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Graduation of 2017 Chief Residents

Annual Dinner, June 17 at The Down Town Club

2017 Award Recipients



Penn Center of Surgical Excellence Award and "Top Gun"

◆ Brett L. Ecker, MD



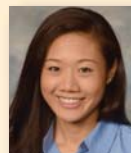
Leonard J. Perloff Chief Resident Teaching Award

◆ Jeffrey E. Cohen, MD



Penn Center of Surgical Excellence Award and "Top Gun"

◆ Ian W. Folkert, MD



Jonathan E. Rhoads Resident Research Award

◆ Carol W. Chen, MD



William Y. Inouye Resident Teaching Award

◆ Catherine E. Sharoky, MD



Gordon Buzby Surgical Leadership Award

◆ Ronald M. Fairman, MD



William Y. Inouye Faculty Teaching Award

◆ Najjia N. Mahmoud, MD



Keith Reemtsma Surgical Resident of the Year Award

◆ Reilly D. Hobbs, MD



Leonard D. Miller Teaching Award

◆ Rebecca L. Hoffman, MD



Surgical Mentorship Award

◆ Noel N. Williams, MD



Ernest F. Rosato Faculty Teaching Award

◆ Robert E. Roses, MD



From the Editor

Clyde F. Barker, M.D.

On July 10, 2017 it became official that Ronald P. DeMatteo is the 19th chairman of the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Surgery. He capped off a busy first day by hosting a dinner party to celebrate the appointment of four faculty members as endowed professors. Since two of the chairs were endowed by the Measey Foundation, Ron Fairman and I, as board members of this foundation were asked by Dr. DeMatteo to make brief remarks about the Foundation's history and that of the endowed chairs.

William Maul Measey, a University of Pennsylvania educated lawyer, became wealthy enough as a young man to retire from the practice of law and devote himself entirely to managing his fortune and his gardens at his house in Haverford (adjacent to the Merion golf course) and in the grounds of a 13th century Swiss Castle he had purchased. In 1954 Mr. Measey founded a charitable foundation and decided it's mission should be support of medical education in Philadelphia. He also mandated that his foundation should invest entirely in equities, a strategy that has resulted in the assets growing to their present level of \$65 million. Fifty percent of the annual income is devoted to student scholarships at Philadelphia's 5 medical schools. Additional funds have supported endowed professorships at the medical schools, research fellowships and innovative programs such as simulation centers. Seven of our departments 15 endowed chairs were funded by the Measey Foundation.

The Julian Johnson Professorship in Cardiothoracic Surgery:

Established in 1992 this is the only Measey chair that does not carry the Foundation's name. This is probably because it was endowed jointly by the Measey and Buckingham Mountain Foundations. The Buckingham Mountain Foundation had been established by doctors I.S. Ravdin, Jonathan Rhoads and Julian Johnson with

their personal and practice generated funds. Dr. Johnson's widow Mary, then chair of the Buckingham Mountain Foundation strongly favored the appointment of Hank Edmonds as the first Julian Johnson Professor. Hank, who succeeded the Julian Johnson as the department's chief of cardiothoracic surgery already held another Measey chair but was glad to resign from that chair to gain the honor of the Julian Johnson professorship (see the Summer of 2014 issue of the newsletter for review of the career of the legendary Julian Johnson). Hank Edmonds recently gave up the Johnson chair. Thus Mike Acker who has now been installed is only its second incumbent.

William Maul Measey Professorship in Surgical Research:

This chair was funded in 2000. Dr. Jonathan Rhoads then Chair of the Measey Foundation Board wished to establish this chair for the Department to recruit surgical scientists. In 2004 Larry Kaiser, then department chairman used it to help recruit and support Jeff Drebin as head of the G.I. division. Dr. Drebin held the chair until 2009 when he became John Rhea Barton Professor and Chairman. The chair will now be held by Sunil Singhal.

