

# GENERAL SURGERY

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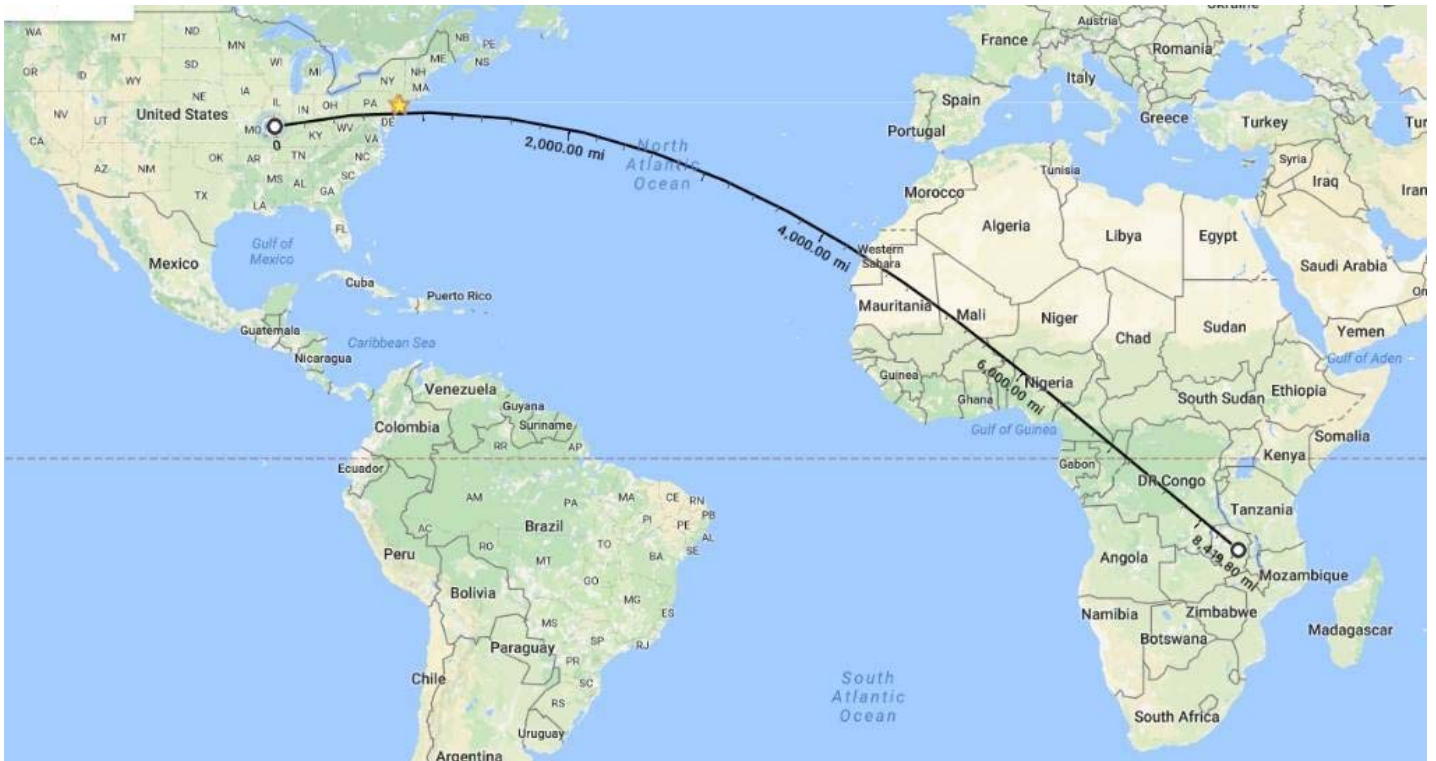
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# Welcome new faculty to the Department of Surgery Family!



**Aneel Damle, MD – Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery**  
Fellowship, Colorectal Surgery, Washington University School of Medicine  
Residency, General Surgery, University of Massachusetts Medical School  
Medical degree, Georgetown University



**Sara Holden, MD – Section of Minimally Invasive Surgery**  
Fellowship, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Washington University in St. Louis, School of Medicine  
Residency, General Surgery, University of Wisconsin  
Medical degree, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities



**Mark Hoofnagle, MD, PhD – Section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery**  
Fellowship, Surgical Critical Care, Emergency Surgery, Trauma, University of Pennsylvania  
Residency, General Surgery, University of Maryland  
PhD, Molecular Physiology and Biological Physics, University of Virginia  
Medical degree, University of Virginia



**Pirooska Kopar, MD – Section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery**  
Fellowship, Acute Care Surgery, Yale School of Medicine  
Fellowship, Cardiac Surgery, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
Residency, General Surgery, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
Medical degree, Emory University School of Medicine



**Kunal Kotkar, MD – Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery**  
Fellowship, Mechanical Circulatory Support Devices and Heart Transplant, WUSM  
Fellowship, Advanced Cardiovascular Surgery, Mayo Clinic  
Master of Surgery, Gandhi Medical College, Barkutullah University  
MBBS, Grant Medical College, Mumbai



**Jennifer Leonard, MD, PhD – Section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery**  
Fellowship, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care, Hospital University of Pennsylvania  
Residency, General Surgery, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine  
Medical degree, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine



**Melissa Stewart, MD – Section of Acute and Critical Care Surgery**  
Fellowship, Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care, Vanderbilt University Medical Center,  
Residency, General Surgery, Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Medical degree, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

**To Faculty who  
have gone...**



The residents would like to thank Dr. Balsara, Dr. Lee, Dr. Chen, and Dr. Sheppard for their contributions to the surgery residency program. We wish them all well in their newest endeavors.

