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Kudos



Jordan Rook (General Surgery R3) was awarded the AAS Clinical Outcomes/Health Services Research Grant for his Implicit Bias in the Trauma Bay Project. Congratulations Jordan!



Special thanks to Joe Hadaya and Razmik Ghukasyan, who represented our program at the Surgical Jeopardy! (More on page 2)

Dr. Timothy Donahue President Elect of the Society of University Surgeons!



"The Society of University Surgeons was established in 1938 when Dr. Samuel J. Stabins, Chief Surgical Resident at the University of Rochester, proposed the idea of a new surgical society". The SUS is "recognized as the world's premier organization dedicated to the advancement of the surgical sciences".

<https://www.susweb.org/history/>

Residency News



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2022 Ronald W. Busuttil, MD, PhD Visiting Professor Lectureship

With Visiting Professor Goran B. Klintmalm, MD, PhD



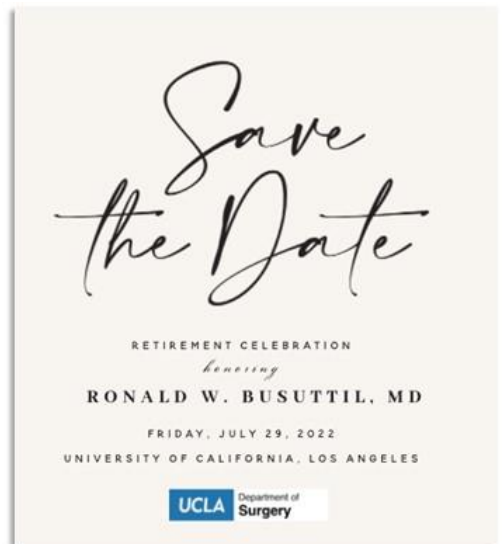
2022 Ronald W. Busuttil, MD, PhD Visiting Professor Lectureship Grand Rounds

Dr. Goran Klintmalm, Chief Emeritus and Chairman of the Annette C. and Harold C. Simmons Transplant Institute at Baylor University, served as the inaugural RW Busuttil Lecturer and delivered two presentations at UCLA on February 8 and 9, 2022. "On February 1st, 38 years ago, Ronald W. Busuttil, MD, PhD and his team of expert clinicians performed the first successful liver transplant on the West Coast, establishing the fifth such program in the country."



Through the efforts and support of this Division, Department, Health System, and School of Medicine, UCLA transplant ranks as one of the most outstanding programs in the world. We have provided this life-saving intervention to over 7,200 patients suffering from liver disease and have successfully treated some of the most complex patients."

Douglas G. Farmer, MD
Interim Chief, Division of Liver & Pancreas



Save the Date

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
honoring
RONALD W. BUSUTTIL, MD
FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

UCLA Department of Surgery



UCLA Presenters at the 17th Annual Academic Surgical Congress in Orlando

Congratulations to all UCLA medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty members who presented at the annual meeting of the 17th Academic Surgical Congress. This is a joint event with the Associations (AAS) and the Society of University Surgeons (SUS) attracting hundreds of national and international participants each year. The meeting took place in Orlando Florida, January 31-February 3.



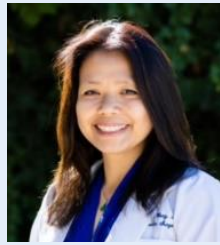
From left to right: Chelsea Pan (MS2), Sara Sakowitz (MS1), Peyman Benharash MD, Catherine Williamson (MS3), and Grace Park MD (Research resident)



Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2021-2022 Viola Hyde \$3000 Surgical Research Scholarships!

Spring 2022					
	Specialty	Mentor	Year	Award Type	Amount
Yifan Mao	Bariatric Surgery - Harbor	Dr. Amy Yetasook	MS1	Research	\$3,000
Noy Kaufman	Endocrine/Breast	Dr. James Wu	MS3	Research	\$3,000
Michelle Hong	ENT	Dr. Ashley Kita	MS3	Research	\$3,000
Natalia G. Peñaloza	Urology	Dr. Lenny Ackerman	MS3	Research	\$3,000
Shannon Richardson	Trauma/Global Health	Dr. Catherine Juillard	MS1	Research	\$3,000
Jeremiah Taylor	Orthopedics	Dr. Nicholas Bernthal	MS2	Research	\$3,000
Timothy Liu	Plastics	Dr. Chia Soo	MS3	Research	\$3,000
Ansley Unterberger	Neurosurgery	Dr. Isaac Yang	MS3	Research	\$3,000

New Surgery Interim Chair at Olive View Medical Center



Dr. Jane K. Yang will serve as the Interim Chief of Surgery at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, effective February 1, 2022. Dr. Yang will be taking over for Dr. Robert Bennion, who is retiring.