Rhoads-Harrington Professorship:

This chair was established in 2009 by a gift of one million dollars from the Mark H. and Blanche M. Harrington Foundation. Necessary additional funds were provided from the Jonathan Rhoads endowed chair which had been established earlier by contributions of Dr. Rhoads' faculty colleagues, friends and patients. That older Rhoads chair had facilitated recruitment of John Daly in 1986 and in 1995 Douglas Fraker, who continues to occupy this chair.

The newer Rhoads-Harrington chair was first occupied by Brian Czerniecki from 2011 until his departure in 2016, to head the breast program of the Moffitt Cancer Center. Noel Williams has now been appointed as the incumbent.

Emily and Roland de Hellebrandth Professorship:

This chair was established in 1979 through a gift of Emily de Hellebrandth, widow of Roland de Hellebrandth a surgeon whose private practice was at Graduate Hospital. It was intended to satisfy Dr. de Hellebrandth's wish that Graduate Hospital's department of surgery maintain a relationship with Penn for teaching, research and patient care. This relationship had begun with mergers in 1916 and 1918 of the University of Pennsylvania with the Medico-Chirurgical and Polyclinic colleges and hospitals to form the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. For the next 48 years the Graduate School was an important but always somewhat separate division of Penn's medical school. The Graduate Division had a distinguished faculty which conducted a two year degree providing graduate course. This course was most successful in the post-world war 1 and 2

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Resident Research Presentations at Grand Rounds

Contributed by Doug Fraker

On Thursday, July 13, the six residents finishing laboratory rotations gave presentations during Grand Rounds to the faculty and residents and medical students. It was an outstanding and diverse group of presentations described below.



Dr. David Aufhauser *Inhibition of CoREST Reverses HDAC2-Mediated Protection from Renal Ischemia* - David



worked in the laboratory of Dr. Matthew Levine in the Division of Transplant Surgery. He gave a presentation of a murine model of renal ischemia reperfusion to demonstrate that HDAC inhibitors lead to significant protection of renal function. He utilized transgenic mice to elucidate the mechanism of this protection. The goal of this research is to utilize readily available HDAC inhibitors to preserve renal function.

Dr. Carol Chen *Sustained Release of Endothelial Progenitor Cell-Derived Exosomes from Shear-Thinning Hydrogels Improves Angiogenesis and Promotes Function after Myocardial Infarction* - Carol



worked in the laboratory of Dr. Pavan Atluri in the Division of Cardiac Surgery. She utilized both *in vitro* and *in vivo* small and large animal models in the attempt to preserve and regenerate myocardium after ischemic injury. She utilized exosomes instead of progenitor cells to attempt to preserve cardiac function after ischemia. She has just started to apply this technique in sheep with the goal of taking the method to clinical trials in the future.

Dr. Madalyn Neuwirth *Photoacoustic Ultrasound Imaging for the Detection of Nodal Metastases in Melanoma* - Maddy



worked in the Laboratory of Dr. Giorgos Karakousis in the Division of Endocrine and Oncologic Surgery. She worked on a variety of projects related to lymph node metastases in melanoma. She utilized a murine model to identify micro-metastases in lymph nodes with high resolution ultrasound. This method of detecting micro-metastases may augment or replace sentinel lymph node excision in melanoma surgery. She also gave several brief clinical presentations from the Penn melanoma database relating to sentinel lymph nodes.

Dr. Douglas Murken *The Role of Estrogen in Ischemia Reperfusion Injury* - Doug



worked in the laboratory of Dr. Matthew Levine in the Division of Transplant Surgery. He gave a presentation that evaluated the role of estrogens in a murine model of hepatic ischemia-reperfusion injury. Dr. Levine's laboratory has several publications looking at the role of gender differences and estrogen in renal models not fully realized in the hepatic model. Doug also gave an update of the PERT clinical trial, *Peri-operative Estrogen in Renal Transplantation*.

Dr. Eli Riddle *Motion-Tracking in a Laparoscopic Suturing Task and Surgical Education Initiatives* - Eli



worked in the laboratory of Dr. Thane Blinman from CHOP. He utilized computer tracking techniques to try to learn how to improve technical function and efficiency. Utilizing a laparoscopic suturing technique he evaluated medical students, residents, and fellows in tracking precise movements. Analysis of results in this model may become a new feature in the technical and skill education of surgical residents.

