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Program

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Presented by E. Christopher Ellison, MD, the Robert M. Zollinger Professor of Surgery; Chairman, Department of Surgery; Associate Vice President for Health Sciences and Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs

General Surgery Internship
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, MD, Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery Training Program

Tyler M. Angelos, MD
Joseph M. Brown, MD
Ellen A. Carraro, MD
Alexandria Conley, MD
Kenechi K. Ebede, MD
David V. Ludlow, MD
Sara E. Martin del Campo, MD
Mika A. Matthews, MD
Ryan A. Mills, MD
Jennifer S. Schwartz, MD
Andrew Z. Smock, MD
Christian M. Walker, MD
Mark R. Wendling, MD
Jeffrey R. Wilson, MD

Specialty Residents Completing General Surgery and beginning Plastic Surgery Residency
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, MD, Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery Training Program

Alison McAnneny, MD, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010
Maakan Taghizadeh, MD, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2010
Jonathan C. Yang, MD, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010

Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Jeffrey W. Hazey, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Program Director, Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship

Vanchad C. Memark, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Patrick Ross, Jr, MD, PhD, Professor of Surgery; Interim Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery; Co-Program Director, Cardiothoracic Training Program

Murtaza Y. Dawood, MD
Brian M. Goodman, MD
Wing C. Yeen, MBBS, Mechanical and Circulatory Support Fellowship

General Surgery Residency
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, MD, Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery Training Program

Bryan T. Fisher, MD
Mason G. Fisher, MD, MS
Natalie B. Jones, MD, MS
Irina Shakhnovich, MD, MS
Vance L. Smith, MD, MBA

Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship
Presented by W. Scott Melvin, MD, Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Medical Director, Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery; Program Director, Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship

Clinton R. Hall, MD
Eric T. Volckmann, MD

Pediatric Surgery Residency
Presented by Gail E. Besner, MD, Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Surgery; Program Director, Pediatric Surgery Training Program

Dorothy V. Rocourt, MD

Pediatric Surgery Resident of the Year Award
Bestowed by Pediatric Surgery faculty and fellows and presented by Donna A. Caniano, MD, H. William Clatworthy Jr. Professor of Pediatric Surgery; Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery

Recipient to be announced

Plastic Surgery Residency
Presented by Gregory D. Pearson, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery; Associate Program Director, Plastic Surgery Training Program

Kevin O. Delaney, MD
Stacey H. Francis, MD
K. Roxanne Grawe, MD
Reconstructive Microsurgery Fellowship
Presented by James H. Boehmler, IV, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery; Program Director, Reconstructive Microsurgery Fellowship
Nabil A. Habash, MD

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship
Presented by Charles H. Cook, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn; Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit; Program Director, Surgical Critical Care Fellowship
Daniel S. Eiferman, MD
David C. Evans, MD
James M. Howard, MD
Benjamin N. Morris, MD

Surgical Oncology Fellowship
Presented by Mark Bloomston, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology; Program Director, Surgical Oncology Fellowship
Sherif R. Z. Abdel-Misih, MD

Transplantation Fellowship
Presented by Mitchell L. Henry, MD, Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Transplantation; Program Director, Transplantation Fellowship
Yusuf Gunay, MD
Srinivas S. Samavedi, MD

Vascular Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Patrick S. Vaccaro, MD, Professor of Clinical Surgery; Chief, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery; Program Director, Vascular Surgery Fellowship
Siddharth K. Bhende, MD

Master of Medical Science Program
Presented by Ginny L. Bumgardner, MD, PhD, Professor of Surgery, Division of Transplantation; Associate Dean for Research Education, College of Medicine; Director, Master of Medical Science Program, Department of Surgery

Master of Medical Science
Peter N. Nau, MD
Iyore A.-O. James, MD, MALD
Alicia C. Thomas, MD, MS
Master of Medical Science Program, continued

Master of Science in Anatomy
Lisa M. Haubert, MD, MS

Master of Public Health
Ioannis S. Hatzaras, MD, MPH

Special Department of Surgery Awards
Presented by E. Christopher Ellison, MD, the Robert M. Zollinger Professor of Surgery; Chairman, Department of Surgery; Associate Vice President for Health Sciences and Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs

15th Annual Surgery Research Conference Awards, bestowed by the conference faculty judges, for outstanding research presentations

Resident Teaching Award, bestowed by the medical students, in recognition of a resident who has demonstrated excellence in teaching and dedication to surgical education

Michael J. Walker, MD Teaching Award, bestowed by the medical students in recognition of a surgery faculty for excellence in teaching and dedication to surgical education

Intern of the Year Award, bestowed by the Surgery faculty, in recognition of an intern who has demonstrated outstanding ability in clinical and academic endeavors

Resident of the Year Award, bestowed by the Surgery faculty, in recognition of a resident who has demonstrated outstanding ability in clinical and academic endeavors

Fellow Teaching Award, bestowed by the residents in General Surgery, in recognition of a fellow who has demonstrated excellence in teaching

Faculty Teaching Award, bestowed by the residents and fellows in Surgery, for excellence in teaching and dedication to surgical education

