**Kudos**

**Paul C. Samson Manuscript Competition Finalist**

Yas Sanaia (Mentor: Dr. Peyman Benharash) is the Paul C. Samson Resident Manuscript Competition Finalist at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association for her abstract titled, “Trends in Utilization, Mortality and Resource Use Following Implantation of Left Ventricular Assist Devices in the US: Closing the Gap in Quality.” Congratulations Yas!

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**33rd Annual Longmire Surgical Society Scientific Day**

Congratulations to the following residents on the excellent quality of their research presentations:

William S. Ragalie (Mentor: Dr. Peyman Benharash, Cardiac Surgery), Catherine Zhu (Mentor: Dr. Michael Yeh, Endocrine Surgery), Christopher Childers (Mentor: Dr. Melinda Maggard-Gibbons, General Surgery), Q. Lina Hu (Mentor: Dr. Clifford Ko, General Surgery), Kentaro Kadono (Mentors: Dr. Ronald W Busuttil & Dr. Jerzy W Kupiec-Weglinski, Liver and Pancreas Transplantation), Yevgeniy Freyvert (Mentor: Dr. Daniel C. Lu, Neurosurgery), Chad Ishmael (Mentor: Dr. Nicholas Bemtha, Orthopedic Surgery), Pengcheng Wang (Mentor: Dr. Frank Petrigliano, Orthopedic Surgery), Tao Guo (Mentors: Dr. Francis J. Homicak & Dr. Zhenfeng Duan, Sarcoma Biology Laboratory & Orthopedic Surgery), Sean Saadat (Mentor: Dr. Jason Roostaian, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery), Benjamin DiPardo (Mentors: Dr. Anusha Kalbasi, Dr. Fritz C. Elber & Dr. James S. Tomlinson, Surgical Oncology), Stephanie Kim (Mentor: Dr. Timothy K. Donahue, Surgical Oncology), Anaar Sletz (Mentors: Dr. H. Gil Cryer & Dr. Stephen Snell, Trauma & Acute Care Surgery/Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics), Claire S. Burton (Mentor: Dr. Jennifer T. Anger, Urology), Rajiv Jayadevan (Mentor: Dr. Leonard Marks, Urology), Taylor Sadun (Mentor: Dr. Robert E. Reiter, Urology), Joe Pantoja (Mentor: Dr. Peter F. Lawrence, Vascular Surgery)

Please see pages 3 & 6 for more pictures from the event.

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**Residency News**

**33rd Annual Longmire Surgical Society Scientific Day**

Friday, March 8, 2019

Richard Hwang (MS4, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA) was the recipient of W.P. Longmire Jr. Award 2019 for Excellence in Surgery. Dr. David Chen presented 2019 Longmire Medallion “Outstanding Medical Student” at 33rd Annual Longmire Surgical Society Scientific Day. Congratulations, Richard, on this early success!

Please see pages 3 & 6 for more pictures from the Longmire Surgical Society Scientific Day.

The 3rd Annual Family Bowling Event Champions

Congratulations to the lab class and their families (pictured below) who won this year’s championship!

Please see page 9 for more pictures from the 3rd Annual Family Bowling Event.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Dr. Timothy Donahue on the News

Dr. Donahue, Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, discussed pancreatic cancer during an interview with Healthline, KNBC-TV, Los Angeles, and WFFA-TV (ABC), Dallas. The discussion was in the context of TV celebrity Alex Trebek’s diagnosis with pancreatic cancer. News video clips from KNBC (https://bit.ly/2FcBkiD) and WFFA (https://bit.ly/2F7roH8) are both available online.

2019 UCLA Women in Surgery Spring Mixer Reception

The 7th Annual Spring Reception was on Wednesday, March 6. Dr. Julie Ann Sosa spoke about her journey to becoming a surgeon and department chair at UC San Francisco.

March 6th Grand Rounds with Dr. Julie Ann Sosa

Pictured above are Dr. Avital Harari and Dr. Julie Ann Sosa. Dr. Ann Sosa, Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery at UC San Francisco, gave a presentation on the topic, “The Thyroid Cancer Epidemic and Its Evolving Surgical Management: When is Less More?” She also spoke about her journey at 2019 UCLA Women in Surgery Spring Mixer Reception.