Dr. Elizabeth Bailey *Transformational Health Services Research: Using Data to Improve Patient Outcomes Locally and Beyond* - Beth



worked with Dr. Rachel Kelz in The Center for Surgery and Health Economics. She presented several projects conducted while obtaining her Masters Degree in Health Policy Research. Dr. Bailey highlighted a multi-institutional study, funded by the Association of Program Directors in Surgery, to investigate the impact of resident involvement in patient care on outcomes. She discussed her role as leader of a hospital-wide quality improvement initiative to optimize the process of transferring patients to HUP. She also outlined her plan for a current study, funded by the Leonard Davis Institute, to evaluate the impact of the Affordable Care Act on access to bariatric surgery.

Dr. Fairman's Presidential Address Society for Vascular Surgery

At the Society's annual meeting in San Diego, Ron Fairman delivered an exceptionally interesting and well received presidential address. After appropriate acknowledgment of his family, staff, colleagues and surgical training at HUP he reviewed highlights of his remarkable career. After residency Ron started out in solo practice at a community hospital. Before long he had built one of the largest practices in Philadelphia and had become the hospital's chief of surgery. Then after 12 years he reinvented himself, returning to HUP and starting over at the entry level of a University career. The excellence of his academic performance soon led to appointment as Chief of the Vascular Surgery Division. At Penn he initiated endovascular surgery and by participating in virtually every national clinical trial in this new field he became widely respected. He was soon on the way to leadership positions culminating in the Presidency of the Society for Vascular Surgery.

Illustrating Ron's talk were descriptions of spectacular patient experiences and of his tour of service as a volunteer in the U.S. Army's hospital in Landstuhl Germany caring for wounded soldiers sent there from Iraq. Finally and perhaps of use to academic surgeons everywhere was Ron's review of his experience negotiating with hospital administrators placing vascular surgery in its proper prospective with regard to downstream revenue. He also described the Vascular Society's system for calculating outcomes and pointed out that it was more accurate than NSQUIP. In other dialogue with hospital administrators he explained why increased length of stay is not always bad and that his average length of stay of 9 days for patients with ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysms was better than the national average of 1.3 days.



Ron with his family, Alex, Julie and Conner



Grace Wang, Ron and Omaide Velazquez



David Deaton, Jeff Carpenter, Ron Fairman, Joe Lombardi, Ed Woo

Welcome

New Residents

General Surgery Program



Feredun Azari
Univ. of Virginia



David Alan Herbst
Penn



Greg Kennedy
Penn



Omar Ramadan
Univ. of Alabama



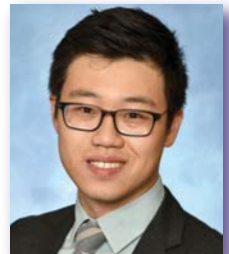
Jacqueline Soegaard
Penn



Richard Straker
Univ. of Miami



Andrew Tieniber
Rutgers



Jason Tong
Penn

Plastic Surgery Program



Javier Couto
Univ. of Puerto Rico



Michael Lanni
Univ. of Albany



Wen Xu
Penn



Jason Han
Penn



William Patrick
Stanford

Thoracic Surgery Integrated Program

Urology Program



Raju Chelluri
State Univ. of NY



Ani Fombona
Univ. of Pittsburgh



Brian Friel
Rutgers



Ruchi Talwar
Rutgers

Vascular Direct Program



Chris Blackstock
Louisiana State Univ.