John L. Robinson Award, bestowed by the chief residents in General Surgery, for outstanding teaching by faculty or staff from another department

Surgical Nurse of the Year Award, bestowed by the chief residents in General Surgery, for exemplary dedication to the care of surgical patients

Residents and fellows completing their programs are encouraged to take the floral centerpieces home at the end of the evening
Sherif R. Z. Abdel-Misih, MD

Program
Surgical Oncology Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Bradford, United Kingdom

Undergraduate Degree

Medical Degree

Other Training
Master of Medical Science, Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1997–1999
General surgery residency, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Ohio, 2003–2008

Specialty Interests
MIS oncology, peritoneal carcinomatosis, hepato-pancreatico-biliary cancers, gastrointestinal oncology, sarcoma, melanoma, endocrine cancer

Research Interests
Peritoneal carcinomatosis, pancreatic cancer

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Fellow Teaching Award, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2009

Publications while at Ohio State


• Perioperative 18F-FDG Guided Imaging for Optimizing Surgical Resection in Patients with Advanced Malignancy. S Sharif, MA Johnson, S Abdel-Misih, D Murrey, S Povoski, NC Hall, M Knopp, EW Martin. 61st Annual Meeting Southwest Surgical Congress, 3/24/2009


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Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant professor of clinical surgery, Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
During his time at OSU, Dr. Abdel-Misih proved himself to be a technically gifted surgeon, caring doctor, and good person. He has demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and an innate understanding of the management of complex surgical and oncologic issues. He has been productive academically with several national presentations and publications. We are thankful to have him join the Division of Surgical Oncology at OSU where he will focus on gastrointestinal malignancies with a special interest in innovative technologies and peritoneal malignancies.
Siddharth K. Bhende, MD

Program
Vascular Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Margoa, India

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of California - Riverside, Riverside, California, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica, 2003

Other Training
General surgery residency, Guthrie Clinic, Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Pennsylvania, 2003–2008

Specialty Interests
Carotid disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms, infrainguinal occlusive disease, and varicose veins

Research Interests
Abdominal aortic aneurysms

Publications while at Ohio State
- Chapter manuscript: Bypass Grafts - Surgical Aspects and Complications. Editors - Rajagopalan S, Mukherjee D, Dean S, Mohler E. *Manual of Vascular Diseases, 2nd edition*

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Arizona Vascular Surgery Consultants, P.C., Mesa, Arizona

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Bhende has developed into a fine vascular surgeon both technically and intellectually. He has been an asset to our program and his suggestions and efforts in refining this fellowship are most appreciated. From day one, he has given us his best and I have no doubt that he will represent this training program in an exemplary manner. We wish him and his family the best!
Murtaza Y. Dawood, MD

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Karachi, Pakistan

Undergraduate Degree
BS, biochemistry and BS, physiology/neurobiology,
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 1997

Medical Degree
MD, Saba University School of Medicine, Netherland-Antilles, 2002

Other Training
General surgery residency, Western Reserve Care System/Northeastern Ohio Universities
College of Medicine, Youngtown, Ohio 2002–2008

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive valve and coronary surgery, aortic surgery

Research Interests
Valve mechanics

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Fellowship, University of Maryland Medical Center for Advanced Valve Surgery, Baltimore, Maryland

Program Director’s Comments
Murtaza came to us two years ago somewhat quiet and reserved. We’ve learned that he was “taking it all in” and learning all that he could as he watched and listened. He takes seriously his role as a CT surgeon being able to remain calm and collected during challenges that face us in this field. His personal and professional integrity are of the highest caliber. As he furthers his training with a fellowship in advanced valve surgery, he will be a fine ambassador of the training he received here at OSU.
Kevin O. Delaney, MD

Program
Plastic Surgery Residency, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1996

Medical Degree
MD, Northeastern Ohio University, Rootstown, Ohio, 2002

Other Training
• General surgery residency, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2002–2007
• Hand surgery fellowship, University of Miami Medical Center, Miami, Florida, 2007–2008

Specialty Interests
Reconstructive microsurgery, hand surgery

Research Interests
Clinical- and outcomes-based research in breast reconstruction

Publications while at Ohio State
• New Insight into the Pathophysiology of Tattoo Reactions following Laser Tattoo Removal. Delaney KO. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (in press)

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant professor, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina

Program Director’s Comments
After completing a General Surgery residency at OSU and a hand surgery fellowship in Miami, Florida, Kevin returned to OSU for training in Plastic Surgery. Kevin has provided excellent patient care, honed his surgical skills, and been a steady, even-keeled senior resident. It has been a pleasure training him and watching him mature into a fine plastic surgeon. We wish him best of luck in his future endeavors.
Daniel S. Eiferman, MD

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, October 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Louisville, Kentucky

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2003

Other Training
- General surgery residency, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois, 2003–2009
- Cardiac surgery research fellow, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, 2005–2006
- Thoracic fellowship, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, July – September, 2009

