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Happy February to all our Muriel Steele Society members, hope everyone is having a wonderful year so far!

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

Black History Month

Each year, Black History Month has a specific theme that highlights different aspects of African American history. For 2025, the theme is **"African Americans and Labor"** which aims to highlight the transformational impact of Black workers on the United States, Africa, and the Diaspora.



Check out UCSF's events celebrating Black History Month here



National Cancer Prevention Month



February is National Cancer Prevention Month, which aims to promote both cancer prevention and early detection by raising awareness of modifiable risk factors and encouraging individuals to see their physicians and get screened.



Portraits of Women in Surgery, on Display at Parnassus and Mission Bay!

Starting in September, MSS began a new initiative titled “**Portraits of Surgeons**” that will highlight 12 phenomenal MSS members in the Family Waiting Room at Parnassus and in the Adult Wards on the 6th floor at Mission Bay from September 2024 through February 2025.

Take a look at February’s highlighted portraits on **Dr. Nichole Starr**, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Fellow, and **Dr. Karen Trang**, Surgery Resident and Clinical Informatics Fellow.

Muriel Steele Society Surgeon Spotlight:

Nichole Starr, MD, MPH
Trauma & Surgical Critical Care Fellow

Becoming a surgeon has been an incredibly rewarding experience because I have a tangible and immediate impact in patients’ lives. I’m so lucky to train at UCSF where having strong women as mentors and leaders is the norm, not the exception!



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Muriel Steele Society Surgeon Spotlight:

Karen Trang, MD
Surgery Resident
Clinical Informatics Fellow

[What I love about being a surgeon is] being able to make a difference for my patients and my community in a tangible and often immediate way - it’s incredibly fulfilling.



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New Spotlight:
Dr. Jasmine Wong!
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THE MSS SPOTLIGHT SERIES

AVAILABLE NOW!



Dr. Jasmine Wong

Interviewed by Saffanat

Dr. Jasmine Wong is a breast cancer surgeon at the Carol Franc Buck Breast Care Center in the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also serves as the Assistant Program Director for Surgical Interns in the UCSF General Surgery residency program.

Below is an excerpt from her spotlight, conducted by medical student Saffanat Sumra that is **coming soon to the MSS website!**

What piece of advice you would give to an aspiring surgeon?

“I think the big thing is that this career can truly be anything that you want it to be... If you look at just all the different female surgeons or any surgeon at UCSF, everyone's day and everyone's week and everyone's life is a little bit different. There are some people that do a ton of research and some people that do all clinical, and there are some people that focus a lot on education. There are some people that do a little mix of both. So, I just think that I didn't realize that there would be that many opportunities to change, to pivot, to do something different than what I thought I had signed up for.”





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Congratulations to Dr. Jessica Kim!

Dr. Kim, a gynecologist and minimally invasive gynecologic surgeon, was awarded the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) 2024 Medical Education Endowment Fund Grant for her project to create a Surgical Video Library for Ob-Gyn Clerkship Students!



Congratulations to Dr. Lucia Calthorpe!



Dr. Calthorpe, a third-year General Surgery Resident, received the prestigious American College of Surgeons (ACS) Resident Research Scholarship for 2025-2027!

Upcoming OBGYN Grand Rounds

Dr. Carter Lebares was invited to speak at the upcoming OBGYN Grand Rounds on February 18th! Stay tuned for more info on her talk.



Parenting in Surgery Info Session

Stay tuned for a virtual information session on the Parenting in Surgery Initiative on February 27th! Attendees will be able to ask Drs. Lan Vu and Alexis Colley questions about the initiative at this event.





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UCSF Community Climate Survey Reminder

Faculty, please remember to complete the UCSF Community Climate Survey by the February 23rd deadline! Your feedback helps UCSF continue to foster a culture of belonging for all faculty, staff, and learners. Access your personal link at <https://ucsfclimate.ucsf.edu/>

Conference Highlight: Academic Surgical Congress

The Academic Surgical Congress will be held in Las Vegas, NV February 11-13! Visit this link for all UCSF-affiliated presenters:



Check out MSS presenters below:

Tuesday, February 11th



Maria Romero Hernandez

Watching Closely: Challenges in Surveillance Adherence for Rectal Cancer Patients on Watch and Wait

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 | 7:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Lynn Leng

Patient-Specific Clinical and Social Factors Associated with Same-Day Cancellations for Urologic Surgery

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 | 7:30 AM - 9:45 AM





Wednesday, February 12th



Manami Diaz Tsuzuki

Assessing Patient Acceptability of Screening for Intimate Partner Violence Following Trauma

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 | 2:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Thursday, February 13th



Mandeep Kaur

Concurrent Lobular Carcinoma In Situ as a Prognostic Factor in Invasive Lobular Breast Cancer

Thursday, February 13, 2025 | 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM



Kelsey Ogomori

Communication After Emergent Surgery by English Proficiency: An Explorative Qualitative Study

Thursday, February 13, 2025 | 1:40 PM - 4:40 PM

Caitlin Collins

Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program Database Design: Leveraging the Electronic Health Record

Thursday, February 13, 2025 | 1:40 PM - 4:40 PM





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AWS Updates

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 Events

- **Feb 6, 8:30 PM ET: AWS Resident & Fellow Virtual Meeting** (AWS Members only)
- **Feb 13, 7 PM ET: AWS Building an Academic Foundation: Maximizing Your Conference Experience**

Opportunities

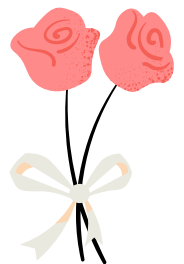
- **Feb 13** - Apply to be the **2025 AWSF Visiting Professor** (AWS Members only)
- **Feb 27** - Apply for the **2025 AWS Breaking the Glass Ceiling Program** (AWS Members only)
- Apply now to be on **AWS volunteer committees**: <https://www.womensurgeons.org/get-involved>
- For full details and event 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.



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: Mandeep Kaur

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) 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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