

Teaching Awards

In recapping the end of the last academic year – we would like to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following people who were presented with teaching awards at the Chief Residents Dinner Banquet. These awards were given in appreciation for their commitment to the education and training of surgeons. Once again, many thanks to each of them!

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| ➤ Eugene Bricker Teaching Award | Dr. Alejandro Bribriesco |
| ➤ Evarts Graham Teaching Award | Dr. Kathleen Raman |
| ➤ Chief Residents Faculty Mentorship Award | Dr. Jeffrey Moley |
| ➤ Gregorio Sicard Fellowship Award | Dr. Nicholas Spinelli |
| ➤ Friend of the Surgery Resident Award | Dr. Michael Bottros |
| ➤ Advanced Care Practitioner Award | Cheryl Woolsey, PA |

If you would like contact information for the departing Chief Residents it can be obtained through the Surgery House Staff Office.



Dr. Jeffrey Lowell



The residents would like to thank Dr. Jeffrey Lowell for his great contribution to the surgery residency program. He has been a great mentor, teacher, and friend to all. He will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best in his newest endeavors in Washington D.C.

Thank you Dr. Lowell!

Interview Dates (Save-the-Dates)

Interview season is approaching fast. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming interview dates and watch for further announcement of event details.

- Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14, 2015
- Friday, December 11 & Saturday, December 12, 2015
- Friday, January 8 & Saturday, January 9, 2016
- Tuesday, January 12 & Wednesday, January 13, 2016 (Preliminary)

Welcome New Interns!

The new year is underway and the interns have recently finished their second rotation. We look forward to a great year with them as we learn more about them, for instance, do you know what hometown they are from? Look below to find out!



Will Chapman
St. Louis



Ina Chen
New York



Cathleen Courtney
Leesburg, FL



Greg Ebersole
Strongsville, OH



Tanyi Fohtung
Bamenda, Cameroon



Jason Gauthier
Morgan City, LA



Ali Khiabani
Chicago



Jiro Kusakabe
Kyoto, Japan



Jessica Lindemann
Pacific, MO



Emily Onufer
Virginia Beach, VA



Melanie Subramanian
St. Louis



Wei Wang
Taiyuan, Shanxi, China

Resident Awards

Dr. Lauren Steward received the *Service Excellence Award* on July 29, 2015 from the Trauma Service in recognition of her outstanding effort and commitment to the trauma and acute care surgery program.
[Congratulations to Dr. Steward!](#)

Dr. Nicole Wilson received the *Friend of Emergency Medicine Award* given to the resident who has gone above and beyond to help in the ED.
[Congrats to Dr. Wilson!](#)

[Congratulations to Dr. Bola Aladegbami](#) for being the inaugural candidate for the *Professional MBA for the Department of Surgery Faculty, Fellows and Surgical Residents*. This will be open to all residents, faculty and fellows moving forward. Please contact Bola or Dr. Wise for further details.

Dr. Haniee Chung entered the *38th Annual Residents Trauma Papers Competition* held by the ACS Committee on Trauma in Chicago on March 12, 2015 and is one of 15 winners with her paper titled, "The Problem of Age: The Role of the Immune Response to Severe Injury in the Elderly."
[CONGRATS to Dr. Chung representing the COT Region!](#)



Dr. Lauren Steward



Dr. Nicole Wilson



Dr. Bola Aladegbami



Website Updates

The General Surgery webpage has undergone some updates with more to come. These can be viewed at <http://gsres.wustl.edu/>, so check out the changes when you can. News updates have been added along with more informative resident profile pages. Watch for those fun pics to come in the near future along with pictures of the Chief Residents Dinner and the Annual Intern Welcome Picnic. Thank you I.T. Committee and especially Dr. Matthew Strand for all of your hard work in applying the changes!



Resident Portal (It's back!)

The Resident Portal site has undergone recent changes and continues to improve, the site is accessible and ready to bookmark as a "Go To." You can access the portal from the GS home page or through this link:

<https://portal.wudosis.wustl.edu/Surgery/GeneralSurgeryResidency/default.aspx>.

We welcome your suggestions to improve the portal – send to Michelle or Sandi.

Upcoming - Department of Surgery Grand Rounds/Visiting Professor Lectures

Upcoming Visiting Professors/Department of Surgery Grand Rounds: Please mark your calendars:

- September 8 & 9, 2015, Claude Organ Lecture presented by the section of Transplantation, Dr. Steven Stain, RRC Surgery Chair, will speak on Tuesday evening during M&M Conference and on Wednesday morning at Department of Surgery Grand Rounds with a resident fireside chat to follow.
- September 23, 2015, State of the Department Address given by Dr. Eberlein
- September 28 & 29, 2015, Dr. William Gay Lecture presented by the section of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Ara Vaporciyan, Professor and Deputy Chair of Thoracic Surgery at MD Anderson, will be a guest moderator at M&M Conference and will present a Faculty Development lecture to follow. Dr. Vaporciyan will give Grand Rounds to the Department on Wednesday morning with a resident fireside chat to follow.
- October 21, 2015, Visiting Professor Lecture presented by the Section of Vascular Surgery, Dr. Peter F. Lawrence, Chief of Vascular Surgery at UCLA Medical Center, will give Grand Rounds with a resident fireside chat to follow.
- October 27 & 28, 2015, Keith Amos Visiting Professor Lecture will be presented by alumni resident, Dr. Mark S. Cohen, Director of Endocrine Surgery Research at University of Michigan, who will be a guest moderator at M&M Conference and give Grand Rounds on Wednesday morning with a resident fireside chat to follow.

News from WISE

The Washington
University Institute for
Surgical Education



U. Wisc-Madison Skills Decay Study – 7 Wash U research residents participated in this Department of Defense study about skills decay during the lab years. Thanks to those who participated.

ABS SIMPL (System for Improving and Measuring Procedural Learning) Study – This study is to improve measurement and feedback on resident performance and independence in the operating room by using a software-based application, known as SIMPL, that will enable faculty to provide real-time feedback at the end of an OR case. The study is open to all categorical general surgery residents and supervising surgeons of categorical general surgery residents who have an iPhone. Faculty and residents, if you missed the training sessions please contact Debbie Tiemann, RN or Dr. Paul Wise.

New endoscopy rotation requirements: Instituted to prep for the clinical rotation, meet the Flexible Endoscopy Curriculum requirements, and prepare to for the ABS-mandated Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery (FES) exam. Angie or Debbie will email the requirements to residents a couple of weeks prior to their rotation. The first day of the rotation residents will report to the WISE office for a review of scope and tower set up and troubleshooting and to work on cases on the endoscopy simulator.

Welcome New Faculty



Jeffrey Blatnik, MD, joined the Section of Minimally Invasive Surgery as an Assistant Professor after completing a minimally invasive surgery fellowship at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He also completed a general surgery residency and earned a medical degree at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Blatnik will focus on complex abdominal wall hernia repair, minimally invasive foregut surgery, minimally invasive management of foregut disorders, inguinal hernia, endoscopic treatment of achalasia and laparoscopic diaphragm pacing for the treatment of spinal cord injury.



Eleanor Drew, MD, was named an Assistant Professor in the Section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery. She joins the faculty after completing a surgical critical care fellowship at Washington University and a general surgery residency at the University of Chicago Hospitals. She graduated from University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Dr. Drew will specialize in trauma and burn surgery as well as surgical critical care.

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