Welcome 2017 Interns!

The new interns have just completed their summer rotations and are well into their 4th rotation block. Thanks to everyone who has helped them come aboard successfully! Please continue to reach out to them through their mentor groups, department functions and outside activities. We’ve uploaded their profiles to our website. Please check them out at: http://gsres.wustl.edu/en/Profiles/PGY-I.

The International Rotation to Mzuzu Central Hospital, Malawi, Africa Continues

Dr. Elizabeth Wynne, a current PGY-4 resident (who is participating in the “flexibility” pathway for pediatric surgery) arrived in Malawi on August 12 and will continue her rotation through October 13. Dr. Bola Aladegbami, the first PGY-3 from our program, will join Dr. Wynne on September 30. He will stay in Malawi through December 1.

Starting in the new year, Dr. Leisha Elmore, a current PGY-3, begins her first day in Malawi on January 13, 2018.

All three resident will perform simple and complex adult cases as well as pediatric general surgery cases for ACGME credit and participate in training Malawi clinical officers. These residents will work alongside of Dr. Charles Park, faculty member from the University of Cincinnati, who supervised our residents who rotated there last year. To help us send our residents to Malawi we’ve teamed up with Surgical Outreach for the Americas. We are accepting contributions, here at: http://surgicaloutreach.org/washington-univ-dept-surgery-malawi-outreach.html Thank you in advance!

Oh What a Night! The Annual Chief Residents’ Dinner, 2017

CONGRATULATIONS to the Chief Residents of 2017! It was a wonderful evening of awards, speeches and bobbleheads at The Chase Park Plaza! If you haven’t already, sneak a peak at the photographs from this grand June 23rd event, posted on our Facebook page by clicking on the first photo to access all 168 photos at: https://www.facebook.com/wustlgensurgres. ENJOY!

Resident Summer Weddings

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for these four lovely resident brides and their husbands along with our handsome administrative chief resident and his beautiful bride! (from left to right): Dr. Joshua Sommovilla and Mrs. Hope Edwards, Dr. Jessica Lindemann and Dr. Leon duToit, Dr. Katharine Caldwell and Mr. Thomas Schelby, Dr. Cathleen Courtney and Mr. Michael Mooney and Dr. Emily Onufer and Mr. Charles Johnson.

2017-2018 Residency Applicant Interview Dates

Please mark your calendars for the Categorical interviews on:

- Friday/Saturday, November 10 & 11, 2017
- Friday/Saturday, December 8 & 9, 2017
- Friday/Saturday, January 19 & 20, 2018

Our PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW DATE is Wednesday, January 10, 2018
A Welcome Addition, Leanna Bell, to the Surgical Education Office

Leanna Bell, MA joined the Office of Surgical Education on September 11 as the office manager. Leanna completed her bachelor of science degree in psychology and her masters of arts degree in human resource management at Washington University.

The WISE Institute Welcomes Karen Johnson

Karen Johnson, MA joined the Washington University Institute for Surgical Education (WISE) Lab on May 22. She recently became an FLS Proctor and sat through her first AEI accreditation visit for the WISE Lab. It is needless to say, but she has been busy!

Karen’s master’s degree is in organizational management. She has more than 20 years of experience as a U.S. Air Force medic and over five years of experience in simulation. In 2014, she completed the Healthcare Modeling and Simulation Certification with the Naval Postgraduate School in addition to publishing articles on trauma simulation. Welcome Karen to WU Surgery!

RESIDENTS WELCOME NEW FACULTY MEMBERS TO SURGERY

Aaron Abbarbanell, MD, MS, assistant professor, joined Cardio Thoracic Surgery after completing his fellowship in Congenital Heart Surgery at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles at the University of Southern California in 2017 and also a fellowship in Cardiac Surgery Research at Indiana University in 2010. Abbarbanell completed his surgical residency at Indiana University in 2013 at Indiana University and a Thoracic Surgery Residency at Emory University in 2016. He graduated medical school from the University of Michigan in 2006.

Chun-Cheng (Richard) Chen, MD, PhD, joined the Acute and Critical Care Surgery service as an instructor in Surgery. He completed his Surgical Critical Care fellowship, as well as his surgical residency training at Washington University. Dr. Chen graduated from Vanderbilt University Medical School in 2009.

