



# DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

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*THE MISSION OF THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY IS TO PROVIDE A COLLEGIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR EDUCATION, INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AND OUTSTANDING CLINICAL PROGRAMS.*

### Chair's Corner



Dear Colleagues,

It is a landmark year for the medical school - the 50th anniversary for the John A. Burns School of Medicine - celebrated with a gala event on June 18, 2015. In the 30 years since I graduated from JABSOM I have proudly educated anyone who asked about the outstanding medical school that just happens to be located in paradise.

My tenure as Chair for the department began on July 1, 2015 and my excitement about the opportunities has only increased since my arrival. I have had the chance to reconnect with friends and colleagues at all of our partner institutions and will explore ways to collaborate and partner moving forward. The department has been important in my career as an academic surgeon and I hope to provide the kind of leadership and mentorship I have "grown up" with over the past 30 years. The department has always had a strong commitment to education and the General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care training programs remain the pillars on which the department has been built. The programs continue to excel and graduate outstanding clinicians, however, as you are well aware, healthcare is changing quickly so we must continue to plan for growth of our clinical enterprise and expand our research programs.

I am happy to introduce you to our updated newsletter on this anniversary of JABSOM. We hope to provide everyone with important information about the activities and accomplishments of the department. Additionally, each quarterly newsletter will provide several highlights:

- A brief bio about one of our department staff members;
- Presentation of one of the unique paintings in the department done by our own Dr. F. Don Parsa, a longtime faculty member and Division Chief of Plastic Surgery;
- Research and academic accomplishments of faculty, residents, and students;
- "Where are they now?" - We will present a picture of one graduate from each of our training programs as well as one of the graduating classes in each newsletter.

In closing, I am honored to have the privilege of serving as your Chair and I look forward to working with all of you in the years ahead. I firmly believe that we must strive to be leaders of change or risk feeling like victims of it. Please feel free to contact me at any time at (808)586-8225 or via e-mail ([kenricm@hawaii.edu](mailto:kenricm@hawaii.edu))

### Department of Surgery

#### Chair:

Kenric Murayama, M.D.

#### Associate Chairs:

Senior Associate Chair: Linda Wong, M.D.

Clinical Affairs: Mark Mugiishi, M.D.

Administration and Finance: Maria Chun, Ph.D.

Research: Linda Wong, M.D.

Education: Mihae Yu, M.D.

#### Division Chiefs:

Anesthesia: Jason Isa, M.D.

Critical Care/Research: Mihae Yu, M.D.

General Surgery: Mark Mugiishi, M.D.

Emergency Medicine: Gregory Soares, M.D.

Neurosurgery: William Obana, M.D.

Ophthalmology: Malcolm Ing, M.D.

Orthopedics: Robert Atkinson, M.D.

Otolaryngology: Alfred Liu, M.D.

Pediatric Surgery: Walton Shim, M.D.

Plastic Surgery: F. Don Parsa, M.D.

Radiology: Michael Meagher, M.D.

Thoracic/CV: Carlos Moreno-Cabral, M.D.

Transplant: Linda Wong, M.D.

Urology: D. Gary Lattimer, M.D.

Vascular: Elna Masuda, M.D.

New UHM Department of Surgery Web site coming soon! In the meantime, contact us at: [hawaiiisurg@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiiisurg@gmail.com)

## PARSA'S PAINTINGS



"The Truth that Surgery is Beautiful is represented by the tropical fishes and the colorful vibrant corals that surround the surgeons that form the main theme in the heart/center of the painting. The "heart" of the inner circle is represented-as one can read-by the "Department of Surgery" and it is there that students and young interns/residents receive their training and polish the rough edges of their knowledge and persona-represented by the sharp whitish and pinkish angles of the two interlacing squares- into becoming polished and proficient surgeons - depicted by the perfectly smooth and round inner circle. Finally, the students of Surgery and the Chairman as well as the Faculty are joined around this circle and form a family, an Ohana, with the mission of training students of surgery into the very best personae and into the most proficient future surgeons."

