

THE DAPM HANDOFF

November 2023



Message from the Chair

Welcome to the November 2023 issue of *The DAPM Handoff*! As our department is entering the end of the calendar year and the holiday season, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all of the work you do to support our clinical and academic missions. I look forward to seeing you all on December 1st at our **DAPM & Family Holiday Social**.

Please read on for the following highlights:

- HumAnes profiles of Ryan Bakhit and Garrett Snyder
- DAPM at ASA, ELSO, APSF Annual Meetings
- Vadim Gudzenko's humanitarian trips to Ukraine
- Informatics Division Q&A
- "Which Fellowship is Right For Me? Part 2"
- DAPM 2023 Resident Retreat
- "Who's that Baby? Part I" - DAPM baby pictures

- National Latinx Physician Day panels featuring Jennifer Lucero and Cecilia Canales

Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD

Chair, Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine at UCLA

HumAnes of UCLA

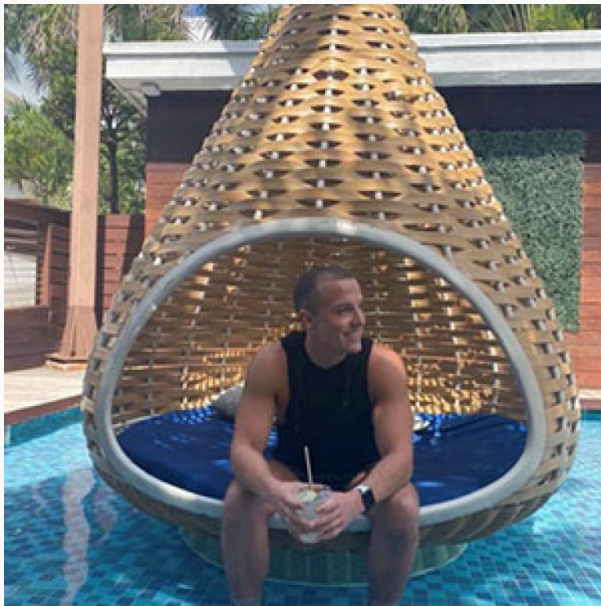


Ryan Bakhit, DO, MHS

Clinical Instructor

"While anesthesiology often involves solo work, one of the most rewarding aspects of being a faculty member at UCLA is the collaborative experience with our dedicated residents. It goes without saying that in my relatively brief time at UCLA, witnessing the remarkable growth and development of the residents I've had the privilege to work with has been incredibly gratifying."

[Meet Ryan >](#)



Garrett Snyder

Executive Assistant to the Chair

"I first started working in the DAPM almost two years ago and have been working at UCLA for a total of 8 years. My favorite part about working in this department is the people. Everyone has been nothing but kind and welcoming since the day I started, and I have built strong friendships with a lot of the staff and faculty here."

[Meet Garrett >](#)

[View HumAnes of UCLA site](#)

Original Articles



DAPM at ANESTHESIOLOGY 2023

Many DAPM members traveled to San Francisco for the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Annual Meeting.



Two Humanitarian Missions to Ukraine

By Vadim Gudzenko, MD

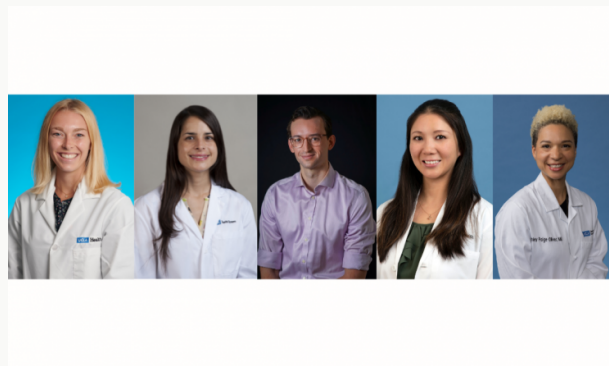
Dr. Gudzenko traveled to Lviv and Kyiv in the past year to teach point-of-care ultrasound with the Society of Critical Care Medicine.



INFORMATICS 101!

By Theodora Wingert, MD, and Eilon Gabel, MD

We created this brief Q&A to help us get the word out about the Informatics Division and to help people access clinical data for research or quality purposes.



Which Fellowship is Right for Me? Part 2

By Zarah Antongiorgi, MD, Sandra Sacks, MD, K. Elliott Higgins III, MD, Ashley Oliver, MD, Emma Huebner, MD

Four faculty physicians share their insights on how they chose their respective subspecialties.



ELSO Conference 2023

By Vadim Gudzenko, MD

The 34th Annual Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO) Conference was the largest ELSO event ever conducted.