Refresher Course (Cadaver Lab/ASSET)

The Refresher Course (Cadaver Lab/ASSET) will be held on June 17-18. This course is for all the General Surgery residents entering PGY3.

The Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) course is scheduled for June 6 and June 7. This is mandatory for Board Certification.

2019 Longmire Surgical Society Scientific Day Keynote Address

Longmire Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Barbara Lee Bass, John F. & Carolyn Bookout Presidential Distinguished Chair at the Department of Surgery Houston Methodist Hospital, Professor of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College and Executive Director at Houston Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation & Education. Dr. Bass presented on the topic of “The Personal Perils of a Surgical Career: Caring for your Colleagues and Yourself.”

DGSOM UCLA Open Forum for Dialogue

The forum provides a safe space for Faculty, Staff and Students to discuss issues of equality, equity, race, gender and all forms of social justice. The event is on Monday, April 22, from 5-6pm, at Geffen Hall Building (Room 148).
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

UCLA Surgery Longmire Surgical Society
Scientific Day & Annual Meeting (Friday, March 8, 2019)

Established in 1985, the Longmire Visiting Professorship provides an outstanding opportunity for UCLA students, residents and faculty members to meet with distinguished leaders in the field.

Pictured above center are the Longmire Surgical Society Vice President Dr. James Tomlinson and President Dr. Melinda Maggard-Gibbons, with Chief Residents Ian MacQueen, Greg Sacks, Aaron Dawes, Bradley Genovese, and Neha Datta. Congratulations to the Chief Residents for their induction into the Longmire Society!

Please see page 6 for more pictures from this year’s Longmire Scientific Day.

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Assistant Professor of Surgery, Pediatric Surgery  
Yale School of Medicine |
| April 10   | 7 am | 73-105 CHS | “Public Policy Analysis”                                                   | Gerald Kominski, PhD  
Professor of Health Policy and Management,  
Sr. Fellow UCLA Center Health Policy Research,  
UCLA Fielding School of Public Health |
| April 17   | 7 am | 73-105 CHS | “Pediatric Surgery”                                                        | Lorraine Kelly-Quon, MD, MSHS  
Assistant Professor of Surgery and Preventive Medicine,  
Keck School of Medicine of USC |
| April 24   | 7 am | Tamkin RRUMC | Combined Anesthesia-Surgery  
“Pain Management for Surgical Patients; Adapting to the New Environment” | Samak Rahman, MD  
Clinical Professor Regional Anesthesia, Director of Regional Anesthesia, Director of Acute Pain Management, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine  
Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center |
Welcome Residents and Congratulations on Match 2019!

Andre Belarmino (Urol)
Mariah Blegen (GS)
Joshua Casasos (Neuro)
Janice Cho (Prelim)
Arman Danielian (H&N)
Robert Dorfman (Plas)
Claire Faltermeyer (GS)
Timothy Florence (Neuro)
Cindy Gu (Urol)
Maya Harary (Neuro)
Hattie Huston-Paterson (GS)
Richard Hwang (Ortho)
Nirbhay Jain (Plas)
Sohini Khan (Prelim)
Lin Lin (Urol)
Tom Maxim (H&N)
Erik Mayer (Ortho)
Jesa Miller (H&N)
Laith Mukdad (H&N)
Leila Musavi (Plas)
Joon Park (GS)
Marlanna Pavlyha (Vasc)
Fletcher Preuss (Ortho)
Jordan Rook (GS)
Milan Samarage (Neuro)
Rodell Santuray (H&N)
Brendan Shi (Ortho)
Grace Sollender (Urol)
Nakul Talathi (Ortho)
Alexander Upfill-Brown (Ortho)
Whitt Virgin-Downey (GS)
David Weiland (Prelim)
Mark Yost (GS)
Mohamed Yuafishaq (GS)
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The 3rd Annual Family Bowling Event at Bowlmor Lane Santa Monica
Celebrating the Longmire Surgical Society Annual Scientific Day on March 8, 2019
2018-19 Upcoming Events

Fri, April 16: QE Application deadline
Wed, June 5: General Surgery Mock Orals
Thu-Fri, June 6-7: ATLS (Required before starting PGY3)
Sat, June 15: General Surgery Graduation!

Abstract Due Dates*

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Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller

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