentee Relationship!** During the event, we will feature a panel of several mentor/mentee pairs, who will share valuable insights on how to build productive, meaningful mentorships.

Dr. Rita Mukhtar
Dr. Elizabeth Wick and Dr. Karen Trang
Dr. Kimberly Kirkwood and Dr. Patricia Conroy





by Mon, Nov 4!

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THE MSS SPOTLIGHT SERIES

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Dr. Mary McGrath

Interviewed by Pariswi Tewari





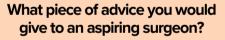


Dr. Mary McGrath is a Professor of Surgery in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at UCSF. She also served as a consultant for the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health. She is a member of multiple professional associations and has served on the directing boards of seven plastic surgery organizations.

Below is an excerpt from her spotlight, conducted by medical student Pariswi Tewari, that is now **live on the MSS website**!







"Surgery is such a wonderful vocation, and patient care is both challenging and very fulfilling. But the advice I would give to people is to try to keep their eye on the big questions that arise from, but exceed, just everyday patient care.

In other words, keep your eyes open to see if there are ways that you can contribute to the scientific understanding of what we're doing at the time, and see if there's a way that you can contribute to moving forward the body of medical knowledge and not simply accept the day-to-day work - as exciting as it is as a job. Realize that there's an opportunity, if you keep your eyes open, to contribute even more meaningfully. "



AWS Highlight: MSS at AWS 2024 Foundation Gala





Several Muriel Steele Society medical student members were able to attend the **Association of Women Surgeons 2024 Foundation Awards Dinner & Gala** following the AWS Conference in SF—a big thank you to Dr. Julie Ann Sosa, Dr. Lucy Kornblith, Dr. Mika Varma, and the UCSF Department of Surgery for their support of MSS representation at this wonderful event!

Coming Soon: IGHS Grand Rounds - Women in Leadership

The Institute for Global Health Sciences (IGHS) has organized a Grand Rounds panel about Women in Leadership for Wednesday November 13th, 12-12:50 PM in Mission Hall 1401/1402 and via Zoom.

Advancing Equity and Addressing Opportunity Costs

November 13, 12 to 12:50 p.m. Mission Hall 1401/1402 (and virtual)

RSVP here for Zoom!





- Kelly Taylor Moderator
- Jenny Liu, PhD, MPP Presenter

Panelists:

- Madhavi Dandu, MD MPH Director UC Global Health Institute, Professor of Medicine UCSF
- Catherine R. Lucey, MD, MACP Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost UCSF
- Katherine Van Loon, MD, MPH Director of the Global Cancer Center, Professor of Medicine UCSF

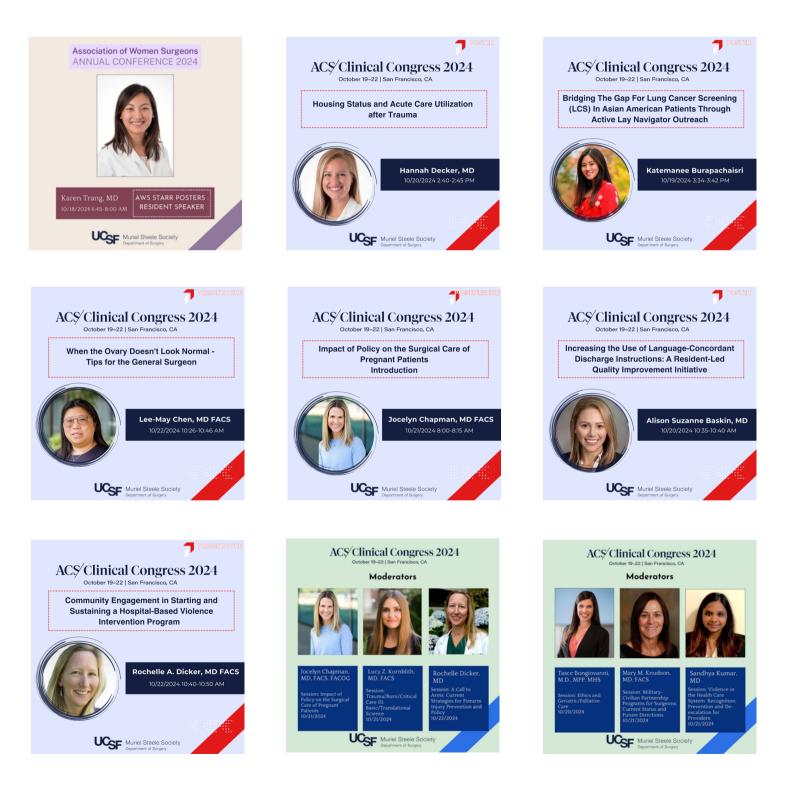




Special thanks to MSS medical student members Zuivanna Rivas, Nour Aissaoui, Reta Behnam, Nikki Mahendru, Rachel Huynh, Saffanat Sumra, and Sophia Cuschieri for their help with MSS content coverage at this year's AWS and ACS conferences!



Conference Highlight: MSS at AWS and ACS 2024, San Francisco





From October: MSS Bonfire!







Highlighting the MSS Bonfire that took place at Ocean Beach in October with several of our MSS members and residents!



UCSF's AWS Institutional Membership benefits have been renewed for the upcoming year! 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).** If you have any questions or need assistance in utilizing your benefits, feel free to reach out to the MSS Communications Committee.

Upcoming AWS Events

- Nov 4, 7 PM ET: Building an Academic Foundation – Practical insights for early-career surgeons on setting up their practice (registration required).
- Nov 7, 8 PM ET: AWS Journal Club Peer discussions on key surgical research (registration required).
- Nov 12, 7 PM ET: Cross Mentoring Webinar Focus on overcoming institutional DEI challenges (registration required).
- Apply now to be on AWS volunteer committees: <u>https://www.womensurgeons.org/get-involved</u>
- For full details and event registration information, visit the **AWS Event Calendar**.

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





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 AWS events.



Thanks for reading!

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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.

