

Departmental Updates

New Additions!



James Elias



Peyton Jo



Julian



Amelia

- **Edward (Eddy) Arous, MD** (Division of Vascular Surgery), and his wife, Laura, welcomed their first child, James Elias Arous, on March 3.
- **Danielle Doucet, MD** (Division of Vascular Surgery), and her husband, James Harris, welcomed their daughter, Peyton Jo, on March 10.
- **Maria Wolak** (Administrative Assistant, Division of Trauma and Critical Care) and her husband, Donnie, welcomed their son, Julian, on March 22.
- **Samuel Vazquez, MD** (General Surgery PGY1) and his wife, Abigail, welcomed their second child and first daughter, Amelia, on Friday, March 30.



- **Anne C. Larkin, MD** (Division of Surgical Oncology) was named the Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs.



- New Board Certifications
 - **Muriel Cleary, MD** (Division of Pediatric Surgery) successfully obtained board certification in Pediatric Surgery.



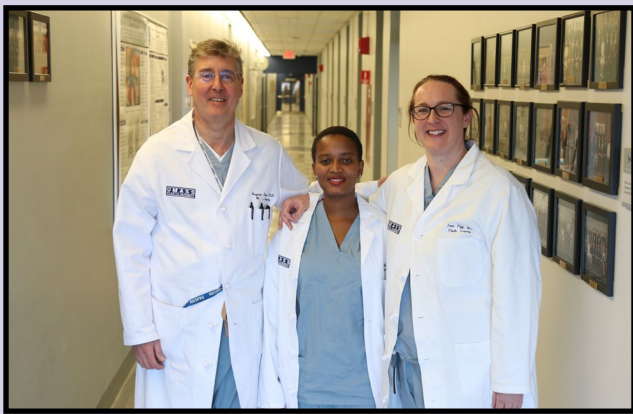
- **Ting (Dana) Xu, MD** (Division of General Surgery) successfully obtained board certification in General Surgery.

- **Ryan Hendrix, MD** (General Surgery Research Resident) and Eva Rouanet (UMMS MSIV) were married in a beautiful ceremony on March 2.



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- The Division of Plastic Surgery welcomed Dr. Wone Banda from Malawi in February as an International Scholar in the division. Dr. Banda is an attending plastic surgeon in Kamuzu Central Hospital in Lilongwe and one of only three plastic surgeons in Malawi for a population of 6,890,375. Coordinated by **Dr. Joyce McIntyre** in the division of plastic surgery and sponsored by ConnectMed International, the month long educational exchange focused on complex craniofacial care, techniques in limb salvage, and breast reconstruction. A graduate



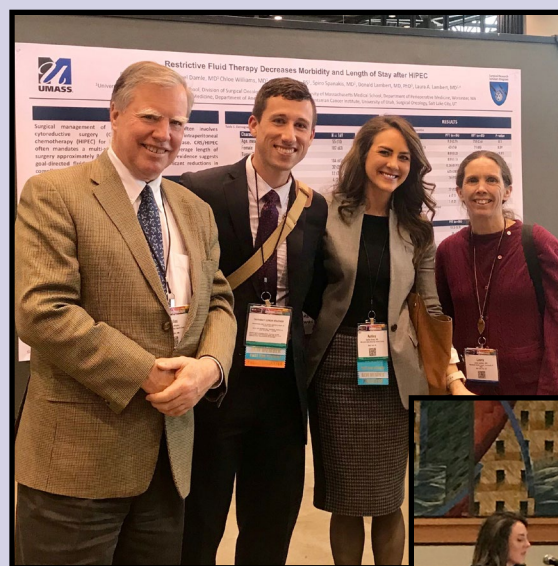
Plastic Surgery Division Chief, Raymond Dunn, MD, Visiting Fellow, Wone Banda, MD and Joyce McIntyre, MD



Plastic Surgery Chief Residents, Sean Figy, MD, Sana Bhatti, MD, and Visiting Fellow, Wone Banda MD (middle)