- Dr. Fereydoun Parsa

## RESEARCH & ACADEMICS

*Need Help with Research? See Chad Walton, Ph.D., Director of Trauma Research!*

Do you have an idea for a research project keeping you awake at night, or have a set of data that you just don't have the time to analyze and publish? Or maybe you saw a grant announcement tailored towards your interests, or have some students that you would like to develop projects for? If you do, but don't have the time or experience necessary needed to launch your ideas, you are in luck! There is someone in the department that lives for these things, namely Chad Walton!

Chad joined our team nine months ago as an Assistant Professor and Director of Trauma Research, and his office is in University Tower #601. Chad received his Master's of Biomedical Technology from the University of Calgary in 2002, and PhD in Molecular BioSciences and BioEngineering at University of Hawaii in 2006. Prior to joining the Department of Surgery he was an Assistant Professor of Medicine, within the Center for Cardiovascular Research (JABSOM). Chad's past research focused on ultrasound based biomedical engineering projects, and basic molecular cardiology studies of cardiac ischemia. Chad has experience in writing successful grant applications to various local and federal agencies including, but not limited to; NIH, AHA, NSF, and Hawaii Community Foundation.

Since joining the department he has been assisting faculty, residents and students with writing grants, finding funding, and editing and submitting publications, amongst other things. He is focused on leading and mentoring research teams, with the intent to broaden our horizons for translational research and biotech innovation. His emphasis is primarily on statewide trauma research efforts with particular interest in interdisciplinary, inter-institutional and translational research efforts.

A listing of current projects can be found on his website; <http://trauma.jabsom.hawaii.edu>. A few of the project titles include: **Big Data Analyses of EEG/HRV**, **Burn and Wound Studies**, **Spinal Cord Injuries in Hawaii '09-12**, **Trauma System Outcomes**, **Pediatric Trauma Center TBI Guidelines**, and **Contrast Enhanced Ultrasound-Mediated Blood Volume Assessment in Trauma Patients**. The website also contains a convenient contact form page should you want to send an idea or problem his way. Everyone is encouraged to drop in and bounce ideas off him, as he describes himself as a "serial researcher" and maintains an open door policy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DEPARTMENT FACULTY MEETING:

**MANDATORY FOR COMPENSATED FACULTY**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2015, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., UT 618**



### PORTLAND DINNER WITH THE DEAN

HAVE DINNER WITH DEAN HEDGES IN PORTLAND, OREGON ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015 AT 6 P.M. AT THE MULTNOMAH ATHLETIC CLUB, 1849 SW SALMON ST., PORTLAND, OR 97205. FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT ELAINE EVANS, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT FOR JABSOM, AT: [elaine.evans@uhfoundation.org](mailto:elaine.evans@uhfoundation.org) or (808)692-0991.

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

by Susan Steinemann, M.D., FACS, Director of Faculty Development

### What is "FD"?

It stands for "Faculty Development," which is the broad range of activities that our Department / JABSOM use to renew or assist faculty in their multiple roles. The goal of faculty development is to teach faculty members the skills relevant to their faculty position and to sustain their vitality. The focus is on the individual faculty member as a

- (1) Teacher: e.g., teaching and evaluation methods, use of technology, advising, tutoring, curriculum design
- (2) Scholar: e.g., career management, research skills, grant writing
- (3) Person: e.g., interpersonal skills, stress and time management, leadership, professionalism

### What will I find in the Pantry?

Listings of opportunities for enrichment and inspiration such as Grand Rounds, Webinars, CME, local and national lectures, workshops, courses and mentoring. Activities that will count toward your annual required "Faculty Development" credits, and provide the extrinsic reward for being faculty.

### What if there's nothing appealing?

Complain! Call or send me your suggestions for what you'd like to see in terms of speakers or programs. Let me know if you or a visiting colleague would like to give a lecture or workshop.

I look forward to working and growing with you.