APSF 2023 Stoelting Conference

By Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD

The Stoelting Conference on “Emerging Medical Technologies” was held in Las Vegas from September 6-7.



[DAPM 2023 Resident Retreat](#)

By Jennifer Nam, MD, MBA

Resident physicians enjoyed amazing food, music, and ocean views during their annual retreat.



[Grand Opening of Eugene & Maxine](#)

[Rosenfeld Hall](#)

Dr. Yue Ming Huang, Executive Director of the UCLA Simulation Center, and other DGSOM leaders celebrated the opening of the center's new home.



[Westwood ASC Named 2nd Best Ambulatory Surgery Center in U.S.](#)

Congratulations to the Westwood Surgery Center for achieving the second highest survey score in Newsweek's list of America's Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers for 2024!

[Dr. Clark and Dr. Francke Speak in ASA Podcast Series](#)

Drs. Varina Clark and Jordan Francke were recently featured in the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Residents in a Room Podcast Series.

[AAMC Restorative Justice Training](#)

By Olivia Vallejo

Ms. Vallejo attended the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Restorative Justice in Academic Medicine (RJAM) Facilitator Training.

[Dia de los Muertos Celebration](#)

By Anabel Barajas

On October 13, La Comunidad celebrated Día de los Muertos as part of National Hispanic, Latino & Latinx Heritage Month.

Awards and Grants

Lejla Medzikovic, PhD: Chancellor's Award for Postdoctoral Research

Andrew Disque, MD: Teacher of the Quarter Award

Jina Kim, MSN, CRNA: 2023 Third Quarter Top CRNA

Flora D'Oliveira Da Silva, PhD: Foundation Philippe Grant

Jennifer Lucero, MD, MA: Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Fellow

Varina Clark, MD: Anesthesiology 2023 Conference Presenter
Best of Abstracts: Basic Science

Sungsoo Kim, MD: Anesthesiology 2023 Conference Presenter
Best of Abstracts: Clinical Science

Carla Gonzalez: 2023 Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Fellow

Adrian Arietta, PhD: Promising Young Investigator, UCLA
Cardiovascular Theme Symposium

Grégoire Ruffenach, PhD: Promising Young Investigator, UCLA
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New Leadership Appointments

Scott Vandiver, MD, PhD: Anesthesia Critical Care Medicine
(ACCM) Fellowship Associate Program Director

Zhuang-Ting Fang, MD, MPH: Stein Eye Institute Operating
Room Medical Director

Zarah Antongiorgi, MD: Associate Director, Faculty
Development and Career Advancement (FDCA)

Tina Yu, MD: Obstetric Anesthesiology Fellowship Program
Director

Quenesha Caballero: AMG Proshare Coordinator

Welcome to DAPM!

Jeanine Naegle, MD
*Trauma & Adult
Multispecialty Team*

**Jose Hernandez Carcamo,
MS**
*Administrative Specialist for
Health and Well-being*

Megan Lebre, M.Ed.
Communications Coordinator

Jibril Osumanu, BS
Administrative Specialist

Annette Aguilar
*Research Administrative
Assistant*

Abi Rusconi
Staff Research Assistant

DAPM at Work

Upcoming Events

Grand Rounds:

What's New in Chronic Pain?

Harkirat Chahal, MD, Bi Mo, MD, MPH, Hayley Osen, MD, MS, Sandra Sacks, MD, MEd
RR & SM UCLA Medical Center

November 15 @ 7:00 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

Grand Rounds:

Anil Patel, MD

Cardiologist
Scripps La Jolla Hospitals & Scripps Green Hospital

November 29 @ 7:00 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

DAPM & Family Holiday Social "Illuminations"

Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel
11461 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90049

December 1 @ 5:30 PM

[RSVP Required >](#)

Quality of Life Improvement Workshop:

Jina Sinskey, MD

Chair of the MH International Professional Advisory Council
Professor at the Department of Anesthesia
University of Toronto

December 5 @ 5:30

[RR UCLA Medical Center & Zoom RSVP >](#)

Visiting Professor Grand Rounds:

Jina Sinskey, MD

Chair of the MH International Professional Advisory Council
Professor at the Department of Anesthesia
University of Toronto

December 6 @ 7 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

Grand Rounds:

M&M Cardiac Fellows and Reed Harvey, MD

M&M Cardiothoracic Team

December 13 @ 7 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

Grand Rounds (Combined with Surgery):

Jonathan Hiatt, MD

Senior Advisor, Professor Emeritus
UCLA Medical Center

December 20 @ 7 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting >](#)

[View all events](#)

