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### **Brown joins American Lung Association as Review Panel Member**

November 2017



Congratulations to Lisa M. Brown, MD for becoming one of the newest members of the Scientific and Medical Editorial Review Panel for the American Lung Association. She will be joining the current panel of experts in reviewing scientific and medical content on Lung.org to ensure the most accurate and up-to-date lung health information is available for the public. More information can be found [HERE](#).

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### **2017 STS Advocacy Scholarship awarded to Sarkeshik**

October 2017



Congrats to Dr. Amir Sarkeshik, our PGY2 resident for receiving the 2017 STS Advocacy Scholarship! Amir will participate in the STS Fall Fly-in, November 1-2, 2017 in Washington D.C. As part of the Fly-in, Amir will accompany STS officials and meet with members of Congress to discuss important policy issues that are germane to the cardiothoracic surgical workforce and the care of our patients. As part of the scholarship, the costs of the Fly-in will be covered by the STS. Advocacy priorities for the STS include opposition to cuts to lung cancer screening, gaining access to Medicare claims and social security death data, and addressing the CT surgery workforce shortage.

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### **David receives Paul Calabresi Clinical Oncology K12 Award**

June 2017



Congratulations to Elizabeth A. David for receiving the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center Paul Calabresi Clinical Oncology K12 Award! This NIH-NCI funded program combines key didactic, research, and career development components to train independent and productive clinical oncology researchers. Her project is entitled: Understanding Decision-Making for Surgery in Advanced Stage Non-small Cell Lung Cancer Patients.

Dr. David is the first faculty member within the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery to receive a K award.

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### David recipient of UCDCCC Landgraf award

March 2017



Elizabeth A. David, M.D., assistant professor of General Thoracic Surgery has been the chosen recipient of the 2017 Christine and Helen Landgraf Memorial Research Award. She has been awarded \$20,000 to augment her research on late stage lung cancer patients who do not receive treatment. Dr. David's work has recently been published in the Journal of Thoracic Oncology and highlights the large number of advanced stage lung cancer patients who do not receive treatment and have poor outcomes. Dr. David hopes to bring awareness to factors that influence treatment decisions for patients and physicians to improve outcomes for lung cancer patients in the future. The Christine and Helen Landgraf Memorial Fund is given to support innovative work at the forefront of cancer treatment, research and palliative care. This grant has been given yearly since 1973 and the recipients have gone on to change the course of cancer treatment and impact the lives of people throughout the world. Congratulations Dr. David!

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### Spotlight: Miriam Nuño, Ph.D.

February 2016



Please welcome Dr. Miriam Nuño to the Department of Surgery. Dr. Nuño was jointly recruited by the Department of Surgery and Public Health Sciences to assist in the development and leadership of our Surgical Outcomes Group. She brings significant experience and enthusiasm to our evolving health services research unit.

Miriam Nuño is an Associate Professor in Biostatistics and Associate Professor In Residence in the School of Medicine, Department of Public Health Sciences. Her research focuses on surgical outcomes, methodological development of metrics aimed to improve patient outcomes and comparative effectiveness studies. Dr. Nuño completed her Ph.D. at Cornell University, postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard School of Public Health and University of California Los Angeles prior to co-directing the Center of Neurosurgical Outcomes Research at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Dr. Nuño has more than 60 publications in peer-reviewed journals, in addition to chapters in major textbooks. Recent studies include the identification of factors associated with response to inpatient rehabilitation treatment among traumatic brain injury patients and the overtreatment of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia in surgical ICU patients.

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### **Brown receives the Carolyn Reed Award for 2017**

February 2016



Lisa M. Brown, M.D. won the 2017 Thoracic Surgery Foundation/Women in Thoracic Surgery Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship.

