



# MURIEL STEELE SOCIETY

Dear faculty and learners,

It is hard to believe that summer is winding down - school starts soon, tomatoes are getting ripe, and Fall is right around the corner. We hope you all have enjoyed some time outside and good weather.



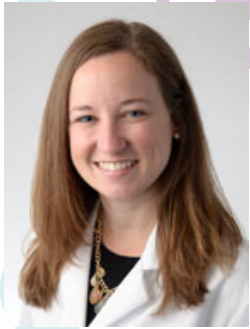
## Congratulations!

This year, the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) recognized two of our UCSF MSS colleagues:

Dr. Lygia Stewart received the Dr. Olga Jonasson Distinguished Member Award, which recognizes an AWS member who, through outstanding mentorship, enables and encourages women surgeons to realize their personal and professional goals.



Dr. Nichole Starr won the Dr. Hilary Sanfey Outstanding Resident Award, which recognizes a resident in general surgery or surgery subspecialty training who who demonstrate potential as future leaders in surgery



Dr Lucy Zumwinkle Kornblith has been awarded a 5-year \$2 million NIH Maximizing Investigator's Research Award (R35) through the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

This notable R-level funding mechanism is aimed at maximizing investigators' research by providing greater stability, flexibility, and longer grant periods than traditional ROIs thereby enhancing scientific productivity and the chances for important breakthroughs among the nation's most promising investigators. Dr. Kornblith's award, "The Platelet Transcriptome and Organ Failure After Injury: Discovering Molecular Biomarkers and Preventative Targets through Interrogating Novel RNA Modifications" seeks to reimagine how we understand, measure, and intervene on early alterations in platelets after injury by focusing on the platelet transcriptome to explore prediction and prevention of organ failure among patients who initially survive their injuries, and to identify RNA modification targets that can be tested in model systems.



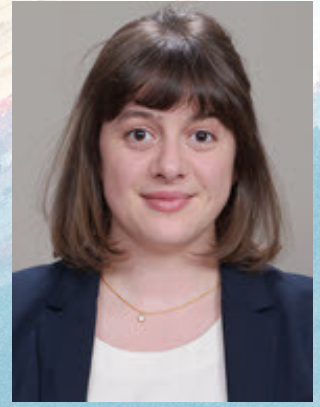
# Welcome New Fellows!



Hillary Braun, MD, MAS  
Abdominal  
Transplantation



Tamandra Morgan, MD  
Breast Surgical  
Oncology



Gabriella Grisotti, MD, PhD  
Pediatric Surgery



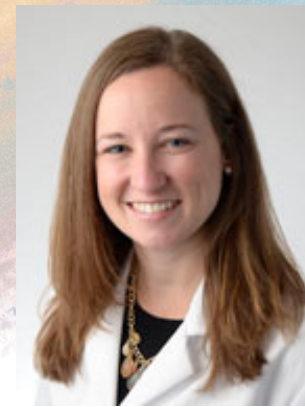
Jessica W. Thiesmeyer, MD  
Endocrine Surgery



Annie Tang, MD  
Breast Surgical Oncology



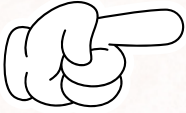
Elizaveta Minko, MD  
Surgical Critical Care




Nichole Starr, MD, MPH  
Surgical Critical Care



Together with Dr. Rosanna Wustrack of Orthopedics, medical student Dayana Shariff, are conducting a research study to learn more about the sense of diversity and belonging in orthopedic surgery perceived among Muslim medical students, surgical residents, and surgical faculty who wear the Hijab. You are invited you to participate. To participate in a 15-minute online survey, please visit <https://redcap.link/u474ilmb> or email [Dayana.Shariff@ucsf.edu](mailto:Dayana.Shariff@ucsf.edu) for more information



MSS Hijabs available for medical students! Please contact Dr. Matt Lin ([matthew.lin@ucsf.edu](mailto:matthew.lin@ucsf.edu)) to receive one.



## Fertility Planning Resources

Under the leadership of Dr. Lan Vu, along with Dr. Plevin and Dr. Alexandra Hight, the UCSF Parenting in Surgery website has been updated to include information and resources on fertility care! See here. The info is a work in progress and we can add with time.

We have also added the list of mentors who can be contacted with questions related to fertility care.



**UCSF**  
Parenting in Surgery

Mark  
YOUR  
Calendar



Crafting Impactful Research: An  
Insider's Workshop Series on  
Manuscript Writing

NOVEMBER 1ST



Through the Editor's Lens: Insights and  
Guidance for Publishing in Academic  
Journals

6:30- 8:00 pm/ Katherine Miclau (MS2)

- Dr. Julie Ann Sosa & Dr. Sandy Feng

NOVEMBER 8TH



Mastering the Art of Scientific  
Manuscript Writing

6:30-8:00 pm/Vanessa Mora (MS4)

- Dr. Pamela Derish

**UCSF** Muriel Steele Society  
Department of Surgery

# From our members



[ucsfplasticsurgery](#)

This past weekend, our interns went to the [@plasticsurgeryasps](#) Intern Bootcamp to learn more about plastic surgery, practice their skill sets, and meet other plastic surgery residents around the country!



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mika.varma@ucsf.edu)) or Lucy Kornblith ([Lucy.Kornblith@ucsf.edu](mailto:Lucy.Kornblith@ucsf.edu)) for more information.