Specialty Interests
Trauma, acute care surgery, surgical critical care

Research Interests
Critical care outcomes

Publications while at Ohio State
- Assessment and Reliability of Intravascular Volume Measurements in the Intensive Care Unit. Eiferman D, Howard J, Stawicki S, Evans D, Whitmill M, Beery P, Steinberg S, Lindsey D, Cook C. Presented at the Columbus Surgical Society; Columbus, Ohio, February, 2010
- Pre-injury beta blocker use does not affect the hyperdynamic response in older trauma patients. Eiferman DS, Evans DC, Cook CH, Christy JM, Murphy CV, Gerlach AT, Lindsey DE, Whitmill ML, Beery PR, Steinberg SM, Stawicki SP. 69th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, Boston, MA, September 22-25, 2010

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Daniel was an accomplished physician and intensivist. His technical skills and clinical judgment were excellent. He displayed strong leadership abilities, and his interactions with the patients and families were always professional and compassionate. We appreciate the time and effort Daniel devoted to teaching our students and residents. It was a pleasure having Daniel in our training program this past year, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.
David C. Evans, MD

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Cincinnati, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 2002

Medical Degree
MD, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 2006

Other Training
General surgery residency, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2006–2009

Specialty Interests
General surgery, critical care

Research Interests
Infection in surgical patients, critical care, trauma outcomes

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Intern of the Year, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2007

Publications while at Ohio State

- Utility of Repeat Bronchoalveolar Lavage in Critically Ill Patients. Evans D, Bollins J, Hendershot K, Armen S, Thomas Y, Steinberg S, Cook C. 3rd Annual Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Research Day, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, September 19, 2008

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• Assessment and Reliability of Intravascular Volume Measurements in the Intensive Care Unit. Eiferman D, Howard J, Stawicki S, Evans D, Whitmill M, Beery P, Steinberg S, Lindsey D, Cook C. Presented at the Columbus Surgical Society; Columbus, Ohio, February, 2010

• Pre-injury polypharmacy as a predictor of outcomes in trauma patients. Evans DC, Murphy CV, Gerlach AT, Christy JM, Jarvis AM, Lindsey DE, Thomas YM, Whitmill ML, Cook CH, Steinberg SM, Stawicki SP. Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Resident Research Forum, Columbus, Ohio, May 7, 2010

• Ventilator-associated pneumonia: results of a SICU quality improvement initiative. Evans DC, Steinberg SM, Murphy CV, Stawicki SP, Lindsey DE, Thomas YM, Whitmill ML, Cook CH. Central Ohio Trauma System Trauma Research Symposium, Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, May 7, 2010

• Pre-injury beta blocker use does not affect the hyperdynamic response in older trauma patients. Eiferman DS, Evans DC, Cook CH, Christy JM, Murphy CV, Gerlach AT, Lindsey DE, Whitmill ML, Beery PR, Steinberg SM, Stawicki SP. 69th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, Boston, MA, September 22-25, 2010

• Comorbidity-Polypharmacy Scoring May Improve Outcome Prediction In Older Trauma Patients. Evans DC, Cook CH, Christy JM, Murphy CV, Gerlach AT, Lindsey DE, Whitmill ML, Beery PR, Steinberg SM, Stawicki, SP. American College of Surgeons Surgical Forum, Washington, DC, October, 2010


Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Continuation of general surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
David consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic, and was well-liked by our team and staff. His bedside manner was excellent, and he easily established rapport with the patients and their families. He was thoughtful, approachable, trustworthy, and reliable. His procedural skills and clinical judgment were strong. It was a pleasure having David participate in the fellowship, and we wish him much success as he continues his general surgery residency training at Ohio State.
Bryan T. Fisher, MD

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee, 2000

Medical Degree
MD, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 2005

Other Training
5th grade elementary school teacher

Specialty Interests
Peripheral vascular surgery

Research Interests
Medical student and resident education

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Intern of the Year, The Ohio State University, 2005

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Peripheral vascular surgery fellowship, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Program Director’s Comments
Bryan will be pursuing a fellowship in vascular surgery at Vanderbilt University, one of the most prestigious fellowship positions in the country. As a chief resident, his confident, outgoing presence has served as a role model for many of our interns and junior residents. He has worked hard during his residency to become an excellent surgeon with great technical skill. He has also dedicated much time and effort to improving the educational quality of the training program. He will bring the same enthusiasm and talents to his chosen field of vascular surgery.
Mason G. Fisher, MD, MS

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Dover, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 2003

Other Training
MS, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2005–2007

Specialty Interests
Trauma/critical care, minimally invasive surgery, general surgery

Research Interests
Critical care, general surgery

Publications while at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Surgical critical care fellowship, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Program Director’s Comments
Mason has shown leadership during his residency with his steady, quiet presence, and has become an outstanding physician and surgeon. He took on the task of managing Morbidity & Mortality Conference this year, and made it more interesting and educational than it has been for many years. He will continue his training as a Surgical Critical Care Fellow at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and we know he will excel in all he does.
Stacey H. Francis, MD

Program
Plastic Surgery Residency, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Thousand Oaks, California

Undergraduate Degree
BS, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, 2000

