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Program

Welcome
E. Christopher Ellison, MD, the Robert M. Zollinger Endowed Chair; College of Medicine Distinguished Professor; Senior Associate Vice President for Health Sciences; Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs and CEO, Faculty Group Practice

Robert S. D. Higgins, MD, MSHA, Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery; John H. and Mildred C. Lumley Medical Research Chair; Surgeon-in-Chief, Wexner Medical Center; Director, Comprehensive Transplant Center

Ellison/Borgess Surgery Scholarship Award
In honor of the Ellison legacy of leadership in surgical education and as former chair of the Department of Surgery to support a medical student while they participate in the Surgery Honors Program. The student must show exceptional professional interest and aptitude while completing a clerkship in surgery. Presented by Robert S. D. Higgins, MD

Surgical Nurse of the Year Award, bestowed and presented by the chief residents in General Surgery, for exemplary dedication to the care of surgical patients. Presented by Maureen E. Kuhrt, MD, MS

John L. Robinson Award, bestowed and presented by the chief residents in General Surgery, for outstanding teaching by faculty or staff from another department. Presented by Geoffrey J. Roelant, MD, MS

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. Presented by Mark W. Arnold, MD

Outstanding Surgical Resident Award, sponsored by the Columbus Surgical Society and bestowed by the general surgery PGY4 & 5’s to a junior resident who has demonstrated exceptional compassion for patients, collegiality and camaraderie with team members, trustworthiness and dedication to excellence. Presented by Columbus Surgical Society President Alan E. Harzman, MD

Fellow Teaching Award, bestowed by the residents in General Surgery, in recognition of a fellow who has demonstrated excellence in teaching. Presented by Catherine E. Beck, MD

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

Faculty Teaching Award, bestowed by the residents and fellows in Surgery, for excellence in teaching and dedication to surgical education. Presented by Iyore A. O. James, MD/MALD, MS
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. Presented by E. Christopher Ellison, MD

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. Presented by Mark W. Arnold, MD

General Surgery Internship
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, MD, Professor of Clinical Surgery; Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery Training Program

Michael A. Antiporda, MD
Nishanta B. Baidya, MD
Shayna A. Brathwaite, MD
Brent E. Carlyle, MD
Nakesha D. King, MD
Aron Liaw, MD
Daniel L. Lodwick, MD
Antonio Martinez, MD
Ekenedilchukwu A. Onwuka, MD
Jason A. Orien, MD
David S. Strosberg, MD
Taehwan Yoo, 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

Sara E. Martin del Campo, MD, MS
Mika A. B. Matthews, MD, MS
Tyler C. Spata, MD, MS
Mark R. Wendling, MD, MS

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

Johanna R. Askegard-Giesmann, MD

Pediatric Surgery Intern of the Year Award, bestowed by Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Pediatric Surgery Resident of the Year Award, bestowed by Nationwide Children’s Hospital
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Robert S. D. Higgins, MD, MSHA, Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery; John H. and Mildred C. Lumley Medical Research Chair; Surgeon-in-Chief, Wexner Medical Center; Director, Comprehensive Transplant Center
Shelly Bansal, MD
Jennifer M. Worth, MD

Transplantation Fellowship
Presented by Mitchell L. Henry, MD, Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Transplantation; Program Director, Transplantation Fellowship
Hammam Fayez Momani, MD

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
Luke M. Funk, MD, MPH
Aliyah Kanji, MD

Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Jeffrey W. Hazey, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery
Mario R. Salazar, MD

Surgical Oncology Fellowship
Presented by Mark Bloomston, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology; Program Director, Surgical Oncology Fellowship
Scott P. Albert, MD

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship
Presented by Charles H. Cook, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn; Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit; Program Director, Surgical Critical Care Fellowship
Ellen A. Carraro, MD
R. Nathan Cotterman, DO
Christian D. Jones, MD
Rachel C. Forbes, MD, MBA
Vascular Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Blair D. Vermilion, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery and Diseases
Axel Thors, DO

General Surgery Residency
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, MD, Professor of Clinical Surgery; Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery Training Program
Catherine E. Beck, MD
Iyore Otabor James, MD/MALD, MS
Michelle Y. Kincaid, MD, MS
Maureen E. Kuhrt, MD, MS
Geoffrey J. Roelant, MD, MS

Other Miscellaneous Awards

Residents and fellows completing their programs are encouraged to take the floral centerpieces home at the end of the evening.
Scott P. Albert, MD

Program
Surgical Oncology Fellowship, July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Schenectady, New York

Undergraduate Degree
BS, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, 2000

Medical Degree
MD, Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY, 2004

Other Training
General surgery residency, Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY, 2011

