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The quarterly newsletter of the Stanford University General Surgery Residency Program for members, faculty, alumni and friends.

A Quarterly Newsletter

Fall, 2016

A new group of residents

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Several events to end the year and the conferring of several awards

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The Stanford General Surgery Residency Class of 2016 graduated this past summer. They represent another group of highly accomplished individuals for

whom we have high expectations for their careers. Each is moving on to their next step in their professional growth and development, and we wish them

the best for their future. To learn more about them, see page 4 for short individual profiles of this year's graduation chiefs.

FROM THE CHAIR

The fall brings sunny days, football weekends and resident recruiting season at Stanford Surgery! As we begin to sort through the applications, I am amazed at the talent and passion of students pursuing a career in surgery today. It is a tremendous honor and responsibility to train the future leaders in surgery and one that our faculty take very seriously at Stanford.

Our new Surgical Health Services Research Unit is beginning to take shape. Dr. Arden Morris joined the faculty to lead the unit and is joined by Dr. Alex Sox-Harris, an implementation scientist. We continue to recruit and develop this center to allow Stanford surgeons to contribute to and shape healthcare policy and quality for our patients.

At the American College of Surgeons, Stanford residents are widely represented in the Scientific Forum program. We will also celebrate Dr. Wren awarding of the Olga Jonasson Distinguished Member Award from the Association of Women Surgeons.

Stanford Surgery had the honor to host the Inaugural Society of Asian Academic Surgeons meeting in September. Over 100 academic surgeons and trainees from across the country attended, an impressive showing for the first meeting! Dr. Cindy Kin was the local arrangements chair for the meeting. A mix of scientific presentations and professional development programs were rounded out by fun social outings.

Speaking of fun social outings, I hope to see you at the Stanford Surgery Alumni Reception Monday evening. We appreciate your allegiance to the program and all that you do. Stay engaged and involved in Stanford surgery. Your success and support is key for our future.

Warm regards,

Mary I Hawn M.D.

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Department of Surgery
Stanford University School of Medicine*

Meet the Incoming Residents

Categorical Interns

Ioana Baiu, MD, MPH - Harvard University



Ioana was born in Romania and came here for college. After earning her MD and MPH at Harvard, she completed the pediatrics residency at Boston Children's Hospital before realizing surgery was

her calling. She is this year's SASS resident.

Julia Chandler, MD - Stanford University



Julia grew up in Palo Alto before heading to Harvard for college. She spent a year in Teach for America followed by a Fulbright Scholarship to study adolescent reproductive health in Mexico before medical school.

Wan Xing Hong, MD - University of Central Florida



Wan Xing was born in China and attended schools in Singapore and the US before college at Stanford. She obtained an MS at Tufts prior to medical school at the University of Central Florida. She was a

Sarnoff Fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Michael Longaker, and returns for residency.

Charles Liu, MD - Harvard University



Charles is another Bay Area native. He went east for college and medical school at Harvard. He has spent parts of his education doing global health work in Mexico and Uganda, and is interested in integrating surgery and

public health in his academic career.

Yasmine White, MD - University of Michigan



Yasmine is from Arcata in Northern California. She went on to college at Bowdoin prior to medical school in Michigan. She spent a year at UCSF doing oncology research as an HHMI Medical Student Fellow during medical school.

Lauren Wood, MD - Stanford University



Lauren comes from Los Angeles. She joins a long list of Stanford lifers having gone to undergraduate and medical school on the Farm. Being in Silicon Valley, she has developed an interest in developing and launching biomedical

devices.

Categorical PGY2

Jenny Pan, MD - New York University



Jenny grew up in Southern California. She went east for college at Johns Hopkins prior to medical school in New York. She started her residency at the Cleveland Clinic before transferring to Stanford. She has already spent

two years of research at the NIH working on cancer immunotherapy.

