2016 Chief Residents’ Dinner Videos Available

The videos from the Chief Residents’ dinner and the Interns’ video from the Chief Resident Roast, a very enjoyable, funny, and light hearted parody on Knowing Your Chief Resident, are available on the General Surgery Residency website at: www.gsres.wustl.edu, under Resident Life/Chief Residents Dinner. We hope you enjoy them!

International Rotation to Mzuzu Central Hospital, Malawi, Africa

The Surgery residency program has partnered with the University of Cincinnati General Surgery Residency Program this spring to participate in an international surgical rotation at the Mzuzu Central Hospital in Mzuzu, Malawi, Africa. Dr. Stephanie Chang, a current PGY-5 resident (and part of the Thoracic Early Specialization Program), was the first to join Dr. Charles Park, Associate Professor of Surgery from Cincinnati and site director at Mzuzu Hospital. Dr. Paul Wise, program director, also joined Dr. Park and Dr. Chang for a week in June and provided the pictures below. Dr. Vijay Subramanian, a current PGY-4 (and the first Transplant “fast track” resident in the U.S.), has just begun his two-month rotation in Mzuzu and will stay there until the end of September. The objective of the rotation is for the residents to participate as the supervised operating surgeon for simple and complex adult and pediatric general surgery cases covering a breadth of surgical diseases and pathological stages while demonstrating the ability to apply surgical skills and training in an austere environment. Of note, Dr. Chang performed over 100 operations during her time in Malawi. The residents’ experiences are not just operative but also providing compassionate care from diagnosis through interventions and postoperative care, and they are gaining experience in a true rural environment with very limited resources (e.g., the closest functioning CT scanner is four hours away) while caring for an extremely underserved population.

Our next newsletter will include a follow-up blog from Dr. Chang’s experience at Mzuzu Central Hospital. Stay tuned.
| **Mark your calendars & Save-the-Date** | **Anderson Newton Lectureship in Liver Transplantation**  
**Tuesday**, September 13, 2016, 5:00PM, Connor Auditorium, FLTC - “Improving Longevity of Transplant Organs in Children”  
**Wednesday**, September 14, 2016 7:00AM Department of Surgery Grand Rounds & Resident Fireside Chat  
**Dr. Carlos Esquivel, MD, PhD**, Chief, Division of Abdominal Transplantation, Stanford School of Medicine  
Dr. Eberlein’s State of the Department Address  
Wednesday, September 28, 2016 7:00AM-8:00AM, MOORE Auditorium, North Medical Building |
| **Applicant Interviews 2016-2017** | **Applicant Interview Dates**  
Friday/Saturday, November 18 & 19, 2016  
Friday/Saturday, December 9 & 10, 2016  
Friday/Saturday, January 13 & 14, 2017  
The Preliminary Interview date is yet to be determined. Watch for further information! |
| **Welcome New Faculty** | The residents and the Department of Surgery would like to welcome the following new physicians to Washington University.  
Shaina Eckhouse, M.D. - Dr. Eckhouse went to Trinity University in San Antonio for undergrad and then medical school at UT San Antonio. She completed residency training at the Medical University of South Carolina where she spent two years doing CT Surgery research. She is joining the Section of Minimally Invasive Surgery after having finished the MIS/bariatric fellowship at Duke.  
Dr. Arghavan Salles, M.D., Ph.D. - Dr. Salles completed her fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery here at Washington University after her surgical training and Ph.D. in Education at Stanford. She is joining the Section of Minimally Invasive Surgery.  
Constance Lee, M.D. – Dr. Lee is joining Pediatric Surgery this summer. She completed undergrad at William & Mary and medical school at UVa. She completed her residency and Pediatric Surgery fellowship at University of Florida in 2015 followed by their Critical Care fellowship. She is joining the Division of Pediatric Surgery.  
Katherine Glover-Collins, M.D., Ph.D. - Dr. Glover-Collins recently completed her fellowship in Breast Surgical Oncology here at Washington University. She did her undergrad at Xavier University in New Orleans followed by medical school and a Ph.D. in cancer biology at Meharry Medical College in Nashville. She completed residency training at the University of Arkansas. She will be joining the Section of Endocrine/Oncology where she will specialize in breast surgery.  
Nadia Obeid, M.D. - Dr. Obeid completed her Critical Care fellowship here at Washington University and will join the Section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery. Dr. Obeid attended Wayne State University for undergrad and medical school before attending Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for her surgery residency training.  
Gerald Richard Fortuna, Jr., M.D., M.B.A. – Dr. Fortuna will be joining the section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery and the section of Vascular Surgery. Dr. Fortuna did his undergrad at the Air Force Academy, completed medical school at the University of South Carolina, received his MBA from George Washington University before  

