



MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY


Dear Muriel Steele Society Members,

This month we celebrate the beginning of Women's History and Gender Equality Month. Check out [IWD2023](https://womenofucsfhealth.ucsf.edu) Events put on by Women of UCSF Health at <https://womenofucsfhealth.ucsf.edu>


WHY DO WE CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH?
 Women's History Month is a month dedicated to reflecting on the contributions of women to American history. This celebration evolved from a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history, and society hosted in Sonoma, California in 1978. The concept spread among towns and organizations nationwide until 1980, when President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation designating March 8 as National Women's History Week

Women's History at UCSF


Dr. Nancy Ascher, MD PhD
 Dr. Ascher, founder of the liver transplant program at UCSF, was the first woman to perform a liver transplant.




Dr. M. Margaret Knudson, MD
 Dr. Knudson was the second woman to work as a trauma surgeon at ZSFG. In 2021, she received the American College of Surgeons Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Inspiring Women in Surgery Award.



Dr. Laura Esserman, MD MBA
 Dr. Esserman, Director of the Breast Care Center and Clinical Leader of the NCI-designated Breast Oncology Program, was named one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2016.



Dr. Emma O. Chong, MD
 Dr. Chong was the first Chinese woman ophthalmic surgeon graduating from UCSF medical school in 1939 and continuing on to the residency program with the Department of Ophthalmology.







As we approach March 14th, we are reminded of the importance of Equal Pay Day. This day represents the point in the year when women's wages finally catch up to what men earned in the previous year. In other words, women have to work an additional three months and fourteen days to earn the same amount that men did in twelve months.

Congratulations



We would like to congratulate **Dr. Laura Esserman** for receiving the 2023 Leader of the Year Award. The Center for Conscientious Leadership Leader of the Year Award honors an individual that exemplifies our values of Purpose, Character and Courage and has had a significant and lasting Impact in their field.



March 8th is International Women's Day! This year's campaign theme is **#EmbraceEquity**. Don't forget to share a photo with us of you and your colleagues embracing equity!

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.

UCSF Surgery @UCSFSurgery · Feb 24

Today and every day, we are grateful to the residents in @UCSFSurgery's #SurgicalResidency programs for their extraordinary service and dedication. One of the many highlights is witnessing your development. #SurgEd #ThankAResidentDay

UCSF Surgery @UCSFSurgery · Feb 23

!! Congratulations to @Dr.LauraEsserman, Breast Surgeon and @UCSFHospitals Breast Care Center Director. Dr. Esserman has been selected to receive the Center for Conscientious Leadership 2023 Leader of the Year Award and will be honored on March 17, 2023, in Menlo Park, Ca 🇺🇸

Julie A Sosa, MD @Jasosamd · Feb 11

'Light will be shed when our world is led by leaders ahead of headlines. These women stand up knowing the wind not by where it is but by where it is blowing, leading worlds not by how society is but by where change is going' with SCIENCE! -A Gorman #WomenInScience #WomenInSTEM

Aaron Jensen @arjensend · Feb 9

The impact of #firearm injury extends well beyond mortality. @C_Melhado presents work demonstrating significant functional impairment in pediatric non-fatal firearm injury. #ASC2023 @AcademicSurgery @UCSFSurgery @UCSFMSS @UCSFGSResidency @UCSFBeniofOAK @UCSFChildrens

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 themurielstealesociety@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 themurielstealesociety@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 themurielstealesociety@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.