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## UPCOMING FACULTY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Association for Academic Surgery

26th Annual Fundamentals of Surgical Research Course, Chicago IL Saturday, October 3, 2015 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

Go to: <http://www.assurg.org/registration/> for more details

### The 8th Annual American College of Surgeons (ACS) Accredited Education Institute (AEI)

Postgraduate Course, "Surgical Education: Expanding Definitions of Simulation," will be hosted by the Department of Surgery, Stanford School of Medicine, November 13-14 in Palo Alto, CA. For more information and to reserve your course attendance, visit the ACS website. For additional information, contact Cathy Wojcik at [cwojcik@facs.org](mailto:cwojcik@facs.org)



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CLASS of 1978-1979



Meet our very own Gary F. Belcher, M.Ed., Program Administrator for all of our residency and fellowship programs. He oversees six administrative staff and has decades of GME knowledge and experience.

**Years in the Department:**

For close to 9 years, since January 2007. Prior to that he was an IT/Media Services Specialist with HRP Admin (aka the 5th Floor) and before that, the JABSOM Dean's Office (1982-1992).

**Grad From:**

Campbell High School, HPU, and UH Manoa. He has a master's degree in Education Technology. His thesis was on OSCEs.

**First Job:**

McDonald's in Waipahu.

**Talents:**

Photography, Apple/Mac expert.

**Fun Fact:**

Gary is a Las Vegas EXPERT. He knows anything and everything about the 9th Hawaiian island.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Who are these surgical pioneers above? Send your guesses to [hawaiiisurg@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiiisurg@gmail.com). The first person to provide the correct answers for all three surgeons receive a cool prize (provide their names, program they graduated from, and what they are doing now).

## FUNDRAISING CORNER

Please consider donating to one of our featured Internal Giving Campaign funds.

The **Whelan Fund** (acct #: 12019912) provides support for visiting professors.

The **Surgery Education Fund** (acct #: 12626404) helps to cover the cost of a variety of activities in the department, including but not limited to education, research, and administrative infrastructure.

If you'd like to make a donation online, please go to <https://giving.uhfoundation.org/give-now>  
Please contact [mariachu@hawaii.edu](mailto:mariachu@hawaii.edu) or (808)586-2925 for any questions.



## RESIDENCY NEWS

By: Residency Staff

The Surgical Residency Program begins the 2015-16 academic year under the guidance of Chair Kenric Murayama, M.D., FACS. Drs. Cedric Lorenzo (2009) and Michael Hayashi (2011) continue as Associate Program Directors and are joined by Dr. Danny Takanishi, Jr. who was Program Director for 13 years! Dr. T. (as he is affectionately known), agreed to provide valuable insight as we transition to the New Accreditation System and other GME adventures! In addition, Dr. T. is playing a lead in the JABSOM LCME accreditation process – site visit expected in early 2017. Dr. Atkinson begins his 13th year as the Program Director for the Orthopedic Residency and Dr. Alex Garber (2009 graduate) was recently appointed Associate Program Director. Dr. Mihae Yu continues to guide the Hawaii Critical Care program as the only Program Director in its history (24 years)! Dr. David Inouye has been the Associate PD since May 2012.

**Surgery** – Our Graduation Program took place on June 13, 2015. Chief Resident Carnaghi Van Martin, our 2015 graduate, was accompanied by his wife Tawney, his son Zade and his daughter Evy. Also present to honor Van were his mother Mary Lynn Martin, his brother Max Martin and his Aunt Janeen Nichol.

