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Happy October and **Happy Hispanic Heritage Month** to all our Muriel Steele Society members!

Please read below to see upcoming events and highlights of member achievements!

## Introducing the MSS Surgeon Spotlight Series!



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.

The surgeons being highlighted throughout the month of September were **Drs. Colley and Decker!** (pictured on the left)



Dr. Alexis Colley is a General Surgery resident at UCSF, completed fellowship training in Palliative Medicine at UCSF, and intends to pursue additional fellowship training in Colorectal Surgery.

Dr. Decker is a General Surgery resident with the UCSF Department of Surgery and is a National Clinician Scholar at UCSF.

Be on the lookout for our October highlights, **Drs. Delgado and GillisBuck!** (pictured on the right)





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**Congratulations to Dr. Jasmine Wong!**

The Department of Surgery is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jasmine Wong as Assistant Program Director for Surgical Interns. Dr. Wong, an Associate Professor of Surgery and a breast surgical oncologist at UCSF Health Mission Bay and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, is a distinguished educator and advocate for surgical trainees. Her passion for teaching and her dedication to supporting surgical interns will significantly benefit the program.

**Congratulations to Dr. Iris Liu!**

Dr. Iris Liu a PGY-4 in Vascular Surgery has been awarded a two-year NIH F32 Fellowship totaling \$158,648 from the NHLBI. Her research, "Cardiometabolic Disease and Vascular Aging: Klotho Regulation of Medial Arterial Calcification," studies the links between diabetes, renal disease and vascular calcification in patients with chronic limb-threatening ischemia.







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## Past and Upcoming Events!



### Suture Workshop Potluck



where  
upperclassmen  
welcomed and  
taught future  
surgeons!



## Webinar on Advancing Research Participation for LGBTQI+

Join Us for a Webinar on Advancing Research Participation for LGBTQI+ Individuals happening on  
**Wednesday, October 2, from 9 - 11 am PST.**

This event is co-hosted by OHRP and NIH's Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO) and will focus on addressing the underrepresentation of LGBTQI+ communities in research and explore inclusive strategies to improve health interventions and policies. Expert speakers will discuss key topics such as building trust, overcoming barriers, and reviewing recent recommendations from SACHRP.

Registration is required, and spots are limited. Please check your emails for a registration link.





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## Grand Rounds Guest Speaker

The Department of Surgery is honored to host Dr. Jane Fualal Odubu, the first female president of COSECSA (College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa), which covers 14 countries and is the primary surgical society for East, Central and Southern Africa (minus South Africa), for

Grand Rounds on October 16th

## URM Community Brunch

All women, nonbinary, and transgender students who are underrepresented in medicine/surgery are invited to join Dr. Denise Davis on **Sunday, October 6 from 12-2 PM at the Aldea Community Center** (155 Johnstone Drive, San Francisco) for a community-building and mentorship brunch. This will be a great opportunity to connect with residents and faculty in many specialties.



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### *Underrepresented In Medicine and Surgery Brunch*

The Muriel Steele Society invites you to 2024 UIM and Surgery Brunch at the Aldea Community Center, Sunday, October 6th hosted by Dr. Denise Davis. All underrepresented women, nonbinary, and transgender people who are students, trainees, and faculty in medicine, surgery, and research are invited to provide mutual support, brief mentoring, and celebrate community. Brunch will be held either indoors or the patio outside depending on weather conditions. Aldea Community Center is on Mt. Sutro where multiple hiking trails are available to the public. If interested, you can explore them before or after the event.

Please RSVP to help us get an expected attendee count, as space is limited.

This event is made possible by the generous financial support from MSS and ASSM.



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024**  
12:00 - 2:00 PM

**ALDEA COMMUNITY CENTER**

155 JOHNSTONE DR,  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94113

[RSVP Link](#)

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## AWS October Events

October 7 at 4pm PT:

- Webinar AWS Building an Academic Foundation: How to Evaluate, Structure, and Negotiate Your Job ([register](#))

October 8 at 5pm PT:

- Webinar AWS Resident & Fellow Virtual Meeting ([register](#))

October 9 at 4:30pm PT:

- Webinar AWS Publications Webinar: Effective Oral Presentations ([register](#))



October 18-19th:

- AWS Annual Conference, San Francisco

October 20th at 7:30pm PT:

- AWS Foundation Awards Dinner & Gala, San Francisco Marriott Marquis

October 21st at 7am PT:

- Networking Breakfast (free and open to anyone interested), San Francisco Marriott Marquis ([RSVP](#))



October 26th:

- [Applications](#) due for AWS volunteer committee





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## AWS Institutional Benefits

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.

### 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!

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Have an opportunity or event that you'd like to share with the MSS membership?

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