Residency News

Honoring Dr. Busuttil's Legacy

After more than 16 years of exceptional leadership, Ronald W. Busuttil, M.D., Ph.D., stepped down as William P. Longmire, Jr. Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery. Dr. Busuttil joined the faculty in 1978, rising to his current rank of Distinguished Professor. In 1983, he founded the UCLA program in liver transplantation, which has grown to become among the world’s largest and most successful solid organ transplant programs. On June 29, we held a virtual tribute to honor Dr. Busuttil.
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Dr. Vatche Agopian is the New Director of the Dumont-UCLA Liver Cancer Center

In his new role, Dr. Agopian will lead the efforts of our Dumont-UCLA Liver Cancer Center. Founded in 2000, the comprehensive center is dedicated to the care of patients with primary and secondary liver malignancies.

Dr. Agopian received his medical degree from Columbia University and was trained in General Surgery, Multiorgan Transplantation, and Hepatobiliary Surgery at UCLA. He currently is an Associate Professor of Surgery and serves as the Associate Program Director for the General Surgery training program. Furthermore,

Dr. Agopian an incoming Deputy Editor for Liver Transplantation. Congratulations Dr. Agopian!

Kudos

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Graduation Award Recipients!

Medical Student Teaching Award Recipients:
- Kevin Blair
- Amy Copeland
- Michael Dacey
- Razmik Ghukasyan
- Danielle Graham
- Joseph Hadaya
- Yang Frank Lu
- Michael Mederos
- Alexandra Moore
- Nicholas Oh
- Gabriel Oland
- Rivlka Shenoy
- Max Schumm
- Linda Ye
- Catherine Zhu

Jonathan R. Hiatt Excellence in Medical Student Education Award Recipients:
- Danielle Graham
- Alexandra Moore

Outstanding R1 and R2 Award Recipients:
- Outstanding R1: Jordan Rook
- Outstanding R2: Mark Ajalat

Gerald S. Levey Surgical Education Award Recipient: Joon Park

Wiley F. Barker Senior Resident Teaching Award Recipient: Kent Garber

Ronald K. Tompkins Golden Apple Award Recipient: Sean O’Neil

Wilma Miley Morton Research Award Recipient: Yen-Yi Juo

The Howard A. Reber Golden Scalpel Award Recipient: Irmina Elliott

Golden Scalpel Faculty Teaching Award Recipients:
- Dr. Brian Kadera
- Dr. Mary Kwaan
- Dr. Joe Hines

Zachary Weitzner, lab resident, has been accepted to participate in the UCLA Health Informaticist Program. He’ll be learning more about how info technology affects safely, quality, and efficiency of care. Congrats Zach!
Deadline to Obtain Your Postgraduate Training License is August 31, 2020.

The deadline to obtain a Postgraduate Training License (PTL) is fast approaching. If a resident fails to obtain a postgraduate training license on or before August 31, 2020, or the Board denies the application, the resident must cease all clinical training in California. More information on the application process and the limits of the PTL can be found on the Medical Board of CA website: https://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Physicians_and_Surgeons/#COVID19_DCA-Waiver-20-13

Resident Wellness

A new Drive-In series entitled, “Tribeca Drive-in” begins at the Pasadena Rose Bowl for a month-long series of movie screenings July 2 – July 26. Get ready to enjoy new and classic films while still maintaining social distancing standards. Movies on the schedule include Inside Out, The Dark Knight, Do the Right Thing, Bridesmaids, and Space Jam. Tickets are on sale now. It is $26.60 per vehicle and a percentage of proceeds will go to Black Lives Matter. View the schedule here: https://tribecafilm.com/drive-in/RoseBowl.

Join Our General Surgery Residency Book Club

This is the first of many new initiatives by Hattie Huston-Paterson, Diversity Champion, and the Program leadership. As a residency, we will start our learning and unlearning together by reading “How to Be an Antiracist” by Ibrahim X. Kendi.

Our goal is to create a welcoming, nonjudgmental environment - one that encourages all of us to rise to the occasion and see the dismantling of racism as part of all our personal and professional lives, not just a select few.

Virtual ACS Quality and Safety Conference – Register Now

The 2020 ACS Quality and Safety Conference VIRTUAL will run from Friday, July 24 through Monday, July 27. Registration will be free-of-charge and available to all. The program will feature something for everyone! They will offer a variety of compelling video presentations live and on-demand, along with an opportunity to engage in a live chat with session presenters. More information, including registration instructions and the conference agenda, will be available soon. Stay tuned! Please contact acsqasconference@facs.org for questions.
Thank You, Dr. Busuttil!!!