Alex Fairman
Penn

Accomplishments and Career Plans of the 2017 Graduating Penn Chief Surgical Residents

Matthew Boelig, MD



Matthew was born and raised in New Hampshire and is a 2002 graduate of The Derryfield School in Manchester, New Hampshire. He graduated cum laude from Yale University in 2006 with a BS in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. He then received his MD from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 2010. Matthew

subsequently began his general surgery residency training at the University of Pennsylvania. After his third year of residency, he entered the labs of Dr. William Peranteau and Dr. Alan Flake at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. His research focused on a preclinical mouse model of in utero hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, and he presented his studies at national meetings, including the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress and the American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting. His research led to several publications in peer-reviewed journals. During residency, Matthew and his wife, Dr. Rupsa Boelig, welcomed their son Simon into the world. He is thrilled to be staying in Philadelphia to train as a Pediatric Surgery Fellow at CHOP while Rupsa completes her fellowship in Maternal Fetal Medicine. Matthew is also grateful for the support of his beloved family, and in particular would like to recognize his parents Lori and Ray Boelig for their steadfast love and support.

Jeffrey E. Cohen, MD



Jeff graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania in 2005 with degrees in Molecular Biology and Economics. During this time, he was recruited by the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security to develop novel methodology in counterterrorism. He then continued on to receive his medical degree from the University of

Pennsylvania in 2009 where he was awarded the Clyde F. Barker Research Award for his work on cardiac tissue regeneration.

6 He remained at Penn for his surgical residency where he con-

tinued his translational research interests following his first 3 years of clinical training, leading to multiple publications and presentations. In 2014 he moved his research endeavors to Stanford University with Dr. Joseph Woo in cardiac surgery. At Stanford, he has primarily focused on constructing photosynthetic cardiac tissue in order to allow light to fuel a beating heart. This led to his being awarded the C. Walton Lillehei Young Investigator Award at the 2015 American Association for Thoracic Surgery Meeting along with a recent publication in *Science Advances* and a U.S. patent. He will be continuing his training as a Cardiac Surgery Fellow at Stanford University this July when he moves to California with his wife Anna Juliar, an art historian and museum curator. He will, of course, travel back to Philadelphia frequently to see his parents, grandparents, brother, and beloved but painful Eagles and Phillies.

Jashodeep Datta, MD



Jash was born in Calcutta, India and came to the United States to pursue higher education. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a major in Molecular Biology from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, where he was awarded the Bernard and Sydell Citron Pre-Medical Prize and received an extramural Anita B. Roberts Award to

conduct cancer research at the National Cancer Institute/NIH. He then attended medical school at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee, where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. During his general surgery residency at the University of Pennsylvania, he completed a post-doctoral research fellowship in cancer immunology and immunotherapy under the guidance of Dr. Brian Czerniecki. He was awarded the prestigious Association for Academic Surgery Foundation Zinner Research Fellowship Award in his laboratory years, during which he developed a novel immunotherapeutic approach to targeting mutated BRAF in a murine melanoma model, investigated endogenous and dendritic cell vaccine-induced immune responses in breast cancer and identified novel HER3-derived class II-promiscuous CD4+ peptides for use in cancer vaccination. He has authored over 50 peer-reviewed manuscripts, several book chapters, two biomedical patents, as well as presented his research on numerous occasions at regional/nation-

al meetings. He was the recipient of the Jonathan E. Rhoads Research Award and Penn Center of Surgical Excellence Award in 2015. Following residency, he will move with his wife (and source of unending support), Supriya, and children, Riyaan (5½ years) and Inaara (3 years), to New York, New York to pursue a fellowship in Surgical Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Reilly D. Hobbs, MD



Reilly graduated from Calvin College in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology with minors in Biology and Business. He then earned a master's degree in biomedical sciences from UMDNJ, completing his thesis on blood brain barrier permeability during inflammatory states. He then attended medical school at Wayne State University, graduating with

honors in 2012. During medical school he was elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society, Alpha Omega Alpha, and received the Dean's Distinguished Service and Academic Achievement Awards, as well as a distinction in biomedical research. He began his general surgery residency at the University of Pennsylvania in 2012. During his residency, he conducted clinical research in the division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Upon completing his general surgery training, he is returning to his home state of Michigan to complete a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at University of Michigan. Joining him will be his beautiful wife, Rachael, and their two children Jackson and Margot.