Categorical PGY4

Laura Mazer, MD - Emory University



Laura grew up in New Jersey and went to college at the University of Chicago followed by medical school at Emory where she also got a Masters in Clinical Research. She began her residency at BI

Deaconess before being the Education Fellow at Stanford.

Notable Publications

Selected peer-reviewed publications by Stanford surgeons as noted in bold.

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Berlin LS, Margulis K, Planell-Mendez I Zare RN, Tibshirani R, Longacre TA, Jalali M, **Norton JA, Poultides GA.** Pancreatic cancer surgical resection margins: molecular assessment by mass spectrometry imaging. *PLoS Med.* 2016. 13(8):e1002108.

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Zuniga MC, Tran TB, Baughman BD, Raghuraman G, Hitchner E, Rosen A, **Zhou W.** A prospective evaluation of systemic biomarkers and cognitive function associated with carotid revascularization. *Ann Surg.* 2016. 264(4):659-65.

Azagury D, Morton JM. Bariatric surgery outcomes in US accredited vs non-accredited centers: a systematic review. *J Am Coll Surg.* 2016. 223(3):469-77.

Cloyd JM, Huang L, Ma Y, Rhoads KF. Predictors of readmission to non-index hospitals after colorectal surgery. *Am J Surg.* 2016. Epub ahead of print.

Preliminary Interns

Isabel Chang, MD - Mount Sinai University



Isabel is another Southern Californian coming from Bakersfield. She spent her undergraduate years on the Farm studying Russian literature before going to New York for medical school.

Derick En'wezoh, MD, MBA - Harvard University



Derick comes from the Pacific Northwest and went to college at Washington State where he was Student Body President. He developed an interest in health care administration and earned a combined MD/MBA from Harvard and Stanford.

Kenneth Perrone, MD - State University of New York



Kenneth grew up in Minnesota and Oregon. He went to Colby College in Maine for undergraduate prior to medical school at SUNY, and has done research in vascular surgery.

Ali Rashan, MD, MS - University of Illinois



Ali was born in Baghdad, Iraq and also lived in Ireland prior to immigrating to the US. He attended the University of Illinois for both undergraduate and medical degrees as well as earning a Masters. He worked as a post-doctoral fellow at Stanford prior to joining the residency.

Cornelius Reagan, MD - Louisiana State University



Cornelius was born and raised in New Orleans. He would leave Louisiana to attend college at the University of Florida, but would return for medical school. He will return to LSU for a residency in ophthalmology upon completion of his

internship.

Ashley Titan, MD - Mount Sinai University



Ashley is originally from New York, but came to Stanford for her undergraduate education where she was also captain of the fencing team. She returned to New York for medical school, but has been drawn back to the Farm again.

Preliminary PGY2

Liudmila Muraveika, MD, PhD - University of Regensburg



Liudmila is originally from Belarus and went to university there. She earned her MD and PhD from the University of Regensburg in Germany. She performed her internship at Brown University and now comes to the Bay Area to

continue her training.

2016 Stanford University Department of Surgery Chief Residents



Jennifer Erdrich, MD, MPH graduated from Stanford and Harvard. She will be a fellow in surgical oncology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. She served as Administrative Chief Resident.



Lyen Huang, MD, MPH has also been on the Farm since he was an undergraduate. He is entering the colorectal fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. He served as Administrative Chief Resident.



Becky Kim, MD, MPH graduated from Harvard and Stanford serving a stint in West Africa with the Peace Corps in between. She will be in private practice in Rochester, MN.



Erin Palm, MD, MBA earned all of her degrees at Stanford. She is finally leaving the Farm to join the fellowship in surgical critical care at LA County-USC Medical Center.



Julia Park, MD is the only chief without a Stanford degree having gone to Yale and New York Medical College. She will be joining the minimally invasive surgery fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital.



Kim Stone, MD ran track at Stanford followed by medical school at the University of California, Irvine. She will spend time in private practice and will be applying for breast surgery fellowships.