“I love going in the OR,” Busuttil Says. “I get enormous gratification from saving somebody’s life. When I looked at any opportunity, it was on the condition that I could continue being a surgeon. That’s the one thing I know I do really well.”

- Ronald W. Busuttil, MD, PHD

Dr. B’s Academic Achievements

- Research Fellows: 37
- Clinical Fellows: 70
- Trained > 325 Transplant Surgeons
- Named Lectureships: 35
- Journal Publications: 778
- Book Chapters: 82
- Books: 4
- Scopus h-index of 101
- Research awards: 70
- Total Funding: $30,118,918
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

UCLA Faculty Spotlights

An article, “COVID-19 Pandemic Prompts Reconsideration of Neoadjuvant Endocrine Therapy for Breast Cancer” that mentions Chief of Breast Surgery at UCLA, Dr. Maggie L. DiNome, was recently featured as a topic alert on MedScape.

News & Perspectives:

COVID-19 Pandemic Prompts Reconsideration of Neoadjuvant Endocrine Therapy for Breast Cancer

Lumpectomy for Multiple Ipsilateral Breast Tumors Yields Satisfying Cosmetic Results: Survey

Read the article here:

Statistics Course led by Dr. Edward Livingston Starts in July

With the assistance of Danielle Graham, Dr. Livingston is planning a statistics course with his teaching sessions beginning in July. This is a great opportunity for lab residents who would like to improve their ability to conduct research and interpret medical literature. You can view a tentative schedule here: https://bit.ly/2BGh3DG. The dates are subject to change, but the lecture topics will remain the same.

UCLA Vascular Surgery Professor, Dr. Juan Carlos Jimenez, has co-written a textbook with Dr. Samuel Eric Wilson entitled, 50 Landmark Papers Every Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon Should Know.

This book identifies the 50 key scientific articles in the field of vascular and endovascular surgery. It provides commentary to each carefully selected paper and explains why these papers are so important, thus providing every surgeon with the foundation stones of knowledge in this fast-moving area. This valuable reference will be published August 11, 2020.


Vice Dean of Education, Dr. Clarence Braddock, speaks out on the far-reaching effects of the Supreme Court’s DACA decision.

View his segment on KNBC here:
https://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=ab73e495-ae02-4732-abfb-fdf4ce3fe583

Except from Transcript:
“We seek in medicine, of course, to have an adequate supply of doctors and nurses…we want people who come from different perspectives and come into medicine deeply passionate about the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities because we know that’s where the health care needs really are. Over time, individuals who have undergone and overcome adversity have become very particular and special to medicine and no group epitomizes that more than the undocumented students in medicine.”
Virtual Mock Orals with USC and Cedars-Sinai

From 2F. Michael Yeh to Everyone:
Thanks for the superb organization and preparation. Worked amazingly well, especially for a first try!!!

From jack to Everyone:
Congratulations for a great oral examination today. It was good to see everyone!

Oral Boards Tips for Success from Drs. James Wu, Justin Wagner, and Formosa Chen

1. Keep answers straightforward, don’t say, what you could or might do, and say what you will do
2. Cases are written to give you all the information you need, minimize asking questions except for clarification
3. For key operations, be able to give a bulleted summary of operative steps
4. Practice, practice, practice -- speaking out loud, verbalizing your thoughts, with friends, attendings, anyone
5. Have a plan for being stuck, to help you move on and not waste time
6. Content-wise, SCORE is the basis for the exam
New initiatives to Promote Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in UCLA Surgery

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<td>$250 for summer research and recognition at Longmire Day</td>
<td>Mentor must be in the Dept. of Surgery; student from an underrepresented in medicine (UIM) background</td>
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<td>MS4 Visiting Scholarship for students from HBCs</td>
<td>$2000 and a Sub-I Month on Surgical Oncology</td>
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<td>Pipeline Program Mentoring</td>
<td>Annual participation in the UCLA summer pipeline programs</td>
<td>Students are from an underrepresented in medicine (UIM) background and low socioeconomic status backgrounds</td>
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General Surgery 2020 Graduation

On June 13, 2020, we said goodbye to Stephanie Anne Kingman Angarita, Colin MacDonald Court, Irmina Elliott, Yen-Yi Juo, Sean Michael O’Neill, Aditya Sanjay Shirali, and Shonan Sho. Congratulations!

Class Of 2020

#Quarantined

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

**Contact:** 310-794-0245

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Constructed by Andrea McLean

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**2020-21 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)**
- Wed, Nov 18: Virtual General Surgery Interviews
- Wed, Dec 2: Virtual General Surgery Interviews
- Wed, Dec 16: Virtual General Surgery Interviews
- Fri, Mar 19: Match Day

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### Wednesday Conferences

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