## Faculty Leadership Changes



**Congratulations to Dr. Mary E. Klingensmith!** She is now serving as the inaugural director of the Washington University School of Medicine Academy of Health Professions Educators. She will continue to serve as Vice Chair of Surgical Education.



In May of this year, John P. Kirby, MD, FACS, completed his commitment as the Surgery Clerkship Director at Washington University School of Medicine after eight years in this position. **We applaud Dr. Kirby** for his hard work. He is and will continue to be a valued educator in the Surgery Department.



At the beginning of the academic year, Dr. Michael Awad was appointed as the new surgical clerkship director. Dr. Awad has broad experience in curriculum design and has served for many years as an education leader to medical students, residents and fellows. Dr. Awad will continue in his role as the director of surgical simulation in the Washington University Institute For Surgical Education.



The residents would like to **especially thank Dr. Jason Wellen** for his tireless efforts over the years devoting hours to the General Surgery Residency Program. As of September 1, 2018, Dr. Wellen resigned his position as one of the five Associate Program Directors. His tenure began in 2013 and he led the resident PSQI efforts. He also served as a member of the Program Evaluation Committee and the Clinical Competency Committee. Dr. Wellen will continue to be involved with the surgical residency program.



**We welcome Dr. Jeffrey Blatnik** as the newest Associate Program Director. Dr. Blatnik will resume the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement efforts with the residents. He will serve as a member of the Program Evaluation Committee and a member of the Clinical Competency Committee. **We're glad you're on board, Dr. Blatnik!**



# Malawi 2018

Thank you to our current faculty, alumni, and families for your donations to the Malawi initiative! Your generosity has helped our residents continue to provide essential healthcare to the underserved region of Mzuzu, Malawi for a third year!

Mzuzu Central Hospital in Malawi, Africa is a resource-limited hospital, serving the needs of nearly 2.5 million citizens. Our residents care for a wide range of adult and pediatric surgical patients, performing more than 100 cases during this two-month rotation. This year, Dr. Matthew Schill, Dr. Jennifer Yu and Dr. David Brauer will complete their international rotations as part of their residency training experience.

If you would like to help support this experience for our residents, please visit the Malawi Initiative page on the SOFA website: <http://surgicaloutreach.org/washington-univ-dept-surgery-malawi-outreach.html>. Your contributions are tax deductible!



*Photos courtesy of Drs. Jennifer Yu and Matthew Schill*

# Residents' Life News

## Congratulations!

Eleanor Josephine Schelby arrived on July 9, 2018 to brand new parents, Katharine Caldwell and Thomas Schelby



## IT'S OFFICAL!

Lauren Barron adopted and became the legal mother of Bryce Barron on July 18, 2018!



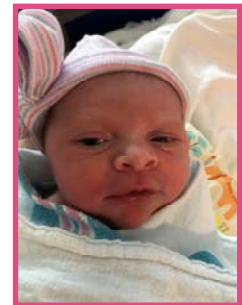
## Congratulations!

Lyla Jae Krasnick arrived on July 21, 2018 to new parents, Brad and Megan Krasnick



## Congratulations!

Abigail Louise Hudson arrived on September 8, 2018 to proud parents, Jessica and Ben Hudson



# Beyond the ROOMS

Residents lives extend beyond the operating room, the conference room, and the call room. See what they do when they're not doing in the hospital!





# Program Sponsored Events



Resident families like Matt Grant, MD and his wife Chelsea along with their little guy, Brooks, get away from the campus to check out Busch Stadium to watch the Redbirds! (*above*)

Emily Onufer, MD and Ina Chen, MD chill out with the St. Louis Blues! LGB! (*below*)



Good times shared at the Annual General Surgery and Emergency Medicine Residents Mixer held at iTap in the Central West End, on September 10, 2018. (*below*)



# Alumni Feature



(left) Alumnus, Neil K. Worrall, MD, his wife Dawn, and daughter Emily celebrating son Peter's graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Peter is now a Field Artillery Officer in the U.S. Army and is headed to Germany in 2019.



(above) Following in her dad's footsteps, Emily, a third year medical student at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, performs heart surgery with her dad in Rwanda in 2015. The family has made five humanitarian trips to Rwanda. Dr. Worrall has performed ~16 open heart surgeries during his trips.

A 1991 WUSM graduate, Dr. Neil K. Worrall continued his training at Washington U for both his general surgery residency and cardiac surgery research fellowship training, graduating in 1998.

He went on to do a cardiac surgery fellowship at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital in 2000. After graduation, Dr. Worrell joined a large, dynamic cardiothoracic surgery practice in Spokane, WA where he still practices today.

Dr. Worrell is the medical director of Pediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Surgery at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital and a clinical assistant professor of surgery at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

Both he and Dawn are very civically involved in the mid-sized city of Spokane and enjoy cycling, tennis, skiing, hiking, kayaking, and other aspects of the great outdoors in the Inland Northwest part of Washington State.

# Mark Your Calendars!

## 2018-19 recruiting season dates:

### Categorical Interview Dates

November 16-17

December 7-8

January 11-12

### Preliminary Interview Day

January 22-23, 2019

# Alumni and Prior Faculty!

*We would love to stay in contact with you!*

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