### 2014 – 2015 AWARDS:

- UH Surgical Residency Program Outstanding Resident – Carnaghi Van Martin, MD
- ABSITE Award – Carnaghi Van Martin, MD, Colin Doyle, MD
- Resident Teacher of the Year (awarded by JABSOM Class of 2016) – Shreyas Makwana, MD
- Faculty Teacher of the Year Award (awarded by residents) – Elna Masuda, MD
- UH Department of Surgery Cross-Cultural Healthcare Award – Kasey Welsh, MD
- Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons Residency Achievement Award – Brett Matthews, DO

Van is in practice at the Outer Banks Hospital in Nags Head, North Carolina. He said it was OK to let people know that he passed the ABS QE! The 2015-16 class of surgical residents was introduced in an earlier newsletter (see photo). Bradley Stephan (see photo) joined the Program as a PGY-4 and comes to us from the Halifax Medical Center general surgery program in Florida. Chief Resident Matthew Cooper has been accepted into the Stanford University Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship and Chief Resident Brett Matthews has been accepted into the MIS/Bariatric Fellowship at the University of Massachusetts Medical School/UMass Memorial Medical Center.

**Orthopedics** – The Orthopaedic Graduation Program also took place on June 13, 2015. Bryan M. Armitage and Kim R. Driftmier were the 2015 graduates. Bryan completed the 6-year program (with a Research Fellowship placed between the first and second clinical years) and Kim completed the 5-year program. Bryan was accompanied by his wife Susan and his son Tyler. Also with Bryan were his parents, Ian and Deborah Armitage and his sister Kathryn. The entire family came in from Minnesota to share in the culmination of Bryan's academic and clinical training. Kim was accompanied by his wife Meegan, their children Amara and Cash and Meegan's parents Wally and Jennifer Delaney. Bryan is currently at the Twin Cities Spine Fellowship in Minnesota and Kim has been stationed in Alaska by the United States Air Force.

### 2014-2015 AWARDS:

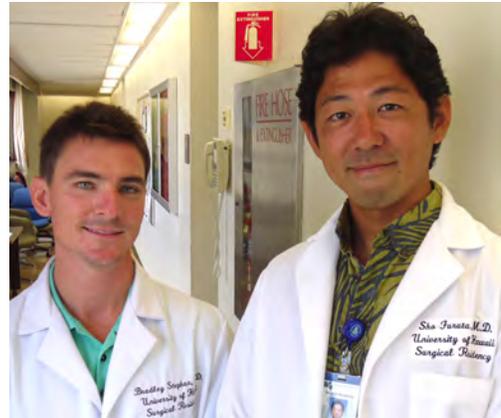
- Allen B. Richardson Award for Excellence (presented by Chief Residents) – Kevin Christensen, MD
- Alan Pavel Outstanding Teacher Award (presented by Junior Residents) – Patrick Murray, MD

Nicholas Foeger received a certificate of completion for his 1 year research fellowship. Incoming Residents Anne Richardson Wright and John D. Attenello (see photo) were introduced at the graduation celebration. Current PGY-5 CR Nicholas Scarcella will enter subspecialty training at the Spine Institute of Arizona following graduation and PGY-5 CR Eddie Chan will start the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Hand Fellowship Program.

**Surgical Critical Care** – SCC Fellows Scott Harvey, Catherine Lindsay McKnight and Chayanin Musikasinthorn, completed the one year Surgical Critical Care fellowship at the end of June. All three Fellows had abstracts accepted at the 44th Society for Critical Care Medicine Congress which took place in Phoenix Arizona. The current Fellows are Laura Spector (Board Eligible OB-GYN graduate from the SUNY Upstate Medical University), Timothy Perkins and Kiersten Norby (see photo) have both completed three years of general surgery at Hennepin County Medical Center and will return to complete their general surgery training at the conclusion of the Fellowship. Most importantly, Tim and his wife Kata gave birth to a brand new baby boy (Alden Michael Perkins) (Photo 5) on September 5!



PGY-1 General Surgery Residents: (L-R) James Duca, Brian Hodges, Ashley Marumoto, Jennifer Gima, John Vossler, (on vacation: Krishna Rao)



PGY-4s: Bradley Stephan, Sho Furuta



PGY-1 Orthopaedic Surgery Residents: Anne Richardson Wright and John D. Attenello



Staff Member Lori Bland and Kiersten Norby (on vacation: Laura Spector and Tim Perkins)



Alden Michael Perkins