Arjun Jeganathan, MD



Arjun attended the University of Pennsylvania as an undergraduate, majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. After graduation, he spent two years in the laboratory of Dr. Ali Naji researching the mechanisms of transplant rejection. Arjun went on to attend Tufts University School of Medicine, obtaining his degree in 2010. While in medical school, he

was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, and was awarded the Martin J. Loeb Prize in Surgery. Arjun then returned to Penn for a residency in General Surgery. After developing a clinical interest in colorectal diseases, he spent two years in the laboratory of Dr. Anil Rustgi, Medicine's Division of Gastroenterology studying mechanisms of malignant transformation in the intestine. Over the course of his training, he authored several publications in both basic science as well as clinical journals, in addition to podium presentations at several national meetings, including DDW and ASCRS. At the conclusion of his general surgery training, Arjun will continue as a fellow in Colorectal Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. He will be joined in Cleveland by his wife and best friend Jenna, who has provided him with endless amounts of support in the pursuit of his passion.

Lindsay E.Y. Kuo, MD, MBA



Lindsay Lindsay graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2006 with bachelor's degrees in Biology and Literature. She received her medical degree in 2010 from the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and then began her general surgery training at the University of Pennsylvania. During her two years as a

research fellow, Dr. Kuo worked closely with Dr. Rachel Kelz, investigating clinical outcomes following endocrine surgery. Under Dr. Kelz's mentorship, she also received a grant from the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons to examine large-scale variations in the use of minimally-invasive surgery. Her work during this time resulted in several publications in peer-reviewed journals and numerous presentations at national meetings. She also served as the Chair-Elect and then Chair of the Resident Executive Council from 2013 to 2015, and received the Gordon P. Buzby Surgical Leadership Award in 2015. That same year, Dr. Kuo also graduated from the Wharton School of Business with an MBA focusing on health care management. During residency, Lindsay and her husband Dan became parents to James, who is now five months old. She will continue her training as an Endocrine Surgery fellow at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Career Paths of 2017 HUP Fellowship Graduates

Frank Albino, MD (Plastic Surgery)

Academic/Private Practice – Washington DC

Jessica Beard, MD (Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care and Emergency Surgery)

Temple University Hospital

Timothy Carter, MD (Thoracic Surgery)

St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn, New York

Ross T. Cockrell, MD (Robotics - Urology)

Private Practice, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Mark S. Hockenberry, MD (Robotics - Urology)

Fellowship, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Arman Kilic, MD (Thoracic Surgery)

University of Pittsburgh

Peter Koltz, MD (Plastic Surgery)

Private Practice – Ohio

Alexis Moren, MD (Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care and Emergency Surgery)

Salem Health/Oregon Health & Sciences University

Rose Mustafa, MD (Breast Surgery)

Breast Surgeon, Cares Cancer Center,
St. Peters University Hospital
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Sanjay Naran, MD (Plastic Surgery)

Academic Practice – University of Pittsburgh

Mary Teresa O'Donnell, MD (Colon and Rectal Surgery)

Fort Belvoir Army Hospital, Virginia

Paulo Piccolo, MD (Plastic Surgery)

Private Practice – Brazil

Priya Prakash, MD (Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care and Emergency Surgery)

University of Chicago

Shelby Resnick, MD (Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care and Emergency Surgery)

Kaiser Permanente, South Sacramento Medical Center

Dinee Simpson, MD (Transplant Surgery)

Faculty, Loyola University Medical Center
Chicago, Illinois

Randi Smith, MD (Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care and Emergency Surgery)

Emory University

Brian Weiss, MD (Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care and Emergency Surgery)

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Department of Emergency Medicine
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Kahyun Yoon-Flannery, MD (Breast Surgery)

Medical Director, Breast Cancer Center
Kennedy Hospital, Washington Township, New Jersey

Post Fellowship Appointments - 2015 General Surgery Chiefs

◆ **Jessica Cintolo, MD**

Assistant Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology
University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont

◆ **Meera Gupta, MD**

Assistant Professor, Division of Transplant Surgery
University of Kentucky, Lexington