Medical Degree
MD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 2005

Specialty Interests
Pediatric and craniofacial plastic surgery

Research Interests
Breast reconstruction tissue expander infections

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• Arnold P. Gold Excellence in Humanism and Teaching Award, 2008
• Travel Award, Medical Center Research Day, The Ohio State University, 2009

Publications while at Ohio State
• Esophageal stricture as a rare complication of toxic epidermal necrolysis syndrome. Francis SH, Miller S. Presentation, The International Society of Burn Injuries Meeting, Montreal Canada, September 8, 2008

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Craniofacial and pediatric plastic surgery fellowship, Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles, California

Program Director’s Comments
After completing three years in General Surgery, Stacey matriculated into Plastic Surgery. Stacey is compassionate, conscientious, extremely knowledgeable and technically skilled. In addition to Stacey’s excellent clinical performance, Stacey performed and published a comprehensive study on complications in tissue expanders in breast reconstruction. We wish her well as she pursues a Craniofacial and Pediatric Plastic Surgery Fellowship at Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles.
Brian M. Goodman, MD

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
New York, New York

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, 1996

Medical Degree
MD, University of Vermont College of Medicine, Burlington, Vermont, 2003

Other Training

Specialty Interests
Thoracic surgical oncology

Research Interests
Minimally invasive thoracic surgery, device development

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Thoracic oncology fellowship, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

Program Director’s Comments
Brian started with us in CT two years ago and was a blank slate. He was not really sure of what he wanted to focus on: cardiac or thoracic surgery. Two years later he has emerged with a clear and strong desire to focus on thoracic surgical oncology. As he transitions into a thoracic oncology fellowship, it is clear that he will carry with him an indelible mark signifying his training at OSU and we will be proud of all his future success.
K. Roxanne Grawe, MD

Program
Plastic Surgery Residency, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
San Diego, California

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 2000

Medical Degree
MD, University of Texas at Galveston, Galveston, Texas, 2005

Specialty Interests
Cosmetic surgery, post-bariatric reconstruction, breast reconstruction

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
- Arnold P. Gold Excellence in Humanism and Teaching Award, 2008
- Gold Humanism Honor Society, 2009

Publications while at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Columbus Institute of Plastic Surgery, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
After completing three years in General Surgery, Roxanne matriculated into Plastic Surgery. Roxanne is hard-working, dedicated to excellent patient care and demonstrates advanced surgical skills. She is a “doer” whose reliability and “can-do” spirit will be missed. We wish Roxanne well as she joins private practice in Columbus, Ohio and becomes part of our community faculty.
Yusuf Gunay, MD

Program
Transplantation Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Bitlis, Turkey

Medical Degree
MD, Ankara University, Turkey, 1999

Other Training
General surgery residency, Ankara Numune Education and Research Hospital, Ankara, Turkey, 1999–2004

Specialty Interests
Transplantation

Research Interests
Transplant immunology, immunosuppression

Publications while at Ohio State
- Decreased Morbidity with Laparoscopic Hernia Repair in Kidney and Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Recipients. Poster presentation, American Transplant Congress, San Diego, California, May 1-5, 2010
- Solid Phase Testing Trumps Flow Cytometry Crossmatching in Renal Pre-Transplant Evaluations. Poster presentation, American Transplant Congress, San Diego, California, May 1-5, 2010
- Cardiac Stress Test as a Risk Stratification Tool for Early Post-Kidney Transplant Cardiovascular Outcomes in Diabetic ESRD Patients. Poster presentation, American Transplant Congress, San Diego, California, May 1-5, 2010
- The Outcome of Percutaneous Nephrostomy Drainage and Ureteral Stenting for Treatment of Urological Complications After Transplantation. Poster presentation, American Transplant Congress, San Diego, California, May 1-5, 2010

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Undecided

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Gunay arrived from Turkey with a keen interest in transplantation and the determination to spend his two years at OSU furthering his technical skills and learning as much as he could about the specialty of transplant surgery. He has succeeded in his goals, and might even try to fit in one more liver transplant before he leaves for the airport! Dr. Gunay’s interpersonal skills, interest in patient care and attention to detail will serve him well as he progresses in his career.
Nabil A. Habash, MD

Program
Reconstructive Microsurgery Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Oxford, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1997

Medical Degree
MD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Durham, North Carolina, 2003

Other Training
General surgery residency, Mount Carmel Health System, Columbus, Ohio, 2003–2007

Specialty Interests
Microsurgery, cancer reconstruction

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Regan Fellowship, Operation Smile, Norfolk, Virginia, 2008

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Austin, Texas

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Habash is graduating as the first reconstructive microsurgery fellow in the Division of Plastic Surgery. During his training he performed nearly 150 free flaps with both the Plastic Surgery and Otolaryngology services. He is a superb surgeon, a caring and thoughtful physician, and strives for excellence in all that he does. He will be joining a plastic surgery practice in Austin, Texas to expand their microsurgical services. He will be greatly missed.
Clinton R. Hall, MD

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Plant City, Florida

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, 2000

Medical Degree
MD, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, Florida, 2004

Other Training
General surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2004–2009