2016 Chief Residents' Dinner



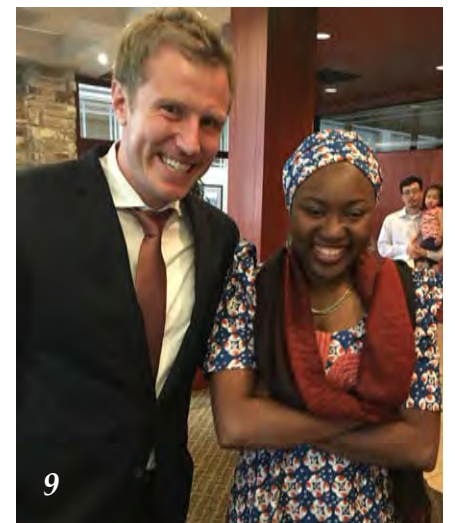
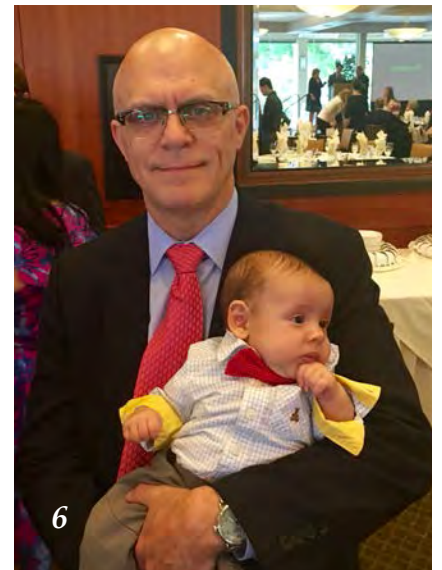
- 1 *The past and present Chairs of the Department, Drs. Tom Krummel and Mary Hawn*
- 2 *Becky Kim, Lyen Huang, Erin Palm, Kim Stone and Jen Erdrich*
- 3 *Lauren Wood and Miquell Miller*
- 4 *The incoming interns, Charles Liu, Ioana Baiu, Yasmine White, Julia Chandler, Lauren Wood, and Wan Xing Hong*
- 5 *Lindsay Sceats and Elizabeth George*
- 6 *Jen Erdrich and Chris Javadi*
- 7 *Becky Kim, Lyen Huang and their daughters, Josephine and Zoe*

2016 Chief Residents' Dinner



- 1 Nancy Wang, Kim Kopecky, Katie Blevins, and Miquell Miller.
- 2 Kim Kopecky and Rachel Yang
- 3 Anita Hagan and Monica Dua
- 4 Elizabeth George, Jared Forrester, and Katie Blevins
- 5 Jim Lau, Becky Kim, Josephine and David Spain
- 6 George Poultsides and Kim Stone
- 7 Faculty selfie with Marc Melcher, David Spain, Jeff Norton, Cathy Norton and Tami Daugherty
- 8 Ralph Greco and Irene Wapnir
- 9 Shushmita Ahmed and Kristen Rumer

2016 Chief Residents' Dinner



- 1 *Phillip Barbosa, Julia Park, and Chelsea Dorsey*
- 2 *Charles Liu and Leo Chen*
- 3 *Jeong Hyun and Jimmy Tooley*
- 4 *Aleah Brubaker and Tim Browder*
- 5 *Tami Daugherty, Carlos Esquivel and Susie Krummel*
- 6 *The nurturing side of David Spain*
- 7 *Jimmy Tooley, James Bowie, Brian Refsdal and Charles Liu*
- 8 *JoAnn Smithson, Ryan Hagan, and Patricia Raines*
- 9 *Jeff Jopling and Hadiza Kazaure*

Alicia Menchaca is the 2016 Kountz Fellow



Alicia Menchaca was the winner of the Samuel L. Kountz Diversity Fellowship at Stanford. Alicia is currently a fourth year medical student at the University of Michigan applying for a position in the general surgery residency. She also completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan in the Ross School of Business where she was Phi Beta Kappa. Her future interests are in affecting health care outcomes for the most vulnerable populations in our society.