◆ **Sarah Mathew, MD**

Assistant Professor in Trauma and Surgical Critical Care
Reading Hospital, Reading, Pennsylvania

◆ **Jeremy McGarvey, MD**

Assistant Clinical Professor of Cardiac Surgery
Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

◆ **Eric Shang, MD**

Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery
West Virginia University Heart and Vascular Institute

◆ **Jesse Vrenenak, MD**

Assistant Professor of Pediatric Surgery
Washington University - St. Louis Children's Hospital

Alumni News

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- ◆ **Carlo Bartoli, MD, PhD (CY5)** was awarded the 2017 American College of Cardiology Young Investigator Award for best translational science. He also received this award in 2016. The study entitled, "LVAD-Associated von Willebrand Factor Fragments Alter Angiogenesis: A Mechanistic Link Between LVAD Support, Intestinal Angiodysplasia, and Bleeding," was performed in collaboration with Pavan Atluri, Christian Bermudez, and Michael Acker.



- ◆ The town of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania recently celebrated **Stanley Dudrick Day** and placed at the house where he grew up a plaque honoring his work on total parenteral nutrition. Dr. Dudrick recently returned to the area's Misericordia Hospital and as Professor of Surgery at a new medical school Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.



- ◆ **Karen E. Deveney, MD** (Penn Faculty member 1985-1987) is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the ACS Surgery News, she is Professor of Surgery, Vice Chair for Education at the University of Oregon, where she served as the program director of the general surgery residency. She is the a member of fourteen surgical societies, including the American Surgical Association. She served on the ACS Board of Governors and as Secretary of the Board and Second Vice-President. She is the immediate past-president of the Pacific Coast Surgical Association.



Promotions

- ◆ **Edward Cantu, III, MD**
Cardiovascular Surgery -
Promoted to Associate Professor
in the Clinician Educator track
- ◆ **Joseph F. Harryhill, MD**
Urology -
Promoted to Clinical Associate Professor
in the Clinician Educator track
- ◆ **Giorgos C. Karakousis, MD**
Endocrine and Oncologic Surgery -
Promoted to Associate Professor
in the Clinician Educator track
- ◆ **Benjamin M. Jackson, MD**
Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy
Promoted to Associate Professor
in the Clinician Educator track
- ◆ **Najjia N. Mahmoud, MD**
Colon and Rectal Surgery -
Promoted to Professor of Surgery
in the Clinician Educator track



Jo Buyske Appointed Executive Director of American Board of Surgery

The American Board of Surgery (ABS), the national certifying board for general surgeons and related specialists, has named Dr. Jo Buyske to succeed Frank Lewis as its executive director.

Dr. Buyske has served as associate executive director and director of evaluation at the ABS since 2008, overseeing the development and administration of all ABS examinations and ensuring their clinical relevance. She was previously chief of surgery and director of minimally invasive surgery at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia, and Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Still clinically active, she currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Surgery at Penn. Her clinical experience focuses on minimally invasive general and GI surgery.

Dr. Buyske attended medical school at Columbia University



and completed her general surgery residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She began her career at the Lahey Clinic in Massachusetts before coming to HUP as Assistant Professor of Surgery in 1996. She was elected as an ABS director in 2006, serving for two years before being hired as associate executive director. During her time at the ABS, Dr. Buyske has served on the board of directors of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), ensuring that the voice of the surgical community was heard in ABMS deliberations. She has also worked to improve ABS policies to allow residents additional flexibility while in training. In addition, she is a past president of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons. And a member of the editorial boards of *Archives of Surgery* and *Surgical Endoscopy*.

