



MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY

JULY 2022 EVENTS AND UPDATES

Dear Muriel Steele Society Members,

Welcome to a new academic year! We hope that the warmer weather is allowing for some fun time with friends and family. While June was full of celebrations, there were also several significant challenges.

On June 24, The Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 ruling that for nearly 50 years had protected the constitutional right to choose an abortion. This verdict will criminalize abortion in many states, reduce access to reproductive health care, and put lives at risk. Along with chancellor Dr. Hawgood, we at MSS recognize our colleagues in the



Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences for their ongoing and brave leadership in the efforts to serve all those who seek our care. We pledge to teach and train the next generation of health care providers, and conduct research that saves and improves lives. Please join Dr. Hawgood on **Friday, July 8 at 4pm PST**, for a town hall titled "[After SCOTUS: The Future of Abortion Access](#)" to learn more about the Supreme Court decision and how it will affect UCSF's work.

To help provide a space and time to understand how we can help and move forward, members of MSS are teaming up to host an event aimed at answering questions, providing avenues for activism, and ways to utilize our privilege as physicians to help. For now, check out [this fantastic article](#) in UCSF Magazine, which highlights our very own UCSF leaders in reproductive health and cites some very interesting data about the perils of restricting abortion access. Stay tuned for more information about this important event in the coming weeks.



Over the past several months, parents have faced a shortage of safe infant formula, which has meant many have struggled (and are still struggling) to feed their babies. The Department of OB-GYN provided the UCSF community with [this important resource](#) for navigating the national infant shortage. A particularly grateful shout-out to the lactation consultants, who all did a great job of compiling this useful information.

Despite these challenges, June was also full of important milestones and celebrations.

We welcomed a new faculty member into the Muriel Steele Society. Welcome, **Dr. Bao-Quynh Julian!** Dr. Julian will be joining the UCSF faculty as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery at Mission Bay in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery focusing on microvascular reconstruction.



We celebrated our graduating chief residents who are members of MSS. Dr. Collins will be a fellow in Surgical Critical Care at UCSF, Dr. Kelly will pursue Transplant Surgery at Columbia, and Dr. Lancaster is one of the new Vascular Surgery fellows at UCSF. Congratulations, Drs. Collins, Kelly, and Lancaster!



June is also the kick off for our new academic year. Welcome to all the new residents and interns in Surgery! This exceptional, diverse group includes 49 surgical interns and one new preliminary PGY-2 resident.



In June, we also celebrated Juneteenth, a holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Juneteenth marks the anniversary of the announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army general Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas.

Several members of the UCSF MSS community won awards this past month - congrats to all!

Dr. Nancy Ascher was awarded with the annual Muriel Steele Society award for her trailblazing efforts to advance the field of surgery.

The Muriel Steele Society Award

UCSF Department of Surgery
2022

Presented to

Nancy Ascher, MD, PhD

In recognition of a trailblazing woman
for her efforts to
advance the field of surgery



- Chief resident in Plastic Surgery, **Dr. Laura Wong**, received the UCSF School of Medicine's 2022 T.E.A.C.H. (Teaching Awards for Clinical Faculty) Award.
- **Drs. Alexa Glencer** and **Nichole Starr** were awarded the William P. Schecter Trauma Resident Award for their exceptional care for patients at ZSFG.
- **Dr. Yvonne Kelly**'s contributions and her dedication to going above and beyond in support of her fellow residents was recognized with the Evan C. Lodestar Award. Dr. Kelly was also awarded the Lawrence W. Way Critical Thinking Award (along with her co-chief, Dr. Andrew Wisneski) and the Haile T. Debas Resident Teaching award.
- **Dr. Caitlin Collins** was awarded The Chesson Compassion Award for her outstanding compassion toward patients and families.
- **Dr. Elizabeth Lancaster** received the Nusz Achievement Award (along with her co-chief, Dr. Michael Zobel) for their outstanding clinical work, teaching, and research efforts, and for showing great promise as future leaders in academic surgery.
- The graduating chief residents in General Surgery recognized **Dr. Hueylan Chern** with the Lim-Thomas Excellence in Teaching Award.





