**Applicant Interviews Concluded in January**

Applicant interviews are over and we would like to say thanks to everyone in the Department for participating in this critical aspect of our program. No matter what part you played—it was important to us! The final faculty meeting will be held on **February 11, 2016** in Moore Auditorium, WUSM at 5pm. Match Day is **March 18, 2016**. We look forward to another very successful Match!

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**Top Gun Competition Coming This Week!**  “Top Gun”, will be held again this year on **February 10, 2016**. All residents will be competing during the conference/skills lab block 7-11AM in the WISE Lab, 1st floor CSRB. Residents compete in FLS skills with the winner of the competition being sent to compete nationally at the SAGES Annual Meeting in Boston, March 16-19, 2016. Please join us in the lab to cheer on the residents!

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**Mark your calendars & Save-the-Dates !**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2016** - The Resident Retreat be held from 7AM-5PM. While the full schedule is pending, it will start in Holden Auditorium, FLTC with later sessions in small group rooms and then reconvening in the King Center, Becker Library. Other afternoon team building events are being planned.

**Wednesday, May 4, 2016**  – The City Wide Mock Orals will be held on the St. Louis University campus this year. All PGY4s and PGY5s will be taking the exam. We are still needing faculty to participate as examiners. If you are interested/willing, please contact Dr. Amy Cyr, Dr. Paul Wise or call the Surgery House Staff Office at 362-8028.

**End-of-the-Year Events:**

**Saturday, June 11, 2016** - Intern Welcoming Picnic; Kirkwood Park

**Friday, June 17, 2016**  – The 2015-2016 Chief Residents’ Dinner Banquet will be held in the **Starlight Room at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel**.

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**Upcoming Visiting Professor Lectures**

**Wednesday April, 6, 2016**  – The Hepatobiliary Surgery visiting Professor lecture with Dr. Sharon Weber, Chief Surgical Oncology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine. Dr. Weber will be speaking at the St. Louis Surgical Society and will be giving Department of Surgery Grand Rounds.

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**  – The Vascular Surgery Visiting Professor Lectureship with Dr. Frank J. Veith, Professor of Surgery, and Chair of Vascular at Cleveland Clinic and New York University Medical Center.

**April 26 & 27, 2016**  - The 19th Samuel A. Wells, Jr. Resident Research Day Competition and the Evarts A. Graham Visiting Professor Lecture with Dr. Valerie W. Rusch, Chief Thoracic Service, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016**  – The Jessie L. Ternberg, MD, Ph.D Pediatric Surgery Lectureship with Visiting Professor Henri R. Ford, MD, Vice President and Surgeon-in-Chief, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

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**Congratulations Dr. Jennifer Leinicke**

Congratulations to Dr. Leinicke who completed her residency on December 31, 2015, not long after delivering her second child, Vivienne! She will join the section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery through July 2016 after which she will begin a fellowship in Colorectal Surgery at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

We wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors!

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**Chief Resident Fellowships**

Congrats to our 2016 finishing chiefs in their future training destinations! In addition to Dr. Leinicke mentioned above, their fellowships are as follows:

- Dr. Richard Chen – ACCS/Trauma, Wash U
- Dr. Hanliee Chung – Colorectal Surgery, Wash U
- Dr. Ruben Nava – CT, Wash U
- Dr. Jason Robertson – Peds Critical Care, U Michigan
- Dr. Katie Rowland – Peds Surgery, Oregon Health Sci U
- Dr. Lindsey Saint – CT, Wash U
- Dr. Lauren Steward – ACCS/Trauma, U Colorado
**Six Months of Resident Awards and Accomplishments**

**Dr. Coen Klos** will be joining the General Surgery Residency as a categorical PGY3 in June 2016! Dr. Klos has worked hard for the past two years with us as a preliminary PGY1 and PGY2 after having spent time doing research with the Section of Colorectal Surgery. Many congratulations to Dr. Klos!