The Kountz Diversity Fellowship is named after Dr. Samuel Kountz, a graduate of the Stanford general surgery residency in 1965. Before coming to Stanford, he was the first African American to be admitted to the University of Arkansas Medical School. He participated in the first kidney transplant on the Pacific coast as a resident. He was Chair of Surgery at SUNY at the time of his early death in 1981.

New Surgeon-in-Chief for Lucile Packard



James Dunn, MD, PhD was announced as the new Surgeon-in-Chief of the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and Chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at Stanford. Dr. Dunn is an outstanding surgeon scientist who came from the University of California, Los Angeles where he was Chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at Mattel Children's Hospital.

Dr. Dunn began his education by earning his undergraduate degree at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. He went on to medical school at Harvard during which time he earned a PhD in bioengineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At the completion of his degrees, he entered the general surgical residency at the University of California, Los Angeles. He went on to complete the pediatric surgery fellowship at Indiana University. He was recruited back to UCLA at the

completion of his training where he rose to the Professor and Chief of Pediatric Surgery.

Dr. Dunn's research interest have been related to short gut syndrome, a devastating illness in children. He has done basic research in tissue engineering of small intestine as one approach to finding solutions to the problem. Clinically, he has studied intestinal adaptation as an approach to improving quality of life for afflicted patients. These programs will have an immediate impact on already preeminent programs in solid organ transplantation at Packard, and will only serve to strengthen the options available to families of children with short gut syndrome.

Dr. Dunn will be replacing Dr. Gary Hartman as the Chief of Pediatric Surgery, who has served in that role for the past five years, and helped to provide solid stewardship of the division through a period of clinical growth. Dr. Hartman will transition to a new leadership role as Medical Director of Surgical Services in the Perioperative Area at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

Dr. Dunn's appointment is the culmination of a national search for the new surgical leader in pediatric surgery for the Department. The search was chaired by Dr. Michael Longaker.

Jill Helms honored by IADR



Jill Helms, DDS, PhD was awarded the 2016 Distinguished Scientist Award - Isaac Schour Memorial Award by the International Association for Dental Research. The award recognizes outstanding contributions in the anatomical sciences and is one of the highest honors bestowed by the IADR.

Dr. Helms is Professor in the Division of Plastic Surgery. She earned her DDS at the University of Minnesota followed by her PhD at the University of Connecticut. She performed her post-doctoral research at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Her research has focused on developing strategies to improve tissue healing through re-activation of autologous stem cells. In addition to her research, she has also been a mentor to young men and women in under-represented minorities encouraging their participation in STEM fields.

New Vice Chair of Clinical Research



Arden Morris, MD, MPH joined the faculty this September as Professor of Surgery in the Section of Colorectal Surgery, the new Vice Chair for Clinical Research and Director of Health Services Research for the Department of Surgery. She comes to Stanford from the University of Michigan where she was Associate Professor of Surgery and Health Behavior / Health Education, and Chief of the Division of Colorectal Surgery.

Dr. Morris is originally from California coming from the Sacramento area. She went to the University of Pennsylvania for her undergraduate studies, and earned her MD at Rush Medical College in Chicago. In addition, she obtained an MPH at the University of Washington in Seattle while in their Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program. She went to complete her residency in general surgery at the

Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland and her fellowship in colorectal surgery at the University of Minnesota.

At Michigan, she was a member of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy. Her research focus has been on improving quality and addressing disparities in the care of cancer patients. She has been working on developing a large population-based survey to study provider and health system influences on the utilization, quality and equity of colorectal cancer care. Her research has been supported by the American Cancer Society and the National Institutes of Health. She has been co-Chair of the National Quality Forum's Steering Committee for Surgical Quality Measures, and has served on the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee. Clinically, she manages all aspects of colorectal surgery for cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, and benign conditions of the colon, rectum and anus.

