

THE DAPM HANDOFF

May 2023



Message from the Chair

The month of April brought an abundance of conferences! Our department faculty, trainees, and staff attended the annual meetings of SPA, ASRA, IARS, SOCCA, SATA, and AMG. Please scroll through this issue for a recap of these conferences and the DAPM Womxn's Symposium. Dr. Selma Calmes' story about surviving polio is also featured here, as well as Dr. Alexa Lean and Dr.

Theodora Wingert's HumAnes of UCLA profiles. Congratulations to Dr. Judi Turner, Mr. Alan Zamora, and Ms. Shevaughn Marchese on their new appointments, and to Ms. Natalia MacDougall and Dr. Jordan Francke for their awards this month!

Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD

Chair, Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine at UCLA

Original Articles



Dr. Selma Calmes, Polio Survivor, Shares Her Story at IARS 2023

Selma Calmes, MD, DAPM Retired Clinical Professor, gave a moving account of her own experience with childhood polio and adult post-polio syndrome and its influence on her career as a physician.

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SPA-AAP 2023 Meeting *By Emma Huebner, MD*

Our Pediatric Anesthesiology Division flew to Austin, Texas, to present their research and connect with alumni.

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HumAnes of UCLA



Theodora Wingert, MD

Director of Perioperative Informatics Research

"The most exciting projects for me are tackling new data sources. It's like finding treasure. You start with tables that initially don't look like much, and then by the end, you've got a goldmine of amazing, meaningful data. We've been able to bring in decades of echocardiogram data, blood bank data, and staffing data in our Perioperative Data Warehouse."

[Meet Theo >](#)

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Upcoming Events

Visiting Professor Grand Rounds: **Elizabeth Rebello, MD, FASA**

Executive Director
Professor, Department of Anesthesiology &
Perioperative Medicine
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center



May 3 @ 7 AM
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Grand Rounds: M&M - Peter Jin, MD and Karen Hwang, CRNA
May 10 @ 7 AM
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Grand Rounds: Michael Nurok, MD, PhD
Director, Fellowship in Critical Care Medicine
Medical Director, Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care Unit
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
May 17 @ 7 AM
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Visiting Professor Grand Rounds:
Ramani Moonesinghe, MD
Critical & Perioperative Care National Clinical
Director, NHS England
Professor, Department of Targeted Intervention
University College London
May 24 @ 7 AM
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DAPM JEDI Book Club
May 25 @ 4 - 5 PM
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**Combined Anesthesia, Surgery, Head & Neck and Ortho (Longmire Scientific Day) Grand
Rounds: Christopher Ellison, MD, FACS, MAMSE**
President of the American College of Surgeons
May 31 @ 7 AM
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DAPM in the News



The 2023 DAPM Annual Womxn’s Symposium: Womxn as Educators

This year’s panel focused on the central roles that women play in education—as both teachers and students in academic medicine, and as members of families and our society at large.



SOCCA, SATA, IARS 2023 Annual Meetings

Recap the weekend in Denver, Colorado with our faculty and fellow physicians!



ASRA Pain Medicine 2023 Meeting

Follow our trainees and faculty members of the Acute Pain and Regional Anesthesiology Division at #ASRASpring23!



Jordan Francke, MD, MPH, Awarded SEA-HVO Fellowship

With this fellowship, Dr. Francke will spend four weeks teaching anesthesia in a low-resource country.



2023 AMG Leadership Conference

Quenesha Caballero and Carla Gonzalez participated in professional development workshops alongside other UCLA managers and staff.



Administrative Managers Attend Engagement & Retention Workshop

Olivia Vallejo, Carla Gonzalez, Elizabeth Paray, Lucelva Mendez, and Stephanie Fisher, MA, attended a leadership workshop on enhancing departmental onboarding practices.



Natalia MacDougall, MSN, CRNA, Top CRNA of the Quarter

Ms. MacDougall recently assumed the role of CRNA Assistant Manager, and her leadership is immensely appreciated!



Jordan Francke, MD, MPH, Attends CMA Legislation Day

Dr. Francke met with California legislators to advocate on behalf of our profession.