Specialty Interests
Laparoscopic, gastric bypass, hernia repair

Research Interests
Abdominal wall defects, hernia prevention

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Physician-of-the-Month, The Ohio State University Operating Rooms, January 2010

Publications while at Ohio State
- Effects of Different Types of Staple Line Reinforcement on Tissue Handling and Slippage during Laparoscopic Stapling. Volckmann ET, Fırat O, Shah NR, Mikami DJ, Hall CR, Memark VR, Needleman BJ. SAGES. Poster presentation at 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery, Landover, Maryland, April 14-17, 2010

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• A Randomized Control Study To Compare A New Valveless Trocar With A Conventional Trocar In Morbidly Obese Patients. Hall CR, Shah NR, Volckmann E, Memark V, Haas A, Melvin WS, Mikami DJ, Needleman BJ. Poster presentation at Emerging Technology Session, 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery, Landover, Maryland, April 14-17, 2010
• Bariatric Surgery: A Primer for the Obstetric Care Provider. Needleman, Bradley J., Hall, CR.

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Private practice, Melbourne Beach, Florida

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Hall was a very active member of our team this year, completing more than 350 advanced laparoscopic and endoscopic procedures. In addition to his clinical duties, he was active in our Continuing Medical Educational programs and resident training labs. He was a true asset to our team and is certain to do well throughout his career.
Ioannis S. Hatzaras, MD, MPH

Program
Master of Public Health, July 1, 2008 – August 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Thessaloniki, Greece

Medical Degree
MD, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece, 2002

Specialty Interests
Surgical oncology

Research Interests
Regression analysis in surgical research

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• Resident of the Year, Nationwide Children’s Hospital and The Ohio State University, Department of Surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery, 2008
• John P. Minton Award for best oncology paper, American College of Surgeons, Ohio Chapter Annual Meeting, 2009
• Research Award, Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus, Ohio, 2010

Publications while at Ohio State
• How many core needle biopsies are necessary to identify breast pathology? A systematic review for benign and malignant lesions. Oral presentation, 12th Annual Surgical Research Conference, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2007
• The Ohio State University Experience with Cholangiocarcinoma. Poster presentation, 13th Annual Surgical Research Conference, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2008
• Predictors of Survival in Periampullary Cancers Following Pancreaticoduodenectomy. Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) Annual Cancer Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, March 2009
• Failure of Normalization of CA19-9 Following Resection for Pancreatic Cancer is Tantamount to Metastatic Disease. Presented at the Society of Surgical Oncology 2010 Annual Cancer Symposium, Saint Louis, MO, March 3-7, 2009

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• Pancreatic Resection in the 9th Decade of Life: A Safe Option for Pancreatic Malignancy. Presented at the Society of Surgical Oncology 2010 Annual Cancer Symposium, Saint Louis, MO, March 3-7, 2009

• Regression Analysis in Surgical Research. The Ohio State University, Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Columbus, Ohio, November, 2009


**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Continuation of general surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Hatzaras achieved a significant body of work including two first-authored publications and an ample number of oral presentations (including those at the SSO and AHPBA) as well as the requirements for degree completion for a Master of Public Health over a relatively short period of time (1 year). His presentation “Regression Analysis in Surgical Research” in November of 2009 was an outstanding presentation to the Department of Surgery and showcased demonstrable application of principles learned during the MPH curriculum. His presentation was appreciated by many faculty, residents and medical students in attendance.
Lisa M. Haubert, MD, MS

Program
Master of Science in Anatomy, July 1, 2008 – December, 2009

Place of Birth
Canton, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, 2002

Medical Degree
MD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2006

Specialty Interests
General surgery

Research Interests
Surgical clinical correlates in anatomy

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• James D. King Research Award, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2008–2009
• Fellowship Award, The Ohio State University, 2008–2009
• Travel Award, Medical Center Research Day, The Ohio State University, 2010

Publications while at Ohio State
• Surgical Clinical Correlates in Anatomy: Implementation of a First Year Medical School Program. Haubert LM, Jones K, Moffatt-Bruce SD. Poster presentation, 14th Annual Surgical Research Conference, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2009
• Surgical Clinical Correlates in Anatomy: Implementation of a First Year Medical School Program. Haubert LM, Jones K, Moffatt-Bruce SD. Grand rounds oral presentation, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, May 2009
• Surgical Clinical Correlates in Anatomy: Implementation of a First Year Medical School Program. Haubert LM, Jones K, Moffatt-Bruce SD. Oral presentation, 14th Annual Surgical Research Conference, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2009
• Surgical Clinical Correlates in Anatomy: Implementation of a First Year Medical School Program. Haubert LM, Jones K, Moffatt-Bruce SD. Oral presentation, 26th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Clinical Anatomists, Cleveland, Ohio, July 14-18, 2009

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• Surgeons as Educators: An Untapped Resource. Haubert L, Moffatt-Bruce SD. Poster presentation, The Ohio State University Medical Center Research Day, Columbus, OH, April 2010

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Continuation of general surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Haubert's initiative in the development of an educational research project to complement her Master of Science in Anatomy degree program is a trendsetter for future Department of Surgery residents interested in educational research. She has achieved recognition for herself and the Department of Surgery in medical education circles at the national level. Her accomplishments have also been recognized by medical students and medical education leaders in the OSU College of Medicine.
James M. Howard, MD