**From the lab of Dr. Brad Warner: Dr. Bola Aladegbami, Dr. Lauren Barron, Dr. Pamela Choi and Dr. Raphael Sun**

Accelerated Hepatic Steatosis is Induced by Small Bowel Resection and Prevented by Oral Vancomycin. L. K. Barron, C. R. Erwin, C. P. Gayer, B. W. Warner

mTOR Signaling is Required for Adaptation and Epithelial Cell Proliferation after Bowel Resection. R. C. Sun, J. Guo, B. W. Warner

EGFR Signaling modulates HIF1α expression in intestinal epithelial and endothelial cells. B. Aladegbami, J. Guo, B. W. Warner

mTOR Signaling is Required for Adaptation and Epithelial Cell Proliferation after Bowel Resection. R. C. Sun, J. Guo, B. W. Warner

**The Washington University Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha has announced that Administrative Chief Resident, Dr. Kathryn Rowland, was selected to AOA! Dr. Rowland will be honored at the annual AOA initiation banquet this spring. Congratulations on this well-deserved award!**


**Drs. Darren Cullinan and Jennifer Yu have both received the (SERF) Surgical Education Research Fellowship sponsored by the Association for Surgical Education. This is a one year fellowship designed to equip investigators with the skills and knowledge needed to plan, implement and report research studies in the field of surgical education. Congratulations to both of them!**

**Dr. Leisha Elmore presented "A Multi-Institutional Survey of Burnout in US General Surgery Residency" at American College of Surgeons and presented "Gender Differences in Burnout during Surgical Training: A Multi-Institutional Survey" at the education plenary at the Academic Surgical Congress. This is to be a featured by the ACS.**


Congrats to the multitude of residents and faculty in completing and publishing the 7th Edition of the Washington Manual of Surgery in 2015! Edited by: Mary E. Klingensmith, Chandu Vemuri, Lola Fayanju, Pamela P. Samson, Jason O. Robertson, Dominic E. Sanford with foreword by Timothy J. Eberlein


Dr. Michael Onwugbufor received the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Looking To The Future Scholarship Award. Funded by the STS and its members, this scholarship covered expenses at the Society of Thoracic Surgeons 52nd Annual Meeting this past month in Phoenix, Arizona.

In September Dr. Pamela Samson was awarded the J. Maxwell Chamberlain Memorial Paper presented to the top-ranked general thoracic surgery abstract submitted to the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. On behalf of Dr. Samson, Dr. Varun Puri presented "Quality Measures in Clinical Stage I Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Improved Performance is Associated with Improved Survival" at the annual meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (Orlando, FL November 2015): Oral Presentation: Clinical T2N0 Esophageal Cancer: When is Induction Therapy Indicated? PI: Traves Crabtree


Dr. Matthew Strand. Presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology-Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium. January 22, 2016 “Precision Cancer Therapy through Nanoparticle Delivery of siRNA Against KRAS”

Drs. Jesse Davidson, Linda Jin, and Brad Krasnick also presented at the Symposium!

| **New Additions to the Surgery Residency Family** | The surgery residency “family” has increased since our last newsletter! Congratulations to Drs. Kerri & Westley Ohman, Dr. Joshua Balderman, Dr. Thomas Desmarais, and Dr. Jennifer Leinicke on the births of their new babies. |
| **SIMPL** | As a reminder the SIMPL study is to improve measurement and feedback on resident performance and independence in the operating room by using a software-based application that will enable faculty to provide real-time feedback at the end of an OR case. The study is well underway and the android app is available. If you missed the training sessions, please contact Debbie Tiemann, RN or Dr. Paul Wise. REMEMBER: it's SIMPL...use the SIMPL app on EVERY CASE to do resident operative performance assessments. |
| **System for Improving & Measuring Procedural Learning** | The **Washington University Institute for Surgical Education** has a newly released **WISE Website**. – Please take the time to check out the new website at [http://wise.wustl.edu/](http://wise.wustl.edu/). There are listings of the different simulators that are available, labs that are offered, and convenient links for educational resources and for scheduling FLS, FES and FUSE exams. The new daVinci Si surgical system arrived in December. Both the robot and the robot simulator are being used for skills labs, research and self-directed practice before going to the OR. Contact Angie or Debbie if you would like to learn more or reserve some time to practice, |
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**General Surgery Residency Alumni and Prior Faculty!**

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We’d love to hear from you!

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