



JANUARY 2023 EVENTS AND UPDATES

Dear Muriel Steele Society Members,

Happy 2023! We hope that this year brings you health, happiness, and much success.

We'd like to share a few updates from our members. If you have something you'd like to share with MSS, please email the Communications Committee (alexis.colley@ucsf.edu or maria.romerohernandez@ucsf.edu). We welcome updates big and small, personal or professional, and serious or silly!

In April, **Dr. Varma** of Colorectal Surgery (and her husband, Dr. Terdiman of Gastroenterology) were honored by the **SF Fire Department** for their care of firefighters with colorectal cancer at their annual White Helmet Gala. The white helmet is the highest honor for a firefighter. There was a bagpipe procession, and one of Dr. Varma's own patients bestowed the white helmet award to honor and thank her!

The SF Fire Department Cancer Prevention Foundation is a national leader in the prevention and early detection of cancer in active and retired firefighters. The funds raised through the Igniting Hope Gala are a major source of funding for research, early detection efforts, and patient assistance. If you would like to donate or learn more about the program, go to: <https://www.sffcpf.org/>.





We would also like to congratulate the **UCSF Divisions of Abdominal Transplant and Adult and Pediatric CT Surgery** on reaching the milestone of the 20,000th transplant! This milestone has been reached by less than a handful of centers in the entire U.S. and could not have been reached without the dedication and hard work of our teams: nurses, physicians, surgeons, anesthesiologists, surgical and perfusion techs, social workers, pharmacists, and administrators, and most importantly the organ donors who have provided the gift of life.

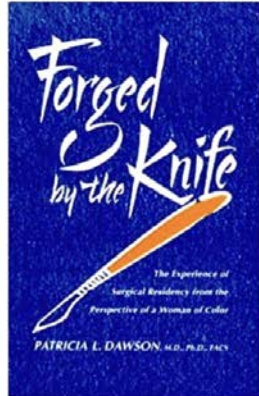
MSS is proud to recognize our members in the Divisions of Abdominal Transplant and Adult and Pediatric CT Surgery.



Below are some highlights from the 2022 [Physician Just Equity](#) (PJE) newsletter, sent in by the Founder & Executive Director of PJE, Dr. Pringl Miller. Physician Just Equity exists to provide peer-support to physicians and surgeons in the United States who experience workplace conflicts, through education, research, empowerment and advocacy - Championing a Balanced Resolution - while facilitating institutional culture change that optimizes patient care. You can access the entirety of the 2022 newsletter [here](#).

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Dr. Patricia L. Dawson's book Forged by the Knife

The Experience of Surgical Residency from the Perspective of a Woman of Color



Publications

NBC NEWS ARTICLE - A New York Surgeon's Lawsuit Highlights Gender Discrimination in the Medical Profession

HASTINGS FORUM ESSAY - Experiencing Racism: Health Care Professionals Speak Out

STAT OPINION - Breaking the 'Corporate Medical Playbook' that Silences Physicians' Reports of Inequity

GENERAL SURGERY NEWS - Most Read Article - Surgical Career Attrition: The Elephant in the Room

Save The Date

Check your email and the [MSS calendar](#) for exciting upcoming events!



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 themurielsteesociety@ucsf.edu.

Check out our MSS Twitter (@UCSFMSS) and Instagram (@murielsteesociety_ucsf).

Thanks for reading!
Your **MSS Communications Committee**

From MSS Members



 [murielstelesociety_ucsf](#) 🍪🍪 COOKIE PARTY 🍪🍪
Hosted by our amazing co-chair Dr. Varma, we had a great time learning to decorate cookies and eating delicious food!
#wellness #mentorship



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Thank you to @ZSFGCare trauma team!! @UCSFSurgery

Lucy Zumwinkle Kornblith, MD, F... @LucyKornb... · Dec 24, 2022
San Francisco's Christmas Eve trauma team. We are wishing everyone a peaceful, joyful, and safe holiday @ZSFGCare @UCSF @UCSFSurgery



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UCSF Surgery @UCSFSurgery · Dec 20, 2022

1/2 !! Research Duo Highlight 4 Dr. Mohamed Adam @mohamedadamMD & his mentee surgical resident Dr. Patricia Conroy @PatriciaCConroy study outcomes after oncologic resection of HPB malignancies using big data and novel statistical methods

RESEARCH DUOS

Pair 4



Dr. Mohamed A. Adam

Mohamed Adam, M.D., is a Surgical Oncologist and Founder and Principal Investigator of the UCSF Department of Surgery Hepatopancreatobiliary (HPB) Health Services Research (HSR) Group. Dr. Adam mentors a diverse range of medical students and surgical trainees in studies leveraging large datasets and machine learning methods aiming to identify strategies to improve outcomes for patients with HPB malignancies.



Dr. Patricia C. Conroy

Patricia C. Conroy, M.D., is a Senior General Surgery Resident in the UCSF Department of Surgery and is pursuing a surgical career in endocrine surgery. Dr. Conroy was the first resident, head of the Hepatopancreatobiliary Health Services Research Group in 2020. Her research involves examining factors associated with improved outcomes after oncologic resection in an effort to identify targets for prospective study.



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.