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WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR

As we move into 2013, we can see that the department is as strong as ever. This last quarter began the Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. A large number of Stanford people were presenting at various parts of the meeting and their participation is noted in this newsletter.

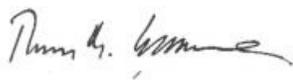
As our senior faculty continue to win awards as marked by Michael Longaker's accomplishments, we can see that some of the newest members of the Stanford surgical community are bringing recognition. Derrick Wan joins a long list of Stanford faculty who have received the ACS Faculty Research Awards, and Joe Forrester is breaking new ground for not just Stanford Surgery, but for all of surgery with his CDC Fellowship.

There are also a number of exciting developments in the residency program with the initiation of the Stanford Accelerated Surgeon Scientist track and the new international elective in Zimbabwe.

The holidays gave us a chance to gather and celebrate being part of this tremendous department. A terrific time was had by all at the Holiday Party as Jeff Norton led the way to the dance floor as usual. This time of year provides us with a chance to reflect on all of the great things we have in our lives for which to be thankful, family, friends and colleagues.

The future continues to look bright for Stanford Surgery and we look forward to matching the next class of surgical trainees in the upcoming quarter.

Happy New Year to you and yours,



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Michael Longaker given the Sheen Award



Dr. Michael T. Longaker was awarded the Dr. Rodman E. and Thomas G. Sheen Award. Dr. Longaker is currently the Deane P. and Louise Mitchell Professor of Surgery and Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery. He is Director of the Program in Regenerative Medicine and of Children's Surgical Research. He is also Co-Director of the Institute of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine. Dr. Longaker earned his undergraduate degree at the Michigan State University where he also played on the team that won the 1979 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. He went on to earn his MD at Harvard Medical School and trained in general surgery at UCSF during which he performed research in the Fetal Treatment Program with Dr. Michael

Harrison. He subsequently trained in plastic surgery at NYU and in craniofacial surgery at UCLA. He was the John Marquise Converse Professor in Plastic Surgery Research at NYU prior to being recruited to Stanford in 2000.

Dr. Longaker has had a tremendous career resulting in the highest recognition from the leading medical, surgical and scientific organizations in this country. He received the Flance-Karl Award from the American Surgical Association and the Jacobson Investigator Award from the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the Society of University Surgeons, of which he was past-President, the American Surgical Association, American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians and the Institutes of Medicine of the National Academies.

The Sheen Award was started in 1938 by Thomas Sheen in the memory of his brother, Dr. Rodman Sheen, a pioneer in the field of radiology, to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to mankind in medicine and medical research. Past winners have included Drs. Thomas Starzl and Judah Folkman, and Nobel Laureate and NIH Director, Dr. Francis Collins. Previous awardees also include Dr. Norman Shumway. Our congratulations to Dr. Longaker on another remarkable achievement.

Stanford at the ACS in Chicago



At left, Stephanie Chao, Mediget Teshome, Greg Magee and Owen Palmer in front of Anish Kapoor's Cloud Gate in Millennium Park, Chicago.



At right, Stephanie Chao receives her award from the AWS for Outstanding Resident. Below left, Sepideh Gholami wins the AWS award for Top Resident Poster. Below right, Stephanie with her husband, Brian Eule, at the awards dinner.





Derrick Wan awarded ACS Faculty Research Fellowship

The American College of Surgeons awarded the Franklin H. Martin Faculty Research Fellowship to Derrick Wan, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Plastic Surgery for his proposal entitled, "Epigenetic regulation of adipose-derived stromal cell differentiation."

Dr. Wan got his undergraduate degree at Stanford and an MD from Columbia. He did his internship at NYU and completed his general surgery residency at UCSF during which he worked as a post-doctoral fellow with Dr Michael Longaker at Stanford. He trained in plastic surgery at UCLA followed by advanced training in the craniofacial surgery fellowship at UCLA and the microsurgery fellowship at Chang Gung Hospital in Taiwan. He came back to Stanford as an Assistant Professor in 2011.



Joseph Forrester awarded CDC Fellowship

Dr. Joe Forrester was awarded a two-year fellowship in the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the US Center for Disease Control. These are competitive fellowships geared at post-doctoral training in applied epidemiology. Fellows participate field investigations of epidemic outbreaks worldwide.

Dr. Forrester represents the first surgeon selected for this selective program. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder followed by medical school at the University of Virginia. He has had a longstanding interest in infectious diseases and also earned a Masters of Science in Infectious Diseases from the University of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine while he was a medical student. He is currently a PGY-2 in the department. Please congratulate him on his achievement.



Dana Lin wins ACS Excellence in Research Award

During the Surgical Forum of the ACS Clinical Congress, awards are given to the top presentation in each category. This year, the Excellence in Research Award in the Education category was given to Dr. Dana Lin.

Dr. Lin received her MD from the University of Buffalo and went on to complete her general surgical residency at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. At the completion of her residency, she did a fellowship in endocrine surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital. She came to Stanford in 2011 to do the education fellowship to prepare herself for a role as an academic endocrine surgeon and surgical educator in the future. Her research has been on the design and implementation of skills curricula for medical students and residents.

Holiday Parties

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2 Jeff Norton and Jeff Jopling

3 Cindy Kin and Sepideh Gholami

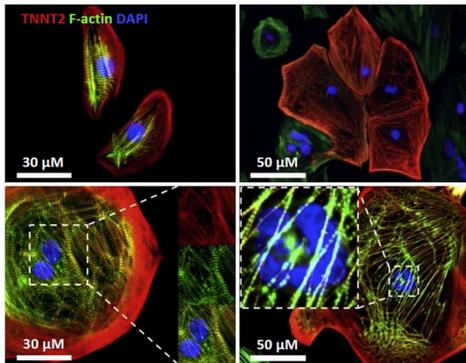
4 Maureen Tedesco and Andy Shelton

5 Yulia Zak, Jeff Norton, Sepideh Gholami, and Yijun Chen



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Creating a fast track for new residents with advanced training

The SASS track will allow qualified applicants the chance to complete their residency without the standard 2 years of professional development time.

Stanford has always received a significant number of residency applicants with high levels of achievement prior to starting. In recognition of their past record, we have created the Stanford Accelerated Surgical Scientist (SASS) track. We have reserved one spot for the SASS track, which is comprised of the same 5 clinical years of surgical training as the standard track and no professional development time.

We are seeking applicants who have made significant contributions to a related professional or scientific field and are interested in applying for government grants immediately after completing their clinical training. SASS track residents will be assigned both clinical and research mentors to help guide their careers. Candidates competitive for this position would include those that have previously earned a PhD and successfully published their work. Successful applicants will not be limited to those whose work is in basic science, and major work in any area related to surgery will be considered.



A new international elective in Zimbabwe

In response to resident interest in global surgical issues and opportunities, the residency program is pleased to announce this new rotation.

Under the leadership of Drs. Marc Melcher and Sherry Wren, Stanford residents will now be offered the opportunity to do an international elective at Parirenyatwa Hospital (pictured above) in Zimbabwe under Professor Godfrey Muguti, FRCS. The hospital is affiliated with the University of Zimbabwe, the only medical school in the country, and serves as the trauma center and tertiary referral center for the entire country.

Stanford residents will serve on the general surgery ward as a house officer. In addition to learning how to function in a low resource environment and seeing the advanced stage pathology that presents under these circumstances, the Stanford residents will also be involved as educators for medical students and lower level surgical trainees in the Zimbabwean medical system.

It is believed that this will enhance the clinical decision making and physical exam skills of the residents while enhancing their cultural competency. They are expected to serve as ambassadors of US surgery and of Stanford surgery.