Recent DAPM Publications

- **Stephanie Lam, DO, MS, Sean Mofidi, MD, MS, Louis Saddic, MD, PhD, Jacques Neelankavil, MD, Theodora Wingert, MD, Drew Cheng, MD, Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH, Tristan Grogan:** Incidence of Intraoperative Vasoplegic Syndrome in Lung Transplantation. *Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*.
- **Cecilia Canales, MD, MPH, Brittany Burton, MD, MHS, MAS, Daniel Cole, MD, Robert Whittington, MD, Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD:** Perspectives on ethnic and language diversity in perioperative neurocognitive disorders. *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.
- **Varina Clark Onwunyi, MD, Valencia Walker, MD, Oluyinka Olutoye, MD, PhD:** With Caution and Courage: Contextualizing Color-Blind Approaches to Perioperative Research and Care. *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.
- **Emily Methangkool, MD, MPH:** The Women in Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Special Interest Group: What Can the Lessons of One Anesthesiology Affinity Group Tell Us About How to Build Impactful Professional Communities? *Anesthesia & Analgesia*.
- **Lisa K. Lee, MD, MS:** Hypoxemia in School Age Children Undergoing One-Lung Ventilation: A Retrospective Cohort Study from the MPOG. *Anesthesiology*.
- **Alexandre Joosten, MD, PhD, Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD:** Closing the loop: automation in anesthesiology is coming. *Journal of Clinical Monitoring and Computing*.
- **Theodora Wingert, MD, Diana Hekmat, MD, Ihab Ayad, MD:** Regional Anesthesia for Neonates. *NeoReviews*.
- **Lindsay Brown, MD, Ihab Ayad, MD, Marc Iravani, MD:** Neonatal Surgical Procedures in the Intensive Care Unit versus the Operating Room. *NeoReviews*.
- **Theodora Wingert, MD, Maxime Cannesson, MD, PhD:** A least absolute shrinkage and selection operator-derived predictive model for postoperative respiratory failure in a heterogeneous adult elective surgery patient population. *CHEST Critical Care*.
- **Matthew Fischer, MD, Tiffany Williams, MD, PhD, Reed Harvey, MD, Jacques Neelankavil, MD:** Making a Statement: The Need for a Formal Training Statement in Cardiac Anesthesiology. *Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*.
- **Samuel Kim BA, Jonathan Ho, MD, Abbas Ardehali, MD:** Lung Transplantation from Hepatitis C+ Donor Lungs: Reassuring Mid-Term Outcomes. *The Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation*.
- **Patricia Nwajuaku, MD, MPH, Igor Barjaktarevic, MD, PhD, Nir Hoftman, MD:** Research and development of the sOLVe Tube™ dual lumen endobronchial tube: from concept to construct. *Frontiers in Medical Technology*.
- **Oren Avram, PhD, Eran Halperin, PhD:** Prediction of activity in eyes with macular neovascularization due to age-related macular degeneration using deep learning. *Eye*.
- **Marina Angelini, PhD, Riccardo Olcese, PhD:** Fibroblasts in heart scar tissue directly regulate cardiac excitability and arrhythmogenesis. *Science*.
- **Michela Ottolia, PhD:** Structural mechanisms of the human cardiac sodium-calcium exchanger NCX1. *Nature Communications*.
- **Jijuan Huang, PhD, Christoph Rau, PhD, Tomohiro Yokota, PhD, Tsz Kin Kong, PhD, Chen Gao, PhD, Yibin Wang, PhD, Josh Lee:** Regulation of Postnatal Cardiomyocyte Maturation by an RNA Splicing Regulator RBFox1. *Circulation*.
- **Christine Trieu, MD:** Malignant Hyperthermia in a Neonate: An Unexpected Presentation. *Anesthesiology News*.

- **Jane Moon, MD:** *William James' Nitrous Oxide Nightmare: A Metaphysical Revelation. Anesthesiology.*

Wellness Corner

By DAPM Health and Well-Being Program



UCLA Health | Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine

Quality of Life Improvement

A Well-Being workshop presented by
Jina Sinskey, MD, UCSF

December 5th
5:30 - 6:30pm PST
RRUMC, Room B124



RSVP TODAY

Sponsored by the DAPM Well-Being Program

We're happy to announce that we are hosting a **Quality of Life Improvement Workshop** that will be led by **Jina Sinskey, MD**, from UCSF as part of her Patricia Kapur Visiting Professor visit. This workshop will be of interest to anyone actively involved in, or looking to learn more about, change management, quality improvement, or well-being improvement work.

December 5th | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. PST

In person (**RRUMC, Room B124**) and **Zoom** (link: <https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/92292025756>)

This workshop focuses on guiding participants to identify local needs related to well-being in their own work environments. The participant will be able to develop mini plans for well-being interventions to build cultural change. Attendees will be introduced to a step-by-step approach to planning and implementing well-being initiatives at their institution and will build a change plan during the tutorial.