Stay tuned for a new Spotlight next month! 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:

August 13th - MSS Welcome Event

Join members of MSS in Golden Gate Park for some stretching, yoga, and hanging out!

September 13th - MSS Research Symposium

More details as we approach the event

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**

From MSS Members

UCSF Surgery and Rebecca Plevin liked
Andre Campbell, MD, FACS, FACP, FCCM, MA... @TraumaD... · 1h ...
Honored to participate in this important session! @UCSFSurgery and @UCSFMedicine Grand Rounds

Carlos del Rio @CarlosdelRio7 · 2h
Terrific @UCSFMedicine Grand Rounds today on Gun Violence with @JahanFahimi @rplevin & @TraumaDocSF



MSS's Dr. Plevin joins the discussion on Gun Violence as part of UCSF Internal Medicine Grand Rounds.



UCSF Surgery @UCSFSurgery · Jun 28



!! In more inspiring news, Thoracic Surgeon & Assistant Professor of Surgery Dr. Melissa Coleman @MelissaHColeman has accepted a new Medical Leadership position and is now the Director of @UCSFMedicine's Clinical Immersive Experiences (CIEx) 🙌🙌



Congrats, Dr. Coleman, on this amazing accomplishment!

UCSF Surgery Retweeted

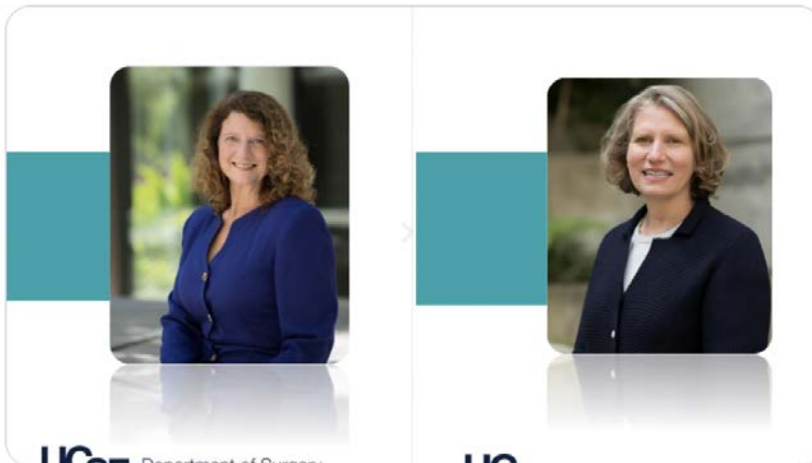


UCSF GS Residency @UCSFGSResidency · Jun 23



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Faculty members Dr. Kim Kirkwood and Dr. Liza Wick were honored by @UCSF medical students for their excellence in clinical education and for modeling exceptional patient care.



UCSF medical students selected Drs. Kirkwood and Wick as excellent clinical educators!

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Yvonne Kelly @ymkelly · Jun 20

3 years research @DJuliusSF lab.

4 years medical school @UCSFMedicine.

7 years general surgery residency @UCSFGSResidency.

Closed out 14 years @UCSF on trauma surgery @ZSFGCare! Humbled, grateful, and proud.

Next up, abdominal transplant fellowship @ColumbiaSurgery!



Congrats to graduating chief resident and MSS member, Dr. Yvonne Kelly! UCSF will certainly miss you.



UCSF Surgery @UCSFSurgery · Jun 15

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!! Congratulations to 👩 Dr. Esther Kim, our Associate Program Director of Plastic Surgery @UCSFPlastics & Residency Co-Director of the Microsurgery Fellowship. She was announced as 1 of 3 faculty members named awardees for the 2021-2022 GME Excellence and Innovation Award 🎉🎉



Congratulations, Dr. Kim, on your GME Excellence and Innovation Award!



What an honor to host surgery legend, Dr. Ledgerwood! Thanks to Dr. Knudson for hosting this amazing Grand Rounds.

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.