Catching Up With . . . *Marty Karpeh*

Contributed by Jon Morris

Dr. Karpeh attended college at the University of Pennsylvania after which he attended the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, graduating in 1983. Marty returned to Philadelphia for his general surgical training at HUP (1983-1989) during which he was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Nutrition and Cancer (1985-1986). After completing training at HUP, Marty took his fellowship in surgical oncology at Memorial - Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (1989-1991) and then received an appointment to the staff at Memorial and the Department of Surgery at Cornell University from 1991-2000. There he attended on the Gastric & Mixed Tumor Service from 1991-2002. Marty moved to the Department of Surgery at



Marty

Stony Brook University Hospital as Professor of Surgery and Chief of Surgical Oncology (2003-2007) and subsequently as the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Beth Israel Medical Center (2007-2014) and currently is Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Hackensack UMC and Professor of Surgery at the Department of Surgery, New Jersey Medical School. Marty has authored numerous publications, has been a co-PI on a range of NIH sponsored grants and is a member of numerous professional societies including the American Surgical Association. He is an Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society inductee in 2007 and past President of the New York Surgical Society (2012-2014) and the New York Cancer Society (2009-2011).

A Conversation with *Marty*

JoMo: What were the highlights of your training at Penn?

Marty: *My 6 years as a surgical resident at HUP will always be a high light in my medical career. My wife was a Penn nurse working in the recovery room. Meeting her as an intern and eventually marrying her, fortunately, remains a highlight of my training years and in my life. Dr. Clyde Barker had just become Chairman of Surgery replacing the late Leonard Miller. During my residency the program was a pyramidal structure. Becoming a categorical resident was clearly a milestone in those years. I enjoyed my eighteen months in the lab and was fortunate to produce work worthy of a University Surgeons oral presentation. There were many high and low moments during residency that I remember but my final year as a chief resident was special. Being one of four chiefs that year I felt like and was treated like a junior attending. After spending three months with one group of attendings I strengthened my professional skills, confidence and personal humility that remain with me today.*

JoMo: Which faculty influenced you the most and why?

Marty: *I would have to say that different faculty members influenced me in different ways. Dr Morris taught me how to deal with the disappointments that come with research and the rewards that come with perseverance. Dr. Ernest Rosato stood out as a mentor in the operating room. He was truly a fearless surgeon. I learned how to manage difficult intraoperative situations while keeping a cool head, something that always is attributed to him. I credit Dr. Mackie for his attention to detail and dedication to his patients. He was a true doctor to his patients I admired that about him. I have to attribute to Dr. Daly my decision to become a surgical oncologist. His thoughtful approach to the cancer patient, skill in the operating room and ability to balance family life had a lasting impression on me.*

JoMo: When you were a junior resident, which Chief Residents had the greatest impact on you and why?

Marty: *Like many of the attendings who trained me most of the chief residents were outstanding. My first encounter with a Chief resident was with the charismatic John Macoviak. To a green, wide eyed intern he was Mr. Penn. Everyone looked up to him and he set the standard. Jimmer Miller was one of the smartest people I had ever met.*

JoMo: When you were a Chief Resident, which junior residents impressed you the most and why?

Marty: *Steve Fishman was one of my junior residents that stood out for his can do attitude. Steve asked no questions and got the job done. Mike Lieberman also stood out as an outstanding junior resident and followed me to Memorial Sloan Kettering.*

JoMo: Tell us what your greatest professional accomplishments have been since graduating Penn.

Marty: *Becoming only the second fellow in several years under Murray Brennan to join the faculty at Memorial Sloan Kettering was a proud moment for me. I had the pleasure of training a number of talented fellows over my twelve years there. Being asked to be Director of the Cancer Center at Stony Brook University Medical Center was another highlight in my career. As Director I was proud to help design and open the first free standing Cancer Center in a county of 1.3 million people. I recruited across multiple departments and built a successful multidisciplinary program in cancer. In 2007 I was recruited to be Chair of Surgery at Beth Israel Hospital and Director of Surgical Oncology for Continuum Health Partners a five hospital health network covering Manhattan and Brooklyn. As Chair our surgical residency*

Catching Up With . . . *Marty Karpch*

program grew from finishing three chief residents to five per year. Many of our residents went on into fellowships at major academic centers. When Continuum merged with Mount Sinai my role changed and I was offered the opportunity to lead a surgery department in the leading health system in New Jersey and join Hackensack University Medical Center. Currently I am Professor of Surgery for Rutgers New Jersey School of Medicine In the past two years Hackensack UMC has partnered with Seton Hall University to form the first private Medical School in the state. We just completed the application and hope to start the first class in 2018. I have been selected to be the inaugural Chairman of Surgery for the School of Medicine. I will be applying to start a new surgical residency for 2019.

