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Happy July to all our Muriel Steele Society members! San Francisco's summer fog might be rolling in, but we hope this month's newsletter brings a bit of brightness your way.

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

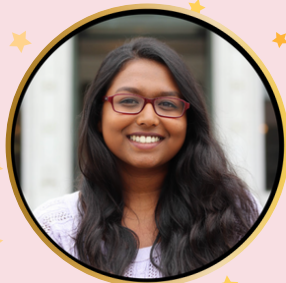
Several MSS students received year-long Inquiry Funding for research and scholarly work in the Department of Surgery!



Manami Diaz Tsuzuki



Shraddha Pandey



Jessica Santhakumar



Zuivanna Rivas



Sabrina Sedano

Manami Diaz Tsuzuki, Optimizing Administration of Postoperative Multimodal Pain Regimens: A Multi-Methods Approach, **Dr. Tasce Bongiovanni**

Shraddha Pandey, Piloting a Clinical Decision Support Tool for Prescribing Postoperative Opioids, **Dr. Elizabeth Wick**

Jessica Santhakumar, Mastering the use of intraoperative retractors: an innovative hands on curriculum for surgical residents, **Dr Clara Gomez-Sanchez**

Zuivanna Rivas, Complication Rates and Costs of Surgical Management of Lymphedema in a Nationwide Inpatient Cohort, **Dr. John Rose**

Sabrina Sedano, Area based social determinants of health and disparities in pediatric biliary disease: a multi-center study, **Dr. Lan Vu**


Congratulations to the students and their dedicated mentors for this exciting achievement and continued commitment to advancing research!

Celebrate UCSF Chief Residents!

Last month, residency programs celebrated the end of the year and honored their Chief Residents as they began their next chapter.

Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

OHNS celebrated with a Sooy Year-End Graduation weekend including the resident research symposium and a graduation dinner!

Scan this code for some gratitude and advice from their Chiefs! 



Orthopedic Surgery

Orthopedic Surgery held their annual Bones Ball, honoring the graduating residents and fellows, recognized faculty achievements, and reflected on a year of mentorship, growth, and excellence.

General Surgery

General Surgery honored their Chief Residents with a memorable evening celebrating gratitude and community.



Neurosurgery

Neurosurgery had a wonderful time celebrating their residents at graduation. Congrats to Dr. Arati Patel who won Best Senior Clinical Research and Dr. Clara Starkweather who won Best Senior Basic Science Research!

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Obstetrics and Gynecology held a memorable resident graduation, with residents and faculty coming together to celebrate and reflect on their accomplishments.



Congratulations to these programs and all of our graduating Chief Residents—we're so proud of you and all you've accomplished!



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Congrats to Dr. Sima Portan on her Appointment as **Chief of Urologic Oncology!**



Dr. Sima Portan, MD, MPH

Dr. Sima Porten, is a national expert in bladder cancer, known for her outstanding leadership and contributions to the field.

Since joining UCSF, Dr. Porten has expanded the bladder cancer program, brought cutting-edge innovations like blue light cystoscopy to both clinic and OR settings, and led numerous clinical trials,

As Associate Professor of Urology, Fellowship Director, and Co-Director of the UCSF/UCATS Global Fellowship Program with the Uganda Cancer Institute, Dr. Porten continues to advance clinical and translational research while mentoring the next generation of urologic oncologists.

Dr. Amy Fiedler is a national leader pushing boundaries in transplant innovation, advanced heart failure care, and global health equity. At UCSF, she has helped establish the institution as a go-to center for cutting-edge cardiac care, leading efforts in heart transplantation, mechanical circulatory support, and quality improvement. Beyond UCSF, Dr. Fiedler serves as Surgical Director of Team Heart in Rwanda, where she works to expand access to life-saving cardiac surgery and build local capacity.

Congrats to Dr. Amy Fielder on her Appointment as the **Surgical Director of Heart Transplantation & Mechanical Circulatory Support.**



Dr. Amy Fielder, MD, MSc



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Association of Women Surgeons-American Surgical Association Surgical Leaders Fellowship Visiting Professor
Muriel Steele Society Brunch

DR. AMANDA LAIRD


WED, JULY 23
10-11 AM

CHAIR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
S322, PARNASSUS



MSS is hosting a brunch with Dr. Laird for medical students and residents. This is a great opportunity to connect with Dr. Laird, hear about her path in surgery, and seek career advice.

Dr. Laird is Professor of Surgery at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Chief of Endocrine Surgery at Rutgers Cancer Institute. She is visiting UCSF as the recipient of the prestigious 2025 Association of Women Surgeons-American Surgical Association Surgical Leaders Fellowship Grant

If you're interested in attending, please RSVP by Friday, July 4th:  Breakfast will be provided!



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

- AWS Clinical Practice Committee for the Surgeons' Career and Leadership Professional Education Lecture Series (SCALPELS)
 - July 17th from 8-9pm EDT: Alternate Career Paths-Coaching
 - July 24th from 8-9pm EDT: Alternate Career Paths-Innovation
 - July 31st from 8-9pm EDT: Redefining Success Panel
- July 14th from 7-8pm EDT: Building an Academic Foundation: Preparing for promotion from day 1
- July 28th from 7-8pm EDT: Cutting Edge Conversations with the Latino Surgical Society (LSS)
- July 30th from 7-8pm EDT: AWS Publications Webinar: Ergonomics

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.

For full details and event registration information, visit the **AWS Event Calendar**.

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.