Carolyn E. Reed, M.D. was a thoracic surgeon, an educator, and a successful researcher, who died early and before her retirement. She was an inspiration for young surgeons pursuing academic careers and positions of leadership. To honor the memory of Dr. Reed and to continue her commitment to the education of innovative thoracic surgeons, the Thoracic Surgery Foundation (TSF), in conjunction with Women in Thoracic Surgery (WTS), has established the Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship.

This annual award provided and administered by TSF, will allow a clinically established woman thoracic or cardiac surgeon to travel to another institution for the purpose of learning a new skill or technology.

Dr. Brown will travel to the University of Michigan to work with Dr. Amir Ghaferi and learn a research methodology. Dr. Ghaferi is a leading surgical outcomes research, and helped to introduce the concept of "Failure to Rescue" to surgical research.

This is the second year in a row that a member of the UC Davis Section of General Thoracic Surgery has won this award. Dr. Elizabeth David won the 2016 Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship.

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### **Dean's Team Award for Excellence in Research**

February 2016



Robert Canter, M.D., as part of the Cancer Immunotherapy Comparative Oncology Team has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2016 Dean's Team Award for Excellence. The team was nominated for their outstanding multi-disciplinary team contributions in the mission area of Research involving novel immunotherapy clinical trials in dogs at the School of Veterinary Medicine. The awards ceremony event is on Monday, March 20th at the MIND Institute. Congratulations Dr. Canter.

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## Two junior faculty selected as research grant recipients

December 2016

Endocrine surgeon Michael Campbell and thoracic surgeon Elizabeth David, were selected for this year's UC Davis American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS-IRG). The ACS provides funds through their IRG award (PI: Primo Lara), and the Cancer Center contributes supplemental funds to increase the award amount and the number of recipients. Each recipient will receive \$36,000 for one year to use on their pilot projects:

Michael J. Campbell - "Using multispectral time-resolved fluorescence spectroscopy to assist surgeons in protecting the parathyroid glands during thyroid surgery"

Elizabeth A. David - "Surgery in advanced stage non-small-cell lung cancer and survival: separating correlation from causation"

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## Bateni manuscript on surgery in disseminated cancer patients accepted for publication in PLOS One

October 2016



Surgery resident Sarah Bateni has a forthcoming manuscript to be published in PLOS One. The manuscript is entitled "Increased Rates of Prolonged Length of Stay, Readmissions, and Discharge to Care Facilities Among Postoperative Patients with Disseminated Malignancy: Implications for Clinical Practice." Using the NSQIP database, Dr. Bateni and co-authors compared patients with disseminated malignancy having surgery to patients having the same operations but without end-stage cancer. They also evaluated novel endpoints, including discharge to nursing homes and readmissions. They found that patients with disseminated cancer had significantly worse outcomes across the board, and in particular, discharge to nursing homes and readmissions were quite high. Congratulations Dr. Bateni! [\[Read more\]](#)

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## Scholarship recipient to advance the use of a patient engagement app for chest-surgery patients

September 2016

Connor Dean Grant, an undergraduate student in the UC Davis College of Biological Sciences, has been selected to receive the 2016 UC Davis Section of General Thoracic Surgery/Core Mobile Inc. Patient Engagement Scholarship. Congratulations Dr. Grant! [\[Read full story\]](#)

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### **Humphries recipient of SVS Research Career Development Travel Award**

September 2016



Misty D. Humphries, assistant professor of vascular surgery, is the recipient of the 2016 Research Career Development Travel Award for the Society of Vascular Surgery. The purpose of the awards program is to identify early-career vascular surgeons with an interest in basic science, translational or clinical research and provide them with a SVS research mentor and funds to attend an established research career development course.

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### **Vanover selected for GME High Value Care Competition Award**

September 2016

Congratulations go to Melissa Vanover, general surgery research resident, for being awarded the GME High Value Care Competition award. Dr. Vanover's submission, "Implementation of a Clinical Practice Guideline for Post-Operative Management of Appendicitis in Children," has been selected for one of eight awards in the 2016-17 UC Davis Medical Center GME High Value Care Competition.

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