JoMo: What do you miss most about Philadelphia?

Marty: *I love Philadelphia and still have family there. My daughter now lives in Philly working in a software startup company. It is no secret that I have an ongoing connection to Penn through Dr. Peter Quinn my brother-in-law.*

JoMo: Who from your Penn Surgery days do you stay in touch with?

Marty: *Last year I recruited Nabil Rizk from Memorial Sloan Kettering Thoracic Division to be Division Chief. Ken Brayman will be giving Grand Rounds this year. He was co-chief resident with me in 1989. Noel Williams is a good friend and a fierce competitor on the golf course. Through various societies I have been in touch with Danny Jacobs, Mike Choti, Joe Bavaria, Dan Dempsey and Ron DeMatteo.*

JoMo: Tell us about your current surgical practice, types of cases you are doing, etc.

Marty: *My practice is predominately patients with GI malignancies from the esophagus to the rectum. I treat melanoma and sarcoma but these patients make up less than a third of the practice.*

JoMo: What are your current interests and hobbies outside of medicine?

Marty: *When I have free time I like to work on my golf game which needs a lot of work. My wife and I have a home on Shelter Island, NY where I try to escape to most weekends.*

JoMo: Tell us about your family.

Marty: *Julie and I have three children that thankfully are now all independent. Ashley our youngest is in Philly and works in marketing for a company called Practice, Chelsea lives in Brooklyn and is a nurse at Memorial Sloan-Kettering and our son Quinn who was elected the Tax Assessor for the town of Shelter Island in 2015 has recently moved to Oklahoma to pursue a great opportunity with a financial firm. Julie has held it all together keeping us all grounded to what is important in life.*

JoMo: What recent movie would you recommend and why?

Marty: *My daughter and I just saw "Hidden Gems" which is a real feel good movie. What I took away from the film was the fact that if you are truly focused on accomplishing a goal and have an open mind, you will be surprised by where the next superstar may come from.*

JoMo: Tell us anything else about you that would be of interest to the Penn Surgery Society alumni.

Marty: *I have just been named the inaugural Professor and Chair of Surgery at Seton Hall Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, New Jersey's first private medical school.*



Marty's son Quinn, his wife Julie, daughters Ashley and Chelsea and Marty



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eras when it provided refresher experiences for US doctors returning from military service. Graduate Hospital was built in 1916 as a clinical site for the Graduate School faculty. In 1977 because it was losing money Graduate Hospital was spun off from Penn, becoming independent. By then the Graduate School no longer existed as a separate entity. In 1996 the Allegheny Health System bought Graduate Hospital. Subsequently, from 1998-2007 Tenet Health System owned it. In 2007 Graduate Hospital was bought by Penn and closed as a full-service hospital. Instead it is now occupied by Penn's rehabilitation center, educational simulation center and a few outpatient clinics.

The de Hellebrandth chair has been held over the years by several surgeons: Paul Nemir (a Penn Graduate School faculty member) 1980-1986; Max Cohen, Graduate Hospital's Chief of Surgery 1987-1988; Charles Wolferth, 1989-1998. Shortly before his death in 1999 Paul Nemir sought my help in maintaining the chair for Penn since he was afraid it would be taken over by Tenet, the health system which owned Graduate Hospital at the time. Probably through Emily de Hellebrandth's influence the chair remained with Penn. In 2002 Bob Fry was appointed to the professorship and held it until he retired. Najjia Mahmoud will now be the de Hellebrandth Professor.

Although it was not the emphasis of the July 10 party it was obvious that also being celebrated on the day was the transition in department leadership from Jim Mullen to Ronald DeMatteo. Ron DeMatteo also became the John Rhea Barton Professor. It need hardly be mentioned that this Chair created in 1877 is the Nation's oldest and that it is always held by the Department's chairman.

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