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Chicago, Illinois

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, University of Kansas, Kansas City, Kansas, 2004

Other Training
General surgery residency, University of Kansas, 2004–2009

Specialty Interests
Burns, trauma

Publications while at Ohio State
• Assessment and Reliability of Intravascular Volume Measurements in the Intensive Care Unit. Eiferman D, Howard J, Stawicki S, Evans D, Whitmill M, Beery P, Steinberg S, Lindsey D, Cook C. Presented at the Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus, Ohio, February, 2010
• Reliability of Intravascular Volume and Cardiac Output Measurements in the Intensive Care Unit. Howard JM, Eiferman DS, Evans D., Gerckens JS, Bahner DP, Steinberg SM, Beery PR, Whitmill ML, Cook CH, Stawicki SP. American College of Surgeons Surgical Forum, Washington, DC, October, 2010

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Fellowship training with an emphasis on burn surgery, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
James performed very well during the course of the fellowship, and we found him to be a fine physician and intensivist. His technical skills and clinical judgment were excellent, and his procedural skills outstanding. He was a caring and compassionate physician. We are delighted to have James join us as a member of our faculty in July.
Iyore A.-O. James, MD, MALD

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Lafayette, Louisiana

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts, 2001

Medical Degree
MD, Tufts University School of Medicine, Medford, Massachusetts, 2006

Other Training
Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Massachusetts, 2006

Specialty Interests
Pediatric surgery

Research Interests
Critical care, inflammation

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• The Ohio State University Fellowship Award, 2008–2009
• National Institute of Health Diversity Award, 2008–2010
• First Place, Resident Research Presentation, Columbus Surgical Society, 2010
• Second Place, Resident Research Forum, American College of Surgeons, Ohio Chapter Annual Meeting, 2010

Publications while at Ohio State
• Abdominal Trauma. Ameh EA, Chirdan LB, Otabor IA, Nwomeh BC. *Paediatric Surgery: A comprehensive textbook for Africa and developing countries*, 2010

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HB-EGF-mediated interference with neutrophil-endothelial cell (EC) interactions contributes to the protective effects of HB-EGF. James IAO, Zhang, H, Besner GE. (in progress)


**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Continuation of general surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Otabor’s commitment to an academic career in pediatric surgery is clear. Her two years in research training resulted in an impressive three first-authored publications, two co-authored publications, a number of additional manuscripts in preparation, four prestigious national oral presentations, and three local presentations. She is the recipient of several prestigious research awards from the Ohio State University and National Institutes of Health. Her successful completion of the Master’s of Science in Medical Science degree, track record of research productivity and persistence and her congenial personality position her well for future career opportunities!
Natalie B. Jones, MD, MS

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Downers Grove, Illinois

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Highest distinction, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, 2000

Medical Degree
MD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2004

Other Training
MS, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2006–2007

Specialty Interests
Surgical oncology (melanoma, sarcoma, endocrine and breast)

Research Interests
Clinical and basic science research in breast, melanoma, pancreas (GI), clinical trials

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• First Place Research Award at the 11th Annual Research Conference, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2006
• Second Place Research Award at the 12th Annual Surgery Conference, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2007
• Gold Award at the Annual Presidential Symposium of the Columbus Surgical Society, 2009

Publications while at Ohio State

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• Cytokines Enhance the Anti-tumor Effects of Folate-Conjugated Immunoglobulin. Jones NB, Mani A, Kondadasula V, Roda J, Lee RJ, and Carson WE. Journal of Immunology. (in review)

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Surgical oncology fellowship, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2010–2012

Program Director’s Comments
In a field of stars, Natalie is one of the brightest. She excelled both as a medical student and surgical resident here at The Ohio State University in the College of Medicine. During her research year, she was the author of a number of important peer-reviewed papers in her area of interest, surgical oncology. Natalie has become an accomplished physician and technically excellent surgeon. She will be staying at OSU for a highly sought-after fellowship in surgical oncology, and we believe she has great potential as a scholar and surgeon.
Vanchad C. Memark, MD

Program
Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Winfield, Illinois

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, 1997

Medical Degree
MD, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois, 2004–2009

Other Training

Specialty Interests
Surgical endoscopy, minimally invasive surgery

Research Interests
Natural orifice translumenal surgery (NOTES), minimally invasive surgery

Publications while at Ohio State


• A Comparison Of Outcomes In Open Versus Laparoscopic Surgical Repair Of Recurrent Inguinal Hernias. Shah NR, Hodges C, Memark V, Volckmann E, Hall C, Needleman B, Mikami D, Hazey J, Melvin SW, Narula V. SAGES. Publication Status: Oral presentation at 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery, Landover, Maryland, April 14-17, 2010

• Effects of Different Types of Staple Line Reinforcement on Tissue Handling and Slippage during Laparoscopic Stapling. Volckmann ET, Firan O, Shah NR, Mikami DJ, Hall CR, Memark VR, Needleman BJ. SAGES. Publication Status: Poster presentation at 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery, Landover, Maryland, April 14-17, 2010