In Memoriam: Caroline Graham-Lamberts (1982-2012)

The wife of resident Remy Lamberts passes away after a long battle with cancer.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Caroline Graham-Lamberts on October 28, 2012. Caroline was the wife of PGY2 resident Remy Lamberts. Caroline was born in Las Vegas, NV and earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Nevada Reno followed by a medical degree from the University of Nevada School of Medicine. At the time of her passing after a four year long battle with breast cancer, Caroline was an intern in pediatrics at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford.

In addition to a celebration of life held in Las Vegas, a memorial service was held for Caroline at Stanford on December 11.

A Caroline Graham Pediatric Advocacy Fund has been set up in Caroline's honor. Contributions can be sent to the Stanford Development Services Gift Processing, P.O. Box 20466, Stanford, CA 94309.

We extend our sincere condolences to Remy and Caroline's family.



From the Program Director

With Match Day coming up in March, we finished interviewing nearly 90 excellent candidates for the General Surgery Residency. This year we are offering 5 standard general surgery spots. Those matching into these positions will do 5 clinical years and 2 years of *Professional Development* time during which they will be able to take advantages of all the rich opportunities available at Stanford University. As described in this issue, we are also offering the Stanford Accelerated Surgeon Scientist (SASS) spot for individuals who have already had made significant contributions to a related professional or academic field. This individual will skip the professional development time. Once again the applicant pools for both tracks have been outstanding. Thanks go to Anita Hagan, JoAnn Smithson, and Patricia Raines for all their hard work that ensured that the interview days went smoothly.

At the other end of residency we proudly recognize the success of the current chiefs (Drs Chao, Chen, Magee, Palmer, Pickham, and Teshome). Not surprisingly, all six have matched into very competitive fellowships. We will collectively get a chance to reflect on the contributions they made to our program at their graduation in June.

Finally, the issue describes our newest and boldest rotation, a 3rd year elective in Zimbabwe. Thanks goes to Dr. Wren for her work it making this rotation a reality. Drs. Cloyd and Salles will be our first residents/ambassadors at Parirenyatwa Hospital.

Best wishes in the New Year!

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Fellowship Matches for Graduating Chief Residents

The current class of Stanford chief residents have had another highly successful year in the fellowship match. All of this year's chief residents will be obtaining advanced training and all matched to great programs.

Stephanie Chao - pediatric surgery,
Stanford

Yijun Chen - minimally invasive surgery,
Duke

Greg McGee - trauma/critical care, USC

Owen Palmer - vascular surgery, USC

Danielle Pickham - colorectal surgery,
Ochsner Clinic

Mediget Teshome - breast oncologic
surgery, MD Anderson

The Greg Feldman Residency Balance in Life Program

Balance in Life is a program that encompasses physical as well as psychological well-being, while teaching team building, belonging, and mentoring. The goal is to give residents the coping skills they will be able to use throughout their career in surgery. Donations to the program help to fund maintenance of a residents' lounge, and activities meant to build comradery.

Donations can be made online at the Department of Surgery web site or sent to: Stephanie Edelman, Dept. of Surgery, Stanford Medical Center, 300 Pasteur Dr., Rm M-121, Stanford, CA 94305-2200. Phone (650) 725-6493, sedelman@stanford.edu

Notable Events

Happenings at Stanford and among our alumni

Saif ('11) and Sumera Ghole welcomed their second daughter Liyana Sophia on September 9, 2012.

Ron Jou ('12) and Angeline Lim announced the birth of their new son, Ansel Garrison on November 7, 2012.

Homero and Jenifer Rivas announced the birth of their new daughter, Emma.

Brendan and Carmen Visser announced the impending arrival of a new sibling for their baby daughter.

Tim Sweeney announced his engagement to Jenna Feistritz on September 30, 2012.

Ellen Morrow ('12) announced her engagement to Joseph Tonna.

Stanford Residency Alumni

We take this opportunity to ask you to reengage with the place where you trained. The Stanford Department of Surgery has a long, rich heritage of which you are an important part. Please take the time to fill out the response form below to let us know where you are now and how you are doing. Send the form via mail, or fax to:

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