Dr. Morris will partner with Dr. Tina Hernandez-Boussard to oversee Stanford Surgery's Center for Health Services Research as the department continues to expand its presence in the area of surgical quality and outcomes. Additionally, she will partner with Dr. Geoff Gurtner, the Vice Chair of Basic Research in the Department of Surgery, to improve organizational support for the academic mission. Please welcome Dr. Morris to Stanford.

Mike Longaker awarded by ASPS



Dr. Michael Longaker was given the 2016 Plastic Surgery Foundation Distinguished Career Research Award during the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Plastic Surgery held in San Diego. The award was established to recognize outstanding achievements in research that have advanced the specialty of plastic Surgery. It is meant to recognize a plastic surgeon whose novel and significant work over their career has had far-reaching impact on the practice of plastic surgery.

Dr. Longaker has had a distinguished career at Stanford winning practically every major award given to an academic surgeon. His research has been published in *Nature*, *Nature Medicine*, *Science*, *Cell* and *PNAS*. The past year's Surgical Forum was dedicated to him. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Alessandra Moore given SUS Award



Dr. Alessandra Moore was selected to receive the 2016-17 SUS Resident Scholar Award for her proposal entitled, "M2 macrophage enrichment enhances cutaneous wound healing via recruitment of angiogenic precursor cells." Her mentor for the project is Dr. Michael Longaker.

Dr. Moore comes to Stanford from the general surgery residency at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, where she has completed two years of residency. She earned her undergraduate degree at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in New York state followed by medical school at the University of Massachusetts. Her background includes research on tissue engineering at the Center for Engineering in Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital and she was awarded a Clinical and Translational Research Scholarship in medical school.

Sherry Wren recognized by AWS



Dr. Sherry Wren was chosen to receive the Olga Jonasson Distinguished Member Award. The award is given by the Association of Women Surgeons in recognition of the member surgeon who exemplifies the ideals and mission of the association, and was named in honor of Dr. Olga Jonasson, the first female Chair of an academic surgical department.

Dr. Wren joins Dr. Myriam Curet among Stanford faculty members who have won this award. She is currently the Director of Clinical Surgery at the Palo Alto VA Health Care System, Vice Chair for Professional Development and Diversity in the department and Director of Global Surgery in the Center for Innovation in Global Health in the School of Medicine. She is the current President of the Halsted Society.

Arash Momeni joins plastic surgery faculty



Dr. Arash Momeni is joining the Stanford Department of Surgery as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Plastic Surgery. He is well known to the Stanford community since he recently completed his residency in plastic surgery. He attended medical school in Germany at the Johannes Gutenberg University prior to coming to Stanford. At the completion of his residency, he performed a fellowship in reconstructive microsurgery at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Momeni's clinical practice will encompass all aspects of reconstructive surgery including after breast, head and neck, and extremity surgery. In addition, he will be performing surgery for lymphedema, including vascularized lymph node transfer, abdominal wall reconstruction, vascularized composite allotransplantation, and cosmetic surgery. Please welcome Dr. Momeni back to the Farm.

New faces in the Goodman Center



From L to R: Brittany Hasty, Kristen Kayser, and Hailee Kuhl.

There are several new faces in the Department of Surgery Goodman Surgical Education Center. The new Education Fellow for 2016-2018 will be Dr. Brittany Hasty. Dr. Hasty joins us after completing her first two years of surgical residency at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago. She earned her undergraduate degree magna cum laude at the University of South Florida followed by medical school at Boston University. Her research focus will be on surgical skills training in the operating room, the surgical learning environment, and communications and team training. She joins current fellow, Dr. Edward Shipper.