Specialty Interests
Surgical oncology

Research Interests
Gastrointestinal cancers

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Albert S, McNally M, Jones N, Shirley L, Schmidt C, Bloomston M. Elevated Preoperative CA19-9 Fails to Predict Postoperative Complications in Patients Undergoing Pancreaticoduodenectomy for Pancreatic Cancer, Columbus Surgical Society, March 2012
• Albert S, McNally M, Shirley L, Sullivan, R, Schmidt C, Bloomston M. Patients with cirrhosis and any indeterminate nodule by surveillance imaging have a high risk of developing HCC, Society of Surgical Oncology March 2013
• Albert S, Schmidt C, Abdel-Misih S, El-Dika S, Walker J, Bekaii-Saab T, Bloomston M. Obstructive jaundice due to metastatic colorectal cancer is a prelude to death, accepted SSAT May 2013

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State
• Albert S, Bloomston M, Ellison EC. Management of Pancreatic Islet Cell Tumors Excluding Gastrinomas, Cameron Textbook of Surgery, in press
• Albert S, Bloomston M. Budd Chiari Syndrome, Atlas of Vascular Medicine, in press

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant professor of surgery, Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

Program Director’s Comments
Scott joined us from Syracuse where he had already developed excellent surgical skills. He quickly mastered complex oncology cases and spent his second year of fellowship gaining experience with robotic operations. He is a polished clinician and gifted surgeon who is destined to play a big role in cooperative group trials and make a difference in cancer care. He and his wife, Dr. Emily Albert, are returning to Syracuse as proud new parents and will be sorely missed at OSU.
Johanna R. Askegard-Giesmann, MD

Program
Pediatric Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Edina, Minnesota

Undergraduate Degree
BA, *summa cum laude*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, The Chicago Medical School, Rosalind Franklin School of Medicine and Science, North Chicago, IL, 2004

Other Training
- General surgery residency, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, 2011
- Surgical critical care fellowship, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH, 2010

Specialty Interests
Critical care, pediatric trauma, congenital anomalies of the foregut and hindgut

Research Interests
Quality improvement of pediatric trauma and surgical critical care patients; protocol development for pediatric trauma programs; ethics and trauma/critical care; long-term outcomes of esophageal atresia patients

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State

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Publications Accepted While at Ohio State


Occupation Upon Completion of Program

Assistant professor in the Departments of Surgery & Pediatrics, Indiana University School of Medicine, Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, IN

Program Director’s Comments

Johanna is joining the faculty in pediatric surgery at Riley Hospital for Children and the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana as an assistant professor of surgery and pediatrics. Johanna will have completed residencies in general surgery, surgical critical care and pediatric surgery upon completion of her training. Johanna is a wonderful surgeon and a dedicated educator. We are certain that she will make substantial contributions to the field of pediatric surgery throughout her entire career.
Shelly Bansal, MD

Program

Place of Birth
Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH, 2000

Medical Degree
MD, Sint Eustatius School of Medicine, Netherlands Antilles, 2004

Other Training
• General surgery residency, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 2010
• Surgical critical care fellowship, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2012

Specialty Interests
Critical care

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Cardiothoracic transplantation and mechanical support fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Program Director’s Comments
Shelly integrated into our training program the fall of 2010 and has developed into a committed and capable Cardiothoracic resident. She also completed additional Critical Care training during her second year. We were happy to have Shelly return to complete her Cardiothoracic surgery training where she has served as a valued member of our team. She will pursue her interests in Mechanical Circulatory Support as a fellow at the University of Pittsburgh. We congratulate Shelly on her resolve and commitment to reach her career goals.
Catherine E. Beck, MD

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Cincinnati, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 2004

Medical Degree
MD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2008

Specialty Interests
Bariatric surgery, foregut surgery, endoscopy

Research Interests
Bariatric surgery, foregut surgery, endoscopy

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• BEST Training Improves the Understanding and Safety of Electrosurgery Use in the Operating Room. Poster presentation, SAGES national meeting, 2012, PI: Dean Mikami MD
• Developing a Needs Assessment for Standardized Surgical Resident Training in Basic Electrosurgical Principles. Poster presentation, SAGES national meeting 2012, PI: Dean Mikami MD
• Endoluminal Surgery with Overstitch Device for Treatment of Complications Post Bariatric Surgery: Single Institution Experience. Poster presentation, SAGES national meeting 2013, PI: Dean Mikami MD

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

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Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellow, University of California - San Diego, San Diego, CA

Program Director's Comments
Dr. Beck, a graduate of the OSU College of Medicine, has consistently excelled during the course of her surgical residence. No matter how stressful the situation, she can always be depended upon to respond in a mature and deliberate manner. She has, over the course of her training, developed excellent technical skills and an interest in minimally invasive surgery. To advance her career, she has matched in an MIS fellowship at the University of California, San Diego. We look forward to following her career closely and wish her the best.
Ellen A. Carraro, MD

Program
Surgery Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Cