



MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY

MAY 2022 EVENTS AND UPDATES

Dear Muriel Steele Society Members,

We hope everyone is staying healthy and enjoying the Spring!

Last month, the 35th annual **UCSF Department of Surgery Research Symposium** took place. This year's Dunphy Professor was **Jennifer Waljee, MD, MPH, MS**, an Associate Professor in the Section of Plastic Surgery, Department of Surgery, at the University of Michigan. Dr. Waljee joined us virtually for a great day filled with outstanding science. Several MSS members presented, including (in alphabetical order):

Chelsie Anderson, MS
Laura Barnes, MD
Alison Baskin, MD
Audrey E. Brown, MD
Lucia Calthorpe, MPhil
Jenny Cevallos
Alexis Colley, MD, MS
Patricia C. Conroy, MD
Rym El Khoury, MD
Anya Greenberg, MBA
Ruth Laverde
Iris Liu, MD
Caroline Melhado, MD
Sarah Mohamedaly, MD, MPH
Katherine Sanders, MD
Sarah Watanaskul
Ava Yap, MD, MHS
Mignote Yilma, MD

Several MSS members were awarded prizes for their presentations. Congratulations to **Caroline Melhado, MD** (mentor: Aaron Jensen, MD, MEd, MS) for being awarded Best Presentation in Clinical Research for her presentation “Assessing the Negative Predictive Value of Cervical Spine CT Compared to MRI in Pediatric Trauma Patients: A Multi-Center Retrospective Cohort”.



Congratulations as well to **Sarah Mohamedaly, MD, MPH** (mentor: Amar Nijagal, MD) and **Patricia C. Conroy, MD** (mentor: Julie Ann Sosa, MD, MA) for honorable mentions in basic science and clinical research, respectively.

*Photos courtesy of the UCSF Department of Surgery (@UCSFSurgery)

Following the symposium, the MSS held a reception. It was great to see everyone!



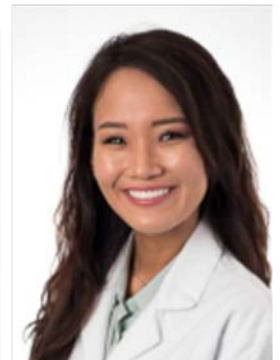
Last month, the MSS Medical Student Committee put together a **Suturing Potluck** for the medical students. This event was organized by **Katie Barnes (MS1)**, **Georgia Kirn (MS3)**, **Natalie Kucirek (MS4B)**, and **Anya Greenberg (MS4A)**. Special thanks to Natalie for hosting!



In the last month, several MSS members have received prestigious awards. Congratulations to all!

Camilla Gomes, MD (top left), a PGY-2 general surgery resident, was named the 2021 Krevan's awardee. This award recognizes first-year UCSF residents at ZSFG for excellence in patient care, clinical competence, professional conduct, and concern for patients.

Connie Zhou (top middle), UCSF medical student, was appointed as



the Medical Student Representative to the Association for Surgical Education (ASE) Board of Directors!

Jane Wang, MD (top right), a PGY-3 general surgery resident and her mentors were awarded the UC Pancreatic Cancer Consortium Collaborative Pilot Award.

Laura Wong, MD, PhD (bottom left), a PGY-5 plastic surgery resident, **Jessica Gosnell, MD** (bottom middle), an endocrine surgeon, and **Clara Gomez-Sanchez, MD** (bottom right), a vascular surgery fellow, were awarded UCSF School of Medicine 2022 TEACH (Teaching Awards for Clinical Faculty) Awards.



This month's **spotlight** is on **Dr. Stephanie Wong**, an orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist at UCSF. Kaitlyn Julian, a first-year UCSF medical student, interviewed Dr. Wong. To read our prior **MSS Spotlights**, check out the Spotlights page [here](#) on the MSS website.

Up Next! Please save the date for some very exciting events:

April 29 (tomorrow!) - **HDFCCC Town Hall - Gender Equity Committee Report**

The Gender Equity Committee (GEC) formed in early 2021 to address underlying issues of gender equity which have been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. The GEC consists of representative members from the departments/divisions of Radiation Oncology, Hematology/Oncology, Pediatric Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Neuro-oncology, and the basic science departments, and includes staff, faculty, and trainee members. Their mission statement is: *"To promote and foster a supportive environment that advocates for the equitable advancement of women and gender minority leaders in cancer care, education, and research."*

Tomorrow, the GEC will present the results of the survey that was administered in Fall 2021 at the HDFCCC Town Hall. This is an incredibly timely topic and a great opportunity for all of us to think about the differences and commonalities in shared experiences as faculty members at HDFCCC. There will be an in-person cocktail hour and networking event to follow the Townhall, and all are invited.

[Please register](#) if you plan to attend either in person or virtually.

May 18 - **Department of Surgery Muriel Steele Society Grand Rounds** featuring Dr. Erika Rangel

[Dr. Rangel](#) is a UCSF alum, a surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and an assistant professor of surgery at Harvard Medical

School. She has done extensive work on motherhood during surgical training and practice. Check out [this](#) story from the New York Times about her work.

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

Also, Check out our MSS Twitter (@UCSFMSS) and Instagram (@murielsteelesociety_ucsf).



Thanks for reading!

Your **MSS Communications Committee**

Muriel Steele Society Spotlight Series

Dr. Stephanie Wong

Interview by Kaitlyn Julian

Kaitlyn Julian: What is one thing you know now that you wish you had known during training?

Dr. Stephanie Wong: One thing that I wish I had known during training was that the journey on this career of orthopedic surgery is just as hard as everybody says it's going to be on some days. However, the support that's out there for you is real. There's a lot of women who have walked this path for us. I think if I could tell my former self anything, it is that there are a lot of people out there who have gone through what we've gone through so look for them, reach out and ask for help - they're there to support you.

KJ: Who do you admire?

SW: Someone I admire a lot in the field of orthopedics is one of my medical school mentors Dr. Michelle James. She is a pediatric orthopedic surgeon at Shriners in Northern California and she's one of the first people I met and talked to about my interest in orthopedics. She looked at me and said if that's what you want to do, go for it. She told me that there were women who have blazed this path before and had tried to make the road easier for me - women such as herself and her colleagues. I felt immediately included, even as an early medical student. I also admire the way she leads. She is soft-spoken, but she carries a lot of power with that. She has a lot of influence behind her words and actions, and I really look up to her for those things.

KJ: What inspires you to do orthopedic sports medicine?

SW: One of the main reasons why I went into this field is because I really love to see patients getting back to the activities they want. For example, a young athlete getting back to playing soccer or somebody getting back skiing recreationally or a grandma being able to get back to gardening - those are all activities that make those people happy. I like to watch my patients get back to what they like to do and that's what makes me come to work every day.

KJ: What are your hobbies outside the hospital?

SW: I have a one-and-a-half-year-old Polish Lowland Sheep dog, his name is Kibo. He has definitely been both a hobby and a commitment. He is goofy, lovable and he just brings a smile to my face every time I walk through the door. He has certainly been one of my hobbies and we frequent many dog parks in San Francisco. I mentioned this earlier, I also really love eating desserts and I love skiing. I grew up skiing in Lake Tahoe and try to get up as much as I can, although the seasons are shorter and shorter nowadays.

The remainder of Dr. Wong's interview will be uploaded on our MSS website [here](#).



From MSS Members



Andre Campbell, MD, FACS,... · 4/8/22 ···

It was an honor to be there to inspire you on the start of your surgical journey

@UCSFSurgery, @ZSFGCare.

Congratulations on all your great accomplishments. You have made us all proud. Truly inspiring to see you do great things! Yes I still wear the boots. Mentoring matters!



Erika Rangel @ErikaRang... · 4/7/22

20 years ago this man inspired my love of surgery. In weeks I went from "I'd never do surgery, to I can't do anything BUT surgery." Plus, nobody styles galoshes like @TraumaDocSF.

#AmerSurg22 Who are you mentoring today? @UCSFSurgery



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Jennifer Reid, MD @JenReid... · 3/28/22 ...

Feeling empowered at the end of [#WomensHistoryMonth](#) ✨ by our trauma team of [#surgeonmamas](#) . 6 kids (3 infants!), 40 patients, 5 OR cases, all with alternating pump schedules 🍼💪 Just another fulfilling day @ZSFGCare

[#BreakTheBias](#) @UCSFMSS @UCSFSurgery @WomenSurgeons @willowpump – at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trau



Amanda Sammann and 2 others



↻ Muriel Steele Society Retweeted



Camilla Gomes, MD MSc @CGom... · 5d

This week our awesome R3s (pictured here is superstar Amandine) got to walk the R2s through kidney transplant anastomosis. Another kidney saved! What an amazing skills lab session, 10/10! @UCSFSkillsLab @UCSFSurgery – at UCSF Medical Center At Mount Zion



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The Muriel Steele Society is an inclusive community dedicated to inspiring, supporting, and promoting women 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 surgeons or medical students interested in surgery are included in the society but we recognize that some women 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](#). See what's coming up next on the [Muriel Steele Society's calendar of events](#).

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.