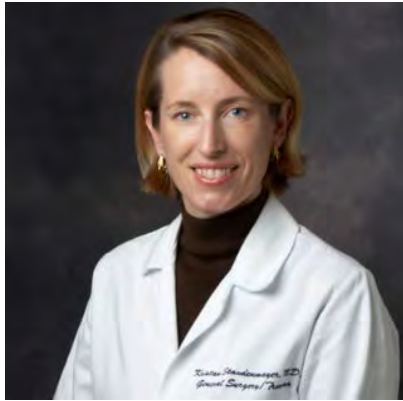
The new Operations Manager for the Goodman Center is Kristen Kayser. She earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley and worked at both Berkeley City College and Laney College prior to coming to Stanford. Her career interests are in education, and she

will bring her energy and enthusiasm in support of our educational mission.

The new Assistant Operations Manager for the Goodman Center is Hailee Kuhl. Hailee is a recent 2016 graduate of San Jose State University where she majored in Health Sciences with a minor in Biology. Her interests are in research in health care education.

The Goodman Surgical Education Center is a Level 1 American College of Surgeons Accredited Educational Institute founded by Dr. Tom Krummel, past Chair of the Department of Surgery. Dr. James Lau serves as the Center Director, and Dr. Dana Lin serves as the Director of Programs. The mission of the Goodman Center is to support the broader Department mission of delivering outstanding undergraduate and graduate medical education through a commitment to research and innovation resulting in excellence in patient care.

New Gordon and Betty Moore Faculty Scholarship



The Department of Surgery announced the establishment of a major gift from Gordon and Betty Moore to establish this faculty scholarship in the Section of Acute Care Surgery. The endowment is intended to provide several years of support to junior faculty as they establish their research careers.

The inaugural recipient of the award was chosen by the Moores to be Dr. Kristan Staudenmayer, Assistant Professor in the Section of Acute Care Surgery. Dr. Staudenmayer completed her MD at the University of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine in Dallas and stayed there for general surgery residency as well as a critical care fellowship. She already has a K08 Mentored Clinical Scientist Researcher Career Development Award from the NIH to study the impact of injury on the elderly. The Department is pleased to announce this major new award in support of its academic mission.

Resident awards and recognitions



From L to R: Tiffany Sinclair, Clem Marshall, Jared Forrester, Joe Forrester

The Stanford Child Health Research Institute funded two post-doctoral research awards to Stanford surgery residents. Both will provide \$50,000 of support over the next year.

Dr. Tiffany Sinclair was funded for her grant entitled, "Metabolic prematurity and nutritional practice impact risk of disease in the preterm infant." She is performing the work under the mentorship of Drs. Karl Sylvester in the Division of Pediatric Surgery and Tina Hernandez-Broussard. She attended the University of Pennsylvania for medical school and is in her second year of professional development.

Dr. Clem Marshall was given the other award. His grant was entitled, "Identification of the cell responsible for scar formation." He has been working in the laboratory of Dr. Michael Longaker in the Division of Plastic Surgery. He earned his MD at Columbia University and is also in his second year of professional development.

Separately, Dr. Marshall was awarded the Best Basic Science Presentation from the Division of Plastic Surgery's Research Symposium held in May, 2016. He was recognized during their graduation dinner in June.

CNN cited an article published by Stanford residents in a story on animal attacks on humans in the aftermath of the alligator attack on a child in Florida. The article was published by Drs. Jared and Joe Forrester. For those who are uncertain, Jared and Joe are brothers in the Stanford general surgery residency. Jared graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin and is currently in his first year of professional development working with Dr. Tom Weiser after completing two clinical years. Joe graduated from the University of Virginia and is currently a PGY4 in the program having served two years with the Centers for Disease Control as a Fellow in the Epidemic Intelligence Service.

Paige Fox receives grant



Paige Fox, MD, PhD received a new research grant for her work. She was given a two-year grant from the National Endowment for Plastic Surgery for her proposal entitled, “Collagen nanogel for wound healing.” The award provides \$50,000 of support each year for a total of \$100,000.

Dr. Fox was an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She completed her MD and PhD in the combined degree program at Virginia Commonwealth University followed by the integrated plastic surgery residency here at Stanford. She went on to complete a hand surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic prior to being recruited back to Stanford as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Plastic Surgery.