Please click here to **RSVP** or via the QR code to receive a calendar invitation.

The DAPM Quality Team celebrated Healthcare Quality Week to recognize healthcare professionals who promote quality and patient safety.

[Read More Here!](#)

Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)

Celebrating our JEDI Committee's Recent Achievements by Olivia Vallejo

Earlier this year, the DGSOM Dean's Office hosted its very first JEDI Chair's Symposium, where all clinical and basic science department chairs presented updates on their submitted JEDI reports. We are happy to share that after evaluation, **our department scored within the top third of all departments and was awarded funding to support our ongoing initiatives.**

In addition, our department is being recognized for **scoring highest in the Education/Professional Development section of our submitted JEDI Report.** An award will be given at the **DGSOM JEDI Trailblazers event on November 29 from 4 – 6pm.** We welcome all department members to join us and will share location details as soon as they are available.

National Hispanic, Latino & Latinx Heritage Month

JUNTOS BRILLAMOS: DRIVING PROSPERITY, POWER AND PROGRESS IN AMERICA

We observed National Hispanic, Latino & Latinx Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic/Latinx people. We celebrated the independence days of several Latin American countries: Belize, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua. Here's the link to [La Comunidad's site](#) for more information!



CSA National Latinx Physician Day Panel With Dr. Lucero

On September 29, the California Society of Anesthesiologists (CSA) held a panel highlighting National Latinx Physician Day (NLPD), established in 2022 to be observed annually on October 1. Hosted by Dr. Ludwig Lin, our very own Dr. Jennifer Lucero was selected to participate on this panel alongside Drs. Viviana Ruiz Barros and Antonio Hernandez-Conte.

CSA's goal for the panel was to bring together a panel of Latinx anesthesiologists at different stages of their professional careers to speak about their journeys to anesthesiology.

You can check-out this inspiring conversation on the CSA HQ YouTube Channel linked [here!](#)

DGSOM Latinx Physician Day Panel With Dr. Canales

The DGSOM Dean's Office also hosted a panel to highlight NLPD on October 5, and our very own Dr. Cecilia Canales was selected to participate alongside Drs. Alejandra Casillas, Juan Andino, Juan Jimenez, and current DGSOM medical student Alexis Aleman.

NLPD was established as a day to celebrate Hispanic and Latinx physicians in the U.S. and to help build awareness and bridge the gap in representation. Currently, only 6% of physicians are Latinx in the United States, despite the country being made up of 19% Latinx.



November is National Native American, American Indian, and Alaskan Native Heritage Month

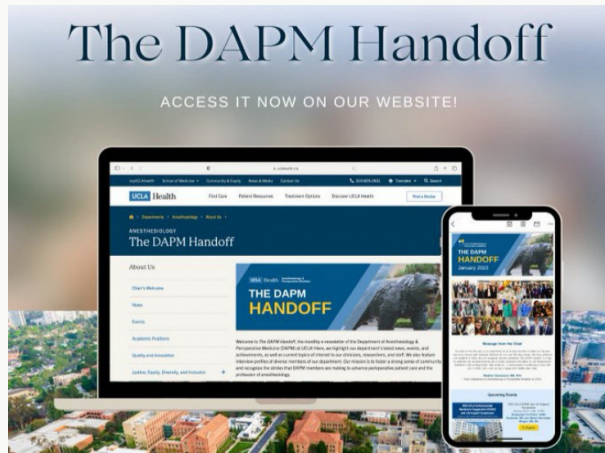
This month, we commemorate the sovereignty, resilience, and rich heritage of American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Indigenous communities. UCLA, along with all University of California campuses, stands on land that has deep historical significance to Indigenous peoples.

We recognize the Gabrielino/Tongva nation as the traditional stewards of Tovaangar (the Los Angeles basin and southern Channel Islands). We extend our deepest respect to the Honuukvetam (ancestors), 'Ahihirom (elders), and 'Eyoohiinkem (our relatives) across past, present, and future generations.

Below are some opportunities to learn more as we observe National Native American, American Indian, and Alaskan Native Heritage month:

- Join us **Thursday, Nov. 16 at Noon**, for “Creating space for healing: Culturally-responsive care of Native American patients with Dr. Katya Adachi Serrano.”
- **Learn** how to support Native American and Indigenous communities.
- Explore **Mapping Indigenous LA**, a community effort of oral history and digital storytelling about Gabrielino Tongva and the Fernandefño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians.
- Discover research and upcoming events from the **UCLA American Indian Studies Center**.
- **Learn** about the long-lasting impacts colonization and discrimination have had on Native American health.

- **Find more information** on the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Research Program.



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