• A Randomized Control Study To Compare A New Valveless Trocar With A Conventional Trocar In Morbidly Obese Patients. Clinton Hall MD, Nilay Shah MD, Eric Volckmann MD, Vanchad Memark MD, Alexandar Haas BS, W. Scott Melvin MD, Dean Mikami MD, Bradley Needleman MD. Accepted for poster presentation at Emerging Technology Session, 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery, Landover, Maryland, April 14-17, 2010

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Occupation Upon Completion of Program
General surgeon at WellStar, a hospital-based practice, Atlanta, Georgia

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Memark was an active member of our minimally invasive surgical team, completing more than 200 ERCP’s and 250 advanced endoscopic procedures in addition to his surgical case load. A diligent and caring clinician, he sets a commendable example to which other minimally invasive surgeons can aspire. His calm, professional demeanor will continue to serve him well as his career progresses to the next level.
Benjamin N. Morris, MD

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Georgetown, South Carolina

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, 2000

Medical Degree
MD, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, 2004

Other Training
Anesthesiology residency, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2006–2009

Specialty Interests
Cardiac anesthesia, critical care

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Anesthesiology Resident of the Year, The Ohio State University, 2009

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant professor, Anesthesiology/Critical Care, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Program Director’s Comments
Benjamin was a welcome addition to our fellowship program. He was always available, reliable, and took exceptionally good care of his patients. He was a very skilled clinician who possessed a strong fund of knowledge. His leadership skills, collegiality, and professional demeanor made him an asset to our team. It was a pleasure to have participated in Ben’s training, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.
Peter N. Nau, MD

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Iowa City, Iowa

Undergraduate Degree
BA, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, 2001

Medical Degree
MD, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 2006

Specialty Interests
General surgery

Research Interests
Novel surgical techniques, biosynthetic absorbable grafts.

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• Best Oral Presentation, 4th International NOSCAR® Conference on NOTES®, 2009
• Second Place, oral presentation, 14th Annual Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University, 2009
• Bronze Award for oral presentation, The Columbus Surgical Society Presidential Symposium, 2009
• Awarded American Hepatopancreatobiliary Association Surgical Technology Assessment and Outcomes Research Grant, 2009
• Gold Award for oral presentation, The Columbus Surgical Society Presidential Symposium, 2010

Publications while at Ohio State

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- Successful management of chyloperitoneum after laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding in two patients. Nau PN, Narula VK, Needleman B. Surg Obes Relat Dis. (in press)

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Continuation of general surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Nau’s record of productivity and achievement in terms of awards, publications and presentations relative to biomedical research is self-evident. The competitiveness of his resume positions him for many career opportunities in the future.
Dorothy V. Rocourt, MD

Program
Pediatric Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, 1995

Medical Degree
MD, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey / New Jersey Medical School, Newark, New Jersey, 1999

Other Training
• General surgery residency, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey / New Jersey Medical School, Newark, New Jersey, 2000–2004
• Pediatric surgery research fellowship, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2004–2006
• Minimally invasive surgery fellowship, George Washington University, Washington, DC, 2006–2007
• Pediatric critical care fellowship, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2007–2008

Specialty Interests
Tumors, anorectal malformations, laparoscopy

Research Interests
Outcomes

Publications while at Ohio State

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**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Assistant professor of clinical surgery, Pennsylvania State University, Hershey - Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dorothy is joining the faculty in pediatric surgery at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Pennsylvania State University in Hershey, Pennsylvania as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Dorothy will have completed residencies in general surgery, pediatric surgical research, surgical critical care, laparoscopic surgery and pediatric surgery upon completion of her training. Based on this broad training experience, we are confident that she will be a superior pediatric surgeon and educator who will make many contributions to pediatric surgery in the future.
Srinivas S. Samavedi, MD, MS

Program
Transplantation Fellowship, July 14, 2008 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Khammam, India

Medical Degree
MD, Kakatiya University, Warangal, India, 1992

Other Training
• MS, general surgery, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, India, 1994–1997
• MCh, urology, Nizams Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, India, 1999–2001

Specialty Interests
Urologic oncology and renal transplantation

Publications while at Ohio State
The Impact of Early Sirolimus Use on the Incidence of Wound Complications and Lymphocele in Renal Transplantation. Poster presentation, American Transplant Congress, San Diego, California, May 1-5, 2010

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant professor of urology, Nizams Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, India

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Samavedi has been an active participant in the transplant fellowship: as a surgeon, as a teacher and mentor to the medical students and residents, and as a member of the transplant team. He is quite accomplished with his skills in the operating room, especially in the area of kidney transplantation. In addition, his decision-making skills regarding the surgical and medical care of post-transplant patients are to be commended. We will miss his clinical contributions and his ornery sense of humor!
Irina Shakhnovich, MD, MS

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Moscow, Russia

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2000

Medical Degree
MD, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2004

Other Training
MS, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2007–2008

Specialty Interests
Vascular surgery

Research Interests
Endovascular surgery, vascular ultrasound

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• James King Research Award, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2007
• Resident Research Award for Best Research Project, 13th Annual Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University, 2008