Dr. Yang is a member of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery and serves as Chief of Division of Vascular Surgery, Medical Director of Utilization Management, and Surgery Residency Program Site Director. Dr. Yang joined OVMC and UCLA in 2013 and has recently taken on the role of Director of External Partnerships. She is an exceptional educator for residents and medical students.

Dr. Robert Bennion served as Chief of Surgery and Vice Chair for Olive View-UCLA Medical Center since 2013. Dr. Bennion has been a part of UCLA for almost 40 years. He is an excellent administrator, clinician, and an esteemed educator who has taught generations of residents and medical students the principles of surgery and operative techniques. In recognition, he received the Golden Scalpel Award for Teaching Excellence multiple times.

We congratulate Dr. Yang on her new role and thank Dr. Bennion for his many contributions and leadership!

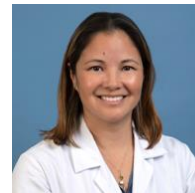
(Adapted from the Department of Surgery Announcement)

UCLA Surgery Residents at UCLA



UCLA Surgery residents rotate at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles where they get an opportunity to work with several well-known pediatric surgeons including Dr. Kasper Wang, Past President of the Society of University Surgeons (SUS). Dr. Wang also serves as the Pediatric Surgery Fellowship Program Director. Pictured above from left to right: Drs. Kasper Wang, Eugene Kim, and Claire Faltermeier.

Dr. Veronica Sullins nominated to AAMC Program



Congratulations to Dr. Sullins for her nomination to attend the Association of American Medical Colleges, Early Career Women Faculty Leadership Development Seminar! A well-respected clinician and researcher, Dr. Sullins has earned a number of honors in every stage of her career. She also leads the wellness efforts for faculty and residents in our Department.

MS3 Suturing Skills Session



On January 18, Dr. Peacock and Dr. Chang and the Department of Surgery hosted a surgical skills session for the MS3 medical students. Students practiced surgical techniques on cadavers, under the guidance of the clerkship chairs, Drs. Ian Macqueen and Justin Wagner and surgery residents, Mariah Blegen (GS), Ivy Huang (GS), Joseph Hadaya (GS), Thomas Gaither (Urol) and Brendan Shi (Ortho). Many thanks to all the faculty and residents for another successful skill session!



Dr. Justin Wagner SERF Fellow!



Congratulations to Dr. Wagner for being accepted to the Association for Surgical Education, Surgical Education Research Fellowship (SERF) program for 2022-2023! A gifted Pediatric Surgeon and passionate educator, Dr. Wagner has a long record of contributions to medical education and currently serves as the UCLA Surgery Co-Clerkship Director.

UCLA Department of Surgery

In Honor of Black History Month: Statement from the UCLA Department of Surgery

February is Black History Month and the UCLA Department of Surgery honors and celebrates the significant and life-changing contributions of Black Americans to this nation and to the field of surgery. Dr. Vivien T. Thomas was one of many such pioneers (See accompanying Bio). We acknowledge the struggles and sacrifices Black Americans encounter to achieve equity and inclusion in our country's history and present day. As an evolving surgical community, it is our responsibility to respect, listen and learn from our history and take intentional steps to create an environment where diversity is sought and celebrated, and all individuals are valued and embraced equitably. We realize that concrete actions and not solely words are required to achieve this goal and we strongly pledge our commitment to uphold these principles.



Vivien Theodore Thomas, MD (1910-1985): Without any education past high school, Thomas rose above poverty and racism to become a cardiac surgery pioneer and a teacher of operative techniques to many of the country's most prominent surgeons. As a surgical technician, Thomas developed the procedures used to treat blue baby syndrome in the 1940's. He was the assistant to surgeon Alfred Blalock, MD, in Blalock's experimental animal laboratory at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Despite developing pioneering techniques which ushered in the era of modern pediatric heart surgery, racial discrimination prevented him from attending medical school. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Johns Hopkins University in 1976 and remains a legendary figure in American surgery.

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Harold, JG. (2018, Feb 14). Black History Month and Pioneering African American Physicians. American College of Cardiology. <https://www.acc.org/latest-in-cardiology/articles/2018/02/13/14/42/harold-on-history-black-history-month-and-pioneering-african-american-physicians>.