This is a terrific start for the academic career of Dr. Fox who just started on faculty in October, 2015.

Faculty awards and recognitions



From L to R: John Harris, Marc Melcher, John Morton, Tina Hernandez-Boussard

Drs. John Harris, Jr and Marc Melcher were elected as President and Vice President, respectively, of the San Francisco Surgical Society for the 2016-2017 year.

Dr. Harris is Professor in the Division of Vascular Surgery. He went to undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley and to medical school at St Louis University. He completed his residency in general surgery and his fellowship in vascular surgery at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. He has been on the faculty at Stanford since completing his training.

Dr. Marc Melcher is Associate Professor in the Division of Transplantation and also serves as Program Director for the general surgery residency. He went to Harvard for undergraduate studies followed by a PhD in biochemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. He then went to Columbia University for medical school. He trained in general surgery at Stanford and completed

his fellowship in transplantation at the University of California, San Francisco before returning to the faculty at Stanford.

Dr. John Morton earned a 7-year \$760,000 grant from the Geisinger Clinic as part of the SWIFT Trial examining the impact of bariatric surgery on recovery and functional status after total knee arthroplasty. Dr. Morton is Chief of the Section of Minimally Invasive Surgery and Director of Bariatric Surgery in the Department of Surgery. He is also the past-President of the American Society for Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery.

Dr. Tina Hernandez-Boussard had her presentation entitled, “Utilizing electronic health record documentation to measure value for prostate cancer clinical care” selected for podium presentation at the American Public Health Association’s Annual Meeting taking place in November, 2016. She is Director of the Stanford Surgery Center for Health Services Research.

The Present and Future of Stanford Surgery



Drs. Norton, Hawn, Melcher and Lau with the graduating class of 2016.



The intern class of 2016-2017.



The 2016 Stanford Department of Surgery

Year-End Events



The end of the academic year means not just the Chiefs' Dinner, but a host of other events to celebrate another year completed. A long-time tradition of Stanford Surgery has been Resident Appreciation Day. Residents are given the Friday of the Chiefs' Dinner off after the completion of morning rounds. They can choose to spend the day relaxing or joining in a number of organized activities. Two highly popular events every year have been Spa Day for women in the program where they get to enjoy a leisurely lunch followed by an afternoon at the spa (1). At the other end of the spectrum is paintball where residents get to engage in their bloodlust as participating faculty become fair game for a well-placed shot (2). The Resident-Faculty Softball Game is another way to enjoy the camaraderie that typifies our general surgery residency (3). This year, the residents pulled out a win in the last inning. Finally, we celebrate not just the completion of residency for the chiefs, but also the completion of internship, arguably one of the most grueling years of your life (4). Held annually at the Tied House in Mountain View, the interns have a chance to receive their certificates in a relaxed atmosphere as they celebrate with their chiefs and the leadership of the residency program. Another stellar year of interns celebrate the end of the year.



Year-End Awards



Some of this year's award winners

- 1 Jen Erdrich taking home the hardware as winner of both the John Henry Smith Award and the Kountz Humanitarian Award*
- 2 Peter Deptula was voted Intern of the Year by the senior residents*
- 3 Graeme Rosenberg was voted as the Best Consult Resident by the attendings*
- 4 Micaela Esquivel was recognized by the faculty as having produced the highest quality research during the past year*

Best Service Award (voted by each PGY year)

- PGY1 - VA Palo Alto HCS, general surgery
- PGY2 - Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, general surgery
- PGY3 - Stanford SICU
- PGY4 - Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, general surgery
- PGY5 - Stanford Surgical Oncology 2

Top ABSITE Scores

- Becky Kim
- Zach Kastenber
- Tanya Rinderknecht
- Tiffany Sinclair
- David Worhuns

Intern of the Year (voted on by PGY4+5s)

Peter Deptula

Consult Resident of the Year (voted on by attendings)

