



MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY

Dear faculty and learners,

It's hard to believe that another academic year is just around the corner in late June. Congratulations to the incoming interns and the graduating chief residents!

Please note, we have made a correction to the honor roll to include Dr. Escobar. We apologize for the omission.



2023 MSS Honor Roll



Please join us in congratulating the faculty and residents honored as part of the annual Muriel Steele Society Honor Roll. This award celebrates influential and inspiring women faculty, fellows, and residents in surgery and surgical subspecialties.

Faculty:

Carter Lebares, MD
 Doris Wang, MD, PhD
 Elizabeth Wick, MD
 Gerami Seitzman, MD
 Jennifer Reid, MD
 Joanne Gras, MD
 Jolie Chang, MD
 Kristina Rosbe, MD
 Lan Vu, MD, MAS
 Lindsey Hampson, MD, MAS
 Marissa Boeck, MD, MPH
 Megan Durr, MD
 Michele Bloomer, MD
 Patricia Loftus, MD
 Sanziana Roman, MD
 Sima Porten, MD, MPH,
 Traci Ito, MD
 Tasce Bongiovanni, MD, MPP, MHS

Fellows/Residents:

Alexis Colley, MD, MS
 Alison Baskin, MD
 Audrey Brown, MD
 Ava Yap, MD, MHS
 Camille Rogine, MD
 Caroline Stephens, MD, MPH
 Caroline Melhado, MD
 Dominique Escobar, MD
 Elizabeth Lancaster, MD, MAS
 Fernanda Romero-Hernandez, MD
 Hillary Braun, MD, MAS
 Hirra Ali, MD
 Katherine Sanders, MD
 Laura Barnes, MD
 Mackenzie Boss, MD
 Mary Fakunle, MD
 Meera Chappidi, MD, MPH
 Micha Cheng, MD
 Mignote Yilma, MD, MSc
 Shelby Bowman, DDS, MD

Congratulations!

MSS celebrates our award-winning faculty:



Dr. Carter Lebares was awarded the 2022-23 Long-Term Mentor Award, nominated by her mentee, Anya Edwards



Dr. Esther Kim received the 2022-23 Long-Term Mentor Award. Dr. Kim was nominated by her mentee, Siyou Song.



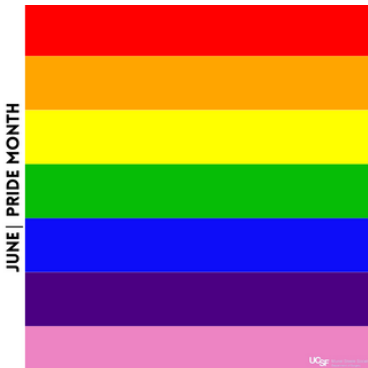
Dr. Sanziana Roman received the 2022-23 Long-Term Mentor Award. Dr. Kim was nominated by her mentee, Chris Johnson



Juneteenth is June 19th!

Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It marks the day on June 19, 1865, when enslaved African Americans were informed that they were free - 2.5 years after President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation!

Join MSS in celebrating Pride Month during June!



Why do we celebrate Pride Month in June?

The Stonewall riots began on June 28, 1969 and marked a turning point in the LGBTQ movement for civil rights. The riot began when a group of people at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City, were being harassed by police officers. The harassment by police wasn't new to the bar's patrons, but that night the community rose up against it. The decision of a few brave Stonewall Inn patrons to fight back and stand against police brutality and injustice kicked off days of demonstrations throughout the city to protest the discrimination and mistreatment of gay and lesbian communities.

Source: PBS.org

UCSF has begun implementing the University of California's Gender Recognition and Lived Name (GRLN) policy, aligning with their PRIDE Values to create an inclusive environment. The policy allows individuals to be recognized with their accurate gender identity and lived name, offering at least three gender options and the ability to use lived names in the UC system. The goal is to fully implement the policy by June 2024, emphasizing the importance of using correct names, pronouns, and fostering a sense of belonging for everyone in the UCSF community. For more info scan this code





Congratulations to Dr. Lucy Kornblith, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Trauma Surgeon, Director of Gender Equity and co-chair of the Muriel Steele Society, for receiving the Esteemed Holly Smith Award for Exceptional Service to the School of Medicine.

Lloyd Holly Smith Award for Exceptional Service to the School of Medicine was established in 2000 to recognize exceptional career service that has resulted in broad and long-lasting benefit to the School of Medicine. The award is named for Lloyd Holly Smith, Jr., whose 35-year career as chair of medicine and associate dean exemplified such an outstanding career effort.



Spotlight

Check out our latest Spotlight featuring an interview with Dr. Merisa Piper by medical student, Elizabeth Danial.

Check out the preview below!



ED: What are you most proud of? Personally and/or professionally?

MP: Personally, by far my family. No matter what is going on in the world, they fill me with joy. Even if they're being little boogers, I'm just obsessed with them.

Professionally, I have built a practice that I really love. My practice is 100% reconstructive microsurgery for patients with cancer. It is the kind of practice I dreamed I would have as a resident. And now, I'm actually doing it. It is way harder than I could have ever, ever anticipated. But it is also amazing. And that's beautiful.

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UCSF Health Policy



Dr. Rosbe is chief of UCSF's pediatric otolaryngology division



Dr. Livingston is a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon

MSS congratulates Drs. Kristina W. Rosbe and Kristin Livingston for creating and championing the newly approved UCSF Health Policy on Block Time Protection for Surgeons Taking Extended Leave.

This policy aims to:

- (1) Protect the surgeon taking leave from loss of block time upon return to work.
- (2) Optimize utilization of that designated block time during the leave.
- (3) Clarify best practice as “good citizens” of the perioperative community.

Thanks for reading,
MSS Communications Committee

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.

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. 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.