Zachary Englert, DO, joined Acute and Critical Care Surgery as an assistant professor and as an instructor for the Air Force C-Stars Program. Dr. Englert graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2009. He completed his Surgical Critical Care fellowship and Acute Care Surgery fellowship at Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland from 2015-2017. He competed his General Surgery residency at East Carolina University in 2015.

Senthil N. Jayarajan, MD, MS, completed his fellowship training with the Section of Vascular Surgery at Washington University in 2017 and is now an assistant professor in the Section of Vascular Surgery. In addition to this role, he is also the associate program director for the Vascular Surgery Residency and Fellowship Programs. Dr. Jayarajan completed his surgical residency at Temple University Hospital in 2015. He graduated in 2008 from the University of Michigan Medical School.

Adeel Khan, MD, MPH, FACS, assistant professor, joined Transplant Surgery after finishing a two-year fellowship in Abdominal Transplant Surgery at Washington University. He also completed an Advanced Robotic Surgery fellowship at Carolina’s Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2017. He attended Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas completing his clinical fellowship in Abdominal Transplant Surgery in 2011. Dr. Khan also completed a Hepatic Pancreatic and Biliary Surgery fellowship at Washington University in 2010 after completing his surgical residency at Brown University in 2009. He graduated medical school from The Aga Khan University in Pakistan in 2002.

John Westley Ohman, MD, assistant professor, completed an Integrated Vascular Surgery residency at Washington University in 2017. Dr. Ohman graduated from medical school from the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston in 2012.

Forest R. Sheppard, MD, associate professor, recently joined Acute and Critical Care Surgery. He completed his fellowship in Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at the Denver Health Medical Center and University of Colorado Hospital in 2013 after finishing his residency education at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 2005. Dr. Sheppard completed his medical degree at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1998.
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The residents would like to thank Drs. Elisa Birnbaum, Elle Drew, and Nadia Obeid for their significant contributions to the surgery residency program. They have been great mentors, teachers and friends to the residents and will be truly missed.

We wish them all the best in their new endeavors!

Surgery baby corner

The surgery family has really added to its waistline in 7-9 lb. bundles!

CONGRATULATIONS to the sweetest additions to our Surgery family!

Jason Gauthier Jr.
arrived 9/7/17,
the son of Dr. Jason & Mrs. Holly Gauthier

Kendrick Oliver Semenkovich,
arrived on 8/11/17,
the son of Drs. Tara and Nick Semenkovich

Madison Grace Downing arrived 8/18/17,
the daughter of Dr. Brandon Downing & Mrs. Jennifer Downing

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Jesse D. Vrecenak, MD, assistant professor, recently joined Pediatric Surgery on an investigator track after completing her two-year General Surgery fellowship training at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in 2017. Dr. Vrecenak completed her General Surgery residency at the University of Pennsylvania in 2015. She finished a General Surgery research fellowship at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in 2013. Dr. Vrecenak attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and graduated in 2007.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES, LECTURES and MORE

- Dr. Eberlein’s State of the Department Address, Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 7:00 a.m., Connor Auditorium
- Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 8:00 a.m. (immediately following Dr. Eberlein’s State of the Department Address), Dr. Robert Andtbacka, Connor Auditorium
- Department of Surgery Alumni Reception at the American College of Surgeons, Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel Cityview AB, 1 Market Place, San Diego, CA 92101
- Gun Violence: A Public Health Crisis, Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Lois Schaffer, author of “The Unthinkable” Taylor Avenue Building, Room 2131
- Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 7:00 a.m., Dr. Julie Freischlag, Holden Auditorium
- Anderson Newton Lecture (in place of Transplant Grand Rounds), Thursday, November 16, 2017, 12:00 p.m. (lunch provided), with Lloyd E. Ratner, MD, MPH of Columbia University, Holden Auditorium

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St. Louis + GS Residency Program = GOOD TIMES!

Thanks to the Department of Surgery, the residents are enjoying the baseball games with the St. Louis Cardinals this season.

Beginning Saturday, October 7, the St. Louis Blues Hockey season begins! The lucky resident who wins tickets to this event will see the Blues vs. the Dallas Stars!

Let’s go BLUZ!

The Fabulous Fox Theatre, U.S. Bank of America Series, tickets begin in mid-October with the first show, THE BODYGUARD, THE MUSICAL on Saturday, October 14. This unique series offers three residents and their guests a wonderful Saturday evening show six times per season!

HAMILTON is included!