New Leadership Appointments

Judi Turner, MD, PhD: Assistant Designated Institutional Official (DIO) for UCLA Graduate Medical Education (GME)



Alan Zamora, MSN, CRNA: CRNA Assistant Manager



Shevaughn Marchese: Faculty Development and Career Advancement Program Manager



Recent DAPM Publications

- **Asif Razee, MSc, Somanshu Banerjee, PhD, Soban Umar, MD, PhD:** Thoracic Spinal Cord Neuroinflammation as a Novel Therapeutic Target in Pulmonary Hypertension. *Hypertension*.
- **Brent D. Ershoff, MD, MS:** Intraoperative hydromorphone decreases postoperative pain: an instrumental variable analysis. *British Journal of Anaesthesia*.
- **Lisa Lee, MD:** Difficult or impossible facemask ventilation in children with difficult tracheal intubation: a retrospective analysis of the PeDI registry. *British Journal of Anaesthesia*.
- **Sara Arastoo, MD:** A survey of pain physicians: Needlesticks injuries. *PAIN Practice*.
- **Sophia Poorsattar, MD:** The Year in Electrophysiology: Selected Highlights From 2022. *Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*.
- **Hua L. Cai, MD, PhD:** Endothelial damage in young adult e-cigarette users. *Redox Biology*.
- **Nir Hoftman, MD:** Proof-of-concept study of compartmentalized lung ventilation using system for asymmetric flow regulation (SAFR). *Frontiers in Medical Technology*.
- **Rajesh Kumar, PhD:** Volumetric and microstructural abnormalities of the amygdala in focal epilepsy with varied levels of SUDEP risk. *Epilepsy Research*.
- **Ziva Cooper, PhD:** Changes in Immune-Related Biomarkers and Endocannabinoids as a Function of Frequency of Cannabis Use in People Living With and Without HIV. *Cannabis and Cannabinoid Research*.
- **Jane Moon, MD:** Pain medicine education in the United States: success, threats, and opportunities. *Anesthesiology Clinics*.

Administrative Professionals Day 2023



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Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)

May is Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month

by Olivia Vallejo

Every May, we pay tribute to the rich history, traditions, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) across our country. As we celebrate, it is important to affirm our support of and solidarity with the AAPI community as we continue to address ongoing issues of harassment and violence targeting Asian communities.

We encourage the department to attend the discussion on “AAPI Issues in Healthcare and the Community,” which will be hosted in partnership with DGSOM at UCLA, the Dean’s Office, the Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and the AAPI Alliance. It will take place on **May 12 at 12:30 p.m. at Geffen Hall 130**. The conversation will focus on national healthcare trends and the rise in Asian hate crimes.


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UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine


AAPI Issues in Healthcare and the Community

Focusing on national healthcare trends and the rise in Asian hate crimes.

May 12 at 12:30 p.m. | Geffen 130
RSVP Required. Lunch Available at 12 p.m.



Paul Song, MD



Lisa Ling

In partnership with the DGSOM Dean's Office, Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and the AAPI Alliance

LGBTQIA+ in DAPM

We are excited to announce that the DAPM will be launching an array of community-building events and professional support opportunities for our LGBTQIA+ community! We can't wait to share with you more details on how to join the LGBTQIA+ in Anesthesiology listserv and participate in our upcoming Pride Month DAPM events this June!



Stay tuned for further communications — please reach out to Elliott Higgins (kehiggins@mednet.ucla.edu) with any questions in the meantime.

Wellness Corner



The DAPM Fitness Challenge Planning Team will be holding a department-wide fitness challenge for the month of May! The idea is to obtain as many points (which are in the form of exercise minutes) as possible over the month. The points will be averaged based on the number of participants in each group (residents, attendings, CRNAs, administrative staff, etc.).

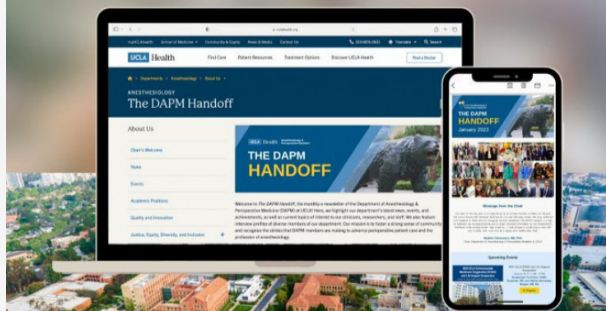
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The DAPM Administrative Team recently brought out our binoculars for birding! We thank the DAPM Administrative Staff Environmental Wellness Pillar for organizing this special event.

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And as always, please reach out to your respective assistant for any support you may need.

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