



MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY

Dear Muriel Steele Society Members,

This month we celebrate the beginning of Women's History and Gender Equality Month. Check out [IWD2023](https://womenofucsfhealth.ucsf.edu) Events put on by Women of UCSF Health at <https://womenofucsfhealth.ucsf.edu>

## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH?

Women's History Month is a month dedicated to reflecting on the contributions of women to American history. This celebration evolved from a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history, and society hosted in Sonoma, California in 1978. The concept spread among towns and organizations nationwide until 1980, when President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation designating March 8 as National Women's History Week

### Women's History at UCSF

**Dr. Nancy Ascher, MD PhD**



Dr. Ascher, founder of the liver transplant program at UCSF, was the first woman to perform a liver transplant.

**Dr. M. Margaret Knudson, MD**

Dr. Knudson was the second woman to work as a trauma surgeon at ZSFG. In 2021, she received the American College of Surgeons Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Inspiring Women in Surgery Award.



**Dr. Emma O. Chong, MD**

Dr. Chong was the first Chinese woman ophthalmic surgeon graduating from UCSF medical school in 1939 and continuing on to the residency program with the Department of Ophthalmology.



**Dr. Laura Esserman, MD MBA**



Dr. Esserman, Director of the Breast Care Center and Clinical Leader of the NCI-designated Breast Oncology Program, was named one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2016.



As we approach March 14th, we are reminded of the importance of Equal Pay Day. This day represents the point in the year when women's wages finally catch up to what men earned in the previous year. In other words, women have to work an additional three months and fourteen days to earn the same amount that men did in twelve months.



March 8th is International Women's Day! This year's campaign theme is **#EmbraceEquity**. Don't forget to share a photo with us of you and your colleagues embracing equity!

# Congratulations



We would like to congratulate **Dr. Laura Esserman** for receiving the 2023 Leader of the Year Award. The Center for Conscientious Leadership Leader of the Year Award honors an individual that exemplifies our values of Purpose, Character and Courage and has had a significant and lasting Impact in their field.

Thanks for reading!

Your MSS Communications Committee

## Save The Date

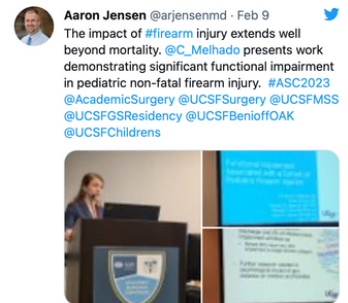
MSS Journal Club on Intimate Partner Violence with Dr. Hannah Decker at 7 pm.



## FROM MSS MEMBERS



See below for this month's "From MSS Members" section.



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