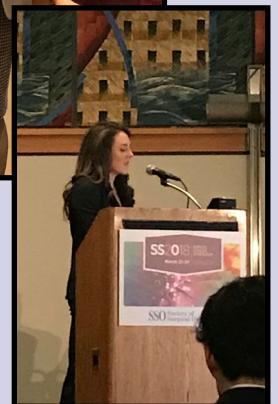
of COSECA (College of Surgeons, East, Central and Southern Africa), Dr. Banda has also completed plastic surgery training in Glasgow, Scotland and Mexico City, Mexico. Of her month in Worcester she said, “What I saw here at UMass will directly benefit my patients in Malawi and most importantly, I have gained a community of surgeons with whom I can discuss my most difficult cases.” Plastic Surgery plans to welcome an International Scholar annually.

- Two residents recently presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Surgical Oncology held in Chicago, IL.
 - **Ryan Hendrix, MD** presented posters entitled:
 - Surgical Resection May Not Offer Survival Benefit Following Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy in Patients with Stage I-II Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma (with **Jennifer LaFemina, MD** and **Giles Whalen, MD**)
 - Restrictive Fluid Therapy Decreases Morbidity and Length of Stay After HIPEC (with **Chloe Williams, MD** [General Surgery PGY2] and Laura Lambert, MD)
 - **Ashley Russo, MD**, bottom right (General Surgery Research Resident) presented a QuickShot of the work she is doing under her mentor at MSKCC, Vivian Strong, MD, entitled “Copy Number Gains in HER2 and VEGF α May Predict Poor Outcome in Early Gastric Cancer.”



Giles Whalen, MD, Ryan Hendrix, MD, Ashley Russo, MD, and Laura Lambert, MD (above, left to right)

Ashley Russo, MD, (right) presenting at the Society of Surgical Oncology.



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Divisions of Cardiac, Vascular and Trauma & Critical Care Surgery Represent Medical Center at National Conference

- More than 350 registrants from around the world recently attended the annual meeting of the Association of Physician Assistants in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery in Florida. Our Medical Center had an incredible showing of team members sending 14 people, including advanced practice providers Chris Bianchi, PA-C; Maureen Maloney, NP; Yuliya Ariskin, NP; Betty Houk, NP; Margo Wood, NP; Donna Soja, NP; Colleen Cattaneo, PA-C; Julie

Pappalardo, PA-C; and Stephanie Mayberg PA-C; as well as **Dejah Judelson, MD**, vascular surgery; **Ricardo Bello, MD, PhD**, cardiac surgery; Nikos Kakourous, MD, interventional cardiology; Mohammed Waseem Akhter, MD cardiology; and **Ulises Torres, MD**, trauma and critical care. Six were invited to give podium presentations. The meetings focus was on the latest treatment and frontiers in Cardiac, Vascular, thoracic surgery and critical care.



Ricardo Bello, MD

Cardiac surgery team: (left to right) Betty Houk, NP; Donna Soja, NP; Dejah Judelson, MD; Colleen Cattaneo, PA-C; Stephanie Mayberg, PA-C; Julie Pappalardo, PA-C; Margo Wood, NP; Maureen Maloney, NP, Ricardo Bello, MD

- Under Section Editor, **Mitch Cahan, MD**, faculty and residents (current and former) of the Department of Surgery recently published chapters in *Irwin & Rippe's Intensive Care Medicine, 8th Edition*
 - Faculty: Adel Bozorgzadeh, Mitch Cahan, Jim Carroll, Jon Dorfman, Timothy Emhoff, Dejah Judelson, Jennifer LaFemina, Paulo Martins, Joyce McIntyre, Babak Movahedi, Bruce Simon
 - Residents: Brandon Colvin, Kate Dinh, Sean Figy, Daniel Hetherman, Bankole Samuel, Joshua Scurlock, Bing Shue
- **Vijaya Daniel, MD, MPH** (General Surgery Research Resident) was awarded ongoing support via a NIH TL1 grant for her work studying the role of the intestinal microbiome on outcomes after emergency surgery for gastrointestinal perforations. She is conducting work with mentors Beth McCormick, PhD and Heena Santry, MD.