Abstract Due Dates (Please verify with individual websites)

American Association for Surgery of Trauma	1-Mar
American College of Surgeons	1-Mar
Western Vascular Society	March
Society of Thoracic Surgeons	Jun
Western Surgical Association	1-Jun
Southern Surgical Association	1-Jul
Eastern Association for Surgery of Trauma	1-Jul
Academic Surgical Congress	Mid Aug
Society of Critical Care Medicine	1-Sep
Pacific Coast Surgical Association	9-Sep
Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery	Sept
SCCACS	16-Sep
Western Trauma Association	1-Oct
American Association of Thoracic Surgeons	Oct
ACS Resident Trauma Paper Competition	1-Oct
Surgical Education Week	15-Oct
American Association of Endocrine Surgeons	Oct
Southwestern Surgical Congress	Oct
American Pediatric Surgical Association	Oct
American Society of Transplant Surgeons	Oct
American Surgical Association	Late Nov
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons	Dec

UCLA Intramural Seed Grant Opportunities

Latinx Studies Seed Grants As part of the [HSI Infrastructure Initiative](#), the Chicano Studies Research Center in collaboration with the Office of Research and Creative Activities (ORCA) will administer a new seed funding program (\$250,000) designed to help launch and support research projects on and/or involving Latinx populations in the US.

Racial and Social Justice Seed Grants As part of the [Rising to the Challenge](#) initiative, the Institute for American Cultures in collaboration with the Office for Research and Creative Activities (ORCA) will administer \$250,000 in seed research grants on topics addressing racial inequities and racial justice.

Transdisciplinary Research Acceleration Grants Seed funding is available to catalyze transdisciplinary research and creative activities by supporting early stage projects with the specific goal of facilitating investigators' chances for attaining extramural funding. Proposals must represent a research collaboration from at least two distinctly different disciplines, with preference given to projects led by a "north campus" PI and/or projects that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within the research enterprise. All grants will be up to \$30,000. Applications due on 3/23. Info: orcafunding@conet.ucla.edu.

Vascular Day, Surgery Grand Rounds

On February 2, 2022, Dr. Vincent L. Rowe gave his talk "Academic Surgery: Are we a sustainable Model?" at Surgery Grand Rounds. Afterwards, he came to attend Vascular Conference and speak to the vascular residents and fellows at the UCLA Vascular Clinic.

Congratulations Dr. Michael DeLong!

Dr. DeLong, a Microsurgery Fellow in the UCLA Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, is the new recipient of his first NIH award. This R21 grant is funded by NIH-NCI National Cancer Institute for the project titled The Randomized Feasibility Trial for Mesh in Pre-pectoral Reconstruction will begin on April 1, 2022. Dr. DeLong completed his Plastic Surgery Residency at UCLA in 2021.

**Hybrid Wednesday Conference**

As the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations and test positivity among patients and staff continue to decline, the Department of Surgery has returned to a hybrid format for Wednesday Grand Rounds and conferences. It was wonderful to see so many of our trainees and faculty members at 73-105 CHS in person!

**Welcome to the Surgery Education Office, Yazmin!**

Yazmin Lina is the newest addition to the Surgery Education Office staff member. In the education office. Yazmin worked for 15 years at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, the last 8 years in the Department of General Surgery as a Program Coordinator and Research Coordinator. Her primary role will be as multi fellowship coordinator. Yazmin is joining an exceptional group of dedicated staff members who serve all our training programs.



"Know how to learn. Then,
want to learn."

– Katherine Johnson
(1918-2020)
Space Scientist, NASA



Counseling & Consultation

The UCLA Staff and Faculty Counseling Center provides free counseling assessment, and referral services to faculty, staff, and their immediate family Members.

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2021-2022 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)

March 9 - Women in Surgery Spring Mixer with Dr. Sharon Lum, Chair of Department of Surgery, Loma Linda University Health (6:30 – 8:00 PM)

March 18 – Match Day

May 11 – General Surgery Mock Oral Examinations

June 1 - Longmire Day Scientific Day

June 18 – General Surgery Graduation

Wednesday Conferences

Mar 2 8am Zoom	Joint Anesthesia-Medicine-Surgery Grand Rounds "Challenges of Anesthesia and Surgery for Interplanetary Spaceflights"	Matthieu Komorowski, MD, PhD Consultant in Intensive Care, Charing Cross Hospital Clinical Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine Imperial College London UK
Mar 9 8am Zoom	TBD	Sharon S. Lum, MD, FACS Professor & Chair, Department of Surgery Loma Linda School of Medicine Medical Director, Breast Health Center Loma Linda University Director of Breast Surgery Riverside University Health System
Mar 16 8am Zoom	Joint Medicine & Surgery Grand Rounds AOA Lectureship Community Engagement, Education & How University Medical Centers Can Address Health Inequities	Thea L. James, MD Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine Boston Medical Center/Boston Univ School of Medicine Director, Boston Medical Center Massachusetts Violence Intervention Advocacy Program
Mar 23 7am Zoom	TBD	Debra H. Ford, MD, FACS Sr. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Associate Professor of Surgery Howard University College of Medicine Washington, DC
Mar 30 7am Zoom	<u>Joint Grand Rounds Dept of Anesthesia & Dept of Surgery</u> "Renal Transplantation" UCLA Kidney Transplant Exchange Program	Jeffrey Veal, MD Professor of Surgery UCLA Department of Urology Kidney Transplantation

Zoom Link <https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/571420558>