



# MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY

Dear Muriel Steele Society Members,

In February we celebrate Black History Month, a time to honor the triumphs and struggles of African Americans.



On February 3rd, we also celebrated and honored the path that women doctors have paved since 1849 as we recognize National Women Physicians Day



Last month, we hosted our Annual Research Symposium: "Exploring Different Research Pathways". We thank our panelists for their wisdom: Dr. Valerie Waver, Dr. Simon Chu, Dr. Sara Ackerman, Dr. Alexis Colley, Dr. Amrita Basu, and Dr. Mignote Yilma.

A special thank you to Vanessa Mora, Katherine Miclau, and Fernanda Romero for moderating this event!



We want to invite you to the 13th Annual International Women in Surgery Career Symposium, taking place on February 24-26 in Florida.

The symposium will feature keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops led by respected leaders in the field of surgery including our Chair Dr. Julie Ann Sosa.

For more information: [shorturl.at/qwNTU](https://shorturl.at/qwNTU)

Last month Dr. Sammann and Dr. Plevin were awarded the California Violence Prevention (CalVIP) Grant of 3.77 million dollars. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to their tireless efforts in promoting violence prevention and community safety. We are proud to recognize the contributions of Dr. Sammann and Dr. Plevin and look forward to the positive outcomes their work will bring. Well done!



We would also like to congratulate Dr. Yilma for receiving the Poster of Distinction Award at the 2023 American Society of Transplant Surgeons. This recognition is a testament to Dr. Yilma's exceptional expertise, commitment, and dedication to the field of transplant surgery. Congratulations!

Thanks for reading!

Your MSS Communications Committee

## Save The Date



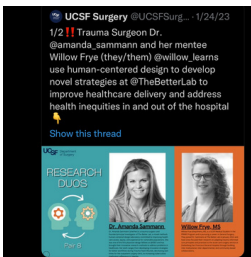
MSS Journal Club on Intimate Partner Violence with Dr. Hannah Decker at 7 pm.



## FROM MSS MEMBERS



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



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 [themurielsteelsociety@ucsf.edu](mailto:themurielsteelsociety@ucsf.edu).

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 [themurielsteelsociety@ucsf.edu](mailto:themurielsteelsociety@ucsf.edu). For more information about the Muriel Steele Society, please visit our website or follow us on Twitter.

Have an opportunity or event that you'd like to share with the MSS membership? Email us at [themurielsteelsociety@ucsf.edu](mailto:themurielsteelsociety@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](mailto:mika.varma@ucsf.edu)) or Lucy Kornblith ([Lucy.Kornblith@ucsf.edu](mailto:Lucy.Kornblith@ucsf.edu)) for more information.