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beginning his residency at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. Dr. Fortuna’s residency training was interrupted due to Hurricane Katrina which took him to the University of Cincinnati for completion of his training. He finished his fellowship training in Vascular/Endovascular Surgery at Memorial Hermann Hospital, University of Texas, Houston and will join the Section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery.

Jason Snyder, M.D. – Dr. Snyder completed his Surgical Critical Care/Trauma fellowship at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences in Memphis and will be joining the Section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery. He completed his undergrad at Kettering University in Flint, Michigan and medical school at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia before joining the University of Maryland, Baltimore for his surgical residency training.

Sean English, M.D. – Dr. English completed undergrad at the College of Wooster, in Wooster, OH. He worked and studied as a research intern in the Radiation Biology Branch of the NCI and the NIH. He then earned his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and went on to complete his general surgery residency at the University of Michigan. He completed his Vascular fellowship at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He joined the Section of Vascular Surgery and will be on staff at the St. Louis Veterans Administration Hospital.

Other new faculty include: Dr. Orlando Petrucci (CT), Dr. Diego Casali (CT Surgery/Anesthesiology dual appointment), Dr. Benjamin Kozower (CT), Dr. John Felder (Plastics), and Dr. Chris Arett (Urology).

## Faculty Leaving

The residents would like to thank Drs. Bernabe, Dharmarajan, Lawton, Raman, and Vogel for their great contributions to the surgery residency program. They have been great mentors, teachers, and friends to the residents and will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best in their newest endeavors.

## Resident/Faculty Leadership

### Curriculum Committee

Dr. Jennifer Yu will be serving on the Curriculum Committee with Drs. Matt Schill and Darren Cullinan for the 2016-2017 academic year. Dr. Yu also serves as the Administrative Research Resident and is also the one of the AV residents.

## Resident Awards

Congratulations to Dr. Pamela Choi who recently won a scholarship to the AAST (American Association for the Surgery on Trauma) meeting. The September meeting will take place in Hawaii. Congratulations Dr. Choi!

## Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Dr. Raphael Sun and Ms. Li Pan, R.N. who were married on Saturday, June 18, 2016. Raphael is a PGY4 surgery resident and Li is an ICU nurse at St. Anthony’s Medical Center. We wish them well and welcome Li to the surgery residency family!
Welcome our Newest “Surgery Baby”

The surgery residency family continues to grow! Congratulations to Drs. Jessica and Benjamin Hudson on the birth of their new little girl, Eleanor Grace, born July 11, 2016, weighing 7 lbs 6 oz.

Goodbye Rams, Hello Fox Theatre!

Since the Rams are no longer in St. Louis, the residents now have the opportunity to enjoy tickets to the Fabulous Fox Theatre instead. The Department of Surgery has purchased six tickets to the 2016-2017 U.S. Bank Broadway Series. As usual, Cardinals and Blues tickets will still be available.

News from WISE

PGY-1 residents, the WISE staff would like to welcome the new interns. We hope boot camp and OSATS have been helpful to you. We would like to thank all of the residents who took part in planning and proctoring the labs. The regular skills labs started in August and all residents will resume attending a lab about once every 3-4 weeks.

PGY-2 residents should plan to take the FLS test (and FUSE) while rotating on MIS.

PGY-3 residents should take the FES exam while rotating on endoscopy. Passing both exams is a requirement for graduation and for sitting for your Boards. For questions, contact Angelia DeClue (decluea@wustl.edu).

The University of Wisconsin-Madison returned to WISE for the second year to collect data for their “Skills Decay” study. Thanks to all residents who participated!

The SIMPL study will continue until December 31, 2016. Please use the SIMPL app to request operative performance assessments from the faculty you operate with. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Wise (wisep@wustl.edu) or Debbie Tiemann (tiemann@wustl.edu) or 314-747-2546.

You are cordially invited to attend the Washington University School of Medicine Department of Surgery, Alumni Reception at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Marriott Marquis
China Town Room
901 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001
(no RSVP necessary)

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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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