Graeme Rosenberg

Resident Teaching Award (voted on by medical students)

Geoff Krampitz

Resident Research Award (voted on by faculty committee)

Recognizing the best research work from the past year
Micaela Esquivel

Kountz Humanitarian Award (nominated by residents and faculty)

Recognizing compassion, professionalism and dignity for all
Jennifer Erdrich

John Henry Smith Award (voted on by residents)

Recognizing the resident most admired by their peers
Jennifer Erdrich

John Collins Award (voted on by residents)

Recognizing the attending contributing most to resident education
Peter Cahill

Join us at the ACS Clinical Congress



Monday, October 17, 2016

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Congressional Ballroom C

Renaissance Hotel, DC Downtown

999 9th St NW, Washington, DC

Dr. Mary Hawn invites all members, alumni and friends of the Stanford Department of Surgery to a Cocktail Reception at the 2016 American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress.

Contribute today to Stanford Surgery

Please consider making a donation to the Stanford Surgery Alumni Association. All donations will go towards supporting the clinical and academic activities of residents in the program. Our residents have made significant and lasting contributions to surgery over the years, and your support will be extremely helpful in allowing them to pursue a wide variety of research and professional development paths in their goals of becoming leaders in American surgery.

Donations can be made in the following ways. Checks made out to the Stanford Surgery Alumni Association can be mailed to:

Anita Hagan
Stanford University Medical Center
Department of Surgery
300 Pasteur Dr, Room H3691, Stanford, CA 94305-5641.

Or, you can donate online by going to surgery.stanford.edu and clicking on the "Make a Gift Online" link on the right hand side. Click again on the icon "Make a Gift Online." Under "I want to support..." select "Centers, Institutes, and more" and then select "Other Designation (specify below)." Type in "Department of Surgery Alumni Association" to direct your donation.

All donations will receive a confirmation letter from Stanford Medical Development and are tax-deductible.



One of the major efforts in the department is to improve diversity not only at Stanford but throughout the academic community through recruitment of residents from under-represented minorities into the residency. Contributions to the Stanford Surgery Alumni Association will also help to support these efforts. This photo comes from a dinner sponsored by the Stanford Office of Graduate Medical Education for Stanford residents in under-represented minorities throughout the medical center. Miquell Miller, PGY3 in the department, has been one of the leads in organizing this group.



From the Program Director

The 2016-17 residency recruiting season has begun. Once again we will be sifting through hundreds of applications to our general surgery positions. Once again our goal will be to “To recruit talented, inquisitive, and dynamic candidates who will become outstanding surgeons and advance the field of surgery.”

With renewed emphasis, we are embracing the importance of increasing diversity in the training programs at Stanford. General Surgery has had the Samuel Kountz

Fellowship for many years to encourage students, who might not have considered Stanford, to do a sub-internship here. We are collaborating with other divisions and programs at Stanford to increase the number of outstanding underrepresented minorities (URMs) in our residency programs. We are participating in the new SCORE program, developed by the Medical School program that mimics our Kountz Fellowship across all the residencies. With support from the GME office, our own Dr. Miquell Miller, PGY3, has taken the initiative to bring together diverse residents from many specialties to build a stronger, perhaps more visible, community. In addition, Dr. Wren has convened a Diversity Cabinet in our Department to help coordinate our efforts.

We want all the best candidates around the country, including those who are URMs, to be considering our programs.

Sincerely,

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Other Notable Events of Residents, Faculty and Alumni

Hadiza Kazaure (PGY4) matched in the endocrine surgery fellowship at Duke University.

Geoff Krampitz (PGY4) matched in the surgical oncology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Stephanie Chao ('13), Assistant Professor in the Division of Pediatric Surgery, gave birth to her daughter Zoe Eloise Eule on August 5.

Katie Blevins (PD resident) gave birth to Nicolas “Nico” Valenzuela on October 2.

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. Email the information below to anita.hagan@stanford.edu. Alternatively, send the form via mail, or fax to:

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