Welcome 2018 - 2019 Interns

The Department of Surgery had a wonderful match season for its three residency programs!
Please join us in welcoming our incoming intern class of 2018-2019.

Vascular Surgery



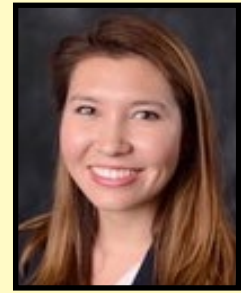
Benjamin Aresh Eslahpazir
University of Central Florida



Emily Yunxi Fan
UMass Medical School



Shirley Shue
Case Western Reserve University



Marisa "Reese" Smith
Wright State University

Plastic Surgery

General Surgery

Categorical



Catherine Beauharnais
Stony Brook

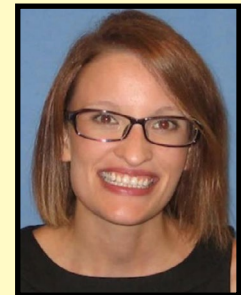


Sebastian Chung
University of Alabama

Preliminary



Syeda Anum
University of Massachusetts



Alyssa Cali
Univ NE College of Osteo



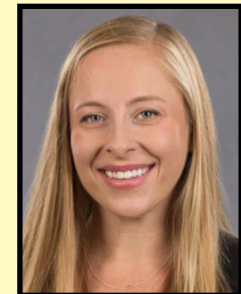
Jonathan Durgin
University of Massachusetts



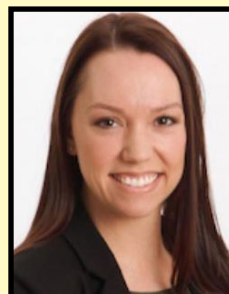
Emily Mackey
Tufts University



Robert Gakwaya
University of Massachusetts



Meghan Lardy
University of Miami



Erin Scott
Rutgers RWJ



Samuel Vazquez
University of Illinois



Christine Van Horn
Keck School of Medicine

Upcoming Events

1. **Monday, April 23.** General Surgery Mock Oral Examinations will be held for all PGY3, 4 and 5. Thanks in advance to all participating faculty members!
2. **Sunday, May 27.** The 14th Run to Remember Race will take place at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston on Sunday, May 27. Please sign up to join the MA-ACS team, "Cut to the Chase." Registration can be found at: <http://www.bostonsruntoremember.com/boston/index.html>
3. **Friday, June 8.** Please help support the Division of Colorectal Surgery by supporting their 7th Annual Clubs for Colorectal Cancer, on Friday, June 8 at 12 pm at Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton, MA. For more information, please call 508-334-8195.
4. **Thursday, June 14.** UMass neuroanesthesiologist Dr. Shaheen Shaikh and neurointensivist Dr. Susanne Muehlschlegel will host an ENLS Course on June 14. Information and registration can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emergency-neurological-life-support-enls-course-tickets-43127610845>
5. **Saturday, June 16.** Please save the date for the General Residency Welcome/Goodbye BBQ on the afternoon of Saturday, June 16, rain or shine.
6. **Saturday, June 23.** Please save the date for the General Surgery Change Show and Graduation. Graduation will take place at the Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge, MA. Details to follow.

Calling for Submissions!

We will be publishing our annual Department Newsletter this summer.

We are hoping to include submissions from any member of the department to submit works (such as essays, poems, artwork, anything...) to highlight your talents, perhaps with a connection to why you come to work every day and what brings you passion. For those interested in video submission, we also would love these and will highlight yours submissions on our Department website.

If you would like to contribute, please forward to Jennifer LaFemina.