Publications while at Ohio State
• Importance of Validation of Accuracy of Duplex Ultrasonography in Identifying Moderate and Severe Carotid Stenosis. Shakhnovich I, Kiser D, Satiani B. Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. 2010 (in press)

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Vascular fellowship, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Program Director’s Comments
Irina has worked with steady determination and tenacity during her residency. She spent one year earning a Master of Medical Science and, as part of her research, she successfully developed a new animal model for spinal cord ischemia. She has secured a vascular fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin and we are confident that she will continue to excel and become a leader in her field.
Vance L. Smith, MD, MBA

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Chicago, Illinois

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, 1997

Medical Degree
MD, University of Toledo Health Sciences Campus, Toledo, Ohio 2003

Other Training
• MS, Human nutrition/biochemistry, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1997–1999
• MBA, Healthcare finance/process improvement, Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2005–2007

Specialty Interests
Healthcare reform/legislation, process flow improvement/supply chain management

Research Interests
Critical care, human nutrition, enteral/parenteral nutrition, physician practice management

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• James King Research Award, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2006
• Nestle Healthcare Enteral Nutrition Fellowship Award, Nestle Nutritional Institute, Chicago, Illinois (Oregon Health Sciences Campus and The University of Louisville), September - October, 2010

Publications while at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Surgical critical care/trauma fellowship, Stanford University, Stanford, California

Program Director’s Comments
Vance has had an extremely productive residency, and has developed into a mature and confident general surgeon and leader. After his second year of training, he elected to complete a two-year MBA degree. His Chief Resident Grand Rounds on health care reform was insightful and educational for the entire department. Vance will be starting a Surgical Critical Care/ Trauma Fellowship in July at Stanford University, and we foresee a future of impressive accomplishments.
Alicia C. Thomas, MD, MS

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, July 1, 2008 – March 21, 2010

Place of Birth
Thomasville, North Carolina

Undergraduate Degree
BS, High Point University, High Point, North Carolina, 2002

Medical Degree
MD, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2006

Specialty Interests
General surgery, critical care

Research Interests
Detection of occult CMV reactivation in the murine model

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
James D. King Research Award, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2008–2009

Publications while at Ohio State
- Cytomegalovirus latency is maintained by MCMV-specific T-cells. Campbell J, Zimmerman P, Thomas A, Trgovcich J, Cook C. Poster presentation, Cytomegalovirus Workshop in Boston, Massachusetts, 2009

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• Occult cytomegalovirus in vivarium-housed mice may influence transplant allograft acceptance. Thomas AC, Forster MR, Bickerstaff AA, Zimmerman PD, Wing BA, Trgovcich J, Bergdall VK, Kleenerman P, Cook CH. *Transplant Immunology*. March 20, 2010

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Continuation of general surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Director’s Comments**
While earning her Master of Medical Science degree, Dr. Thomas also conducted research that had excellent outcomes as exhibited by two first-authored publications, two national presentations, and two local presentations. Her scientific communication skills have matured to a high level during this training period, and will contribute to her continued success as she progresses in her general surgery training.
Eric T. Volckmann, MD

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Place of Birth
Norwalk, Connecticut

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1998

Medical Degree
MD, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2002

Other Training
• General surgery residency, McGaw Medical Center, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, 2002-2009
• Minimally Invasive Surgery Research Fellowship, McGaw Medical Center, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, 2005–2007

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive gastrointestinal and bariatric surgery

Research Interests
Outcomes in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery, natural orifice translumenal surgery (NOTES), surgical device development

Publications while at Ohio State
• A Randomized Control Study to Compare a New Valveless Trocar with a Conventional Trocar in Morbidly Obese Patients. Hall C, Shah N, Volckmann E, Memark V, Haas A, Melvin WS, Mikami D, Bradley Needleman B. 12th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, National Harbor, MD, April, 2010

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**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Undecided

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Volckmann has had a very busy clinical year, completing more than 400 advanced laparoscopic surgeries and diagnostic endoscopies. He participated in a number of research projects that led to publications and poster presentations. Dr. Volckmann was an outstanding member of our team and was appreciated by his residents, students and patients.
Wing C. Yeen, MBBS

Program
Mechanical and Circulatory Support Fellowship, October 1, 2009 – September 31, 2010

Place of Birth
Seremban, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Medical Degree
MBBS (Hons), University of Sydney, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, 1998

Other Training
- General surgery residency, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami, Florida, 2000–2005
- Cardiothoracic surgery fellowship, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2005–2007

Specialty Interests
Cardiothoracic surgery

Research Interests
Mechanical circulatory support

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Undecided

Program Director's Comments
After completing a Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship here at OSU, Wing returned to his home country to fulfill his visa requirements. Afterward, he returned to OSU where it has been our pleasure to see him hone his skills, specifically focusing on Mechanical Circulatory Support. His fund of knowledge is exceptional and he is always willing to educate those with whom he works. He is one of the hardest working and dedicated individuals I have ever met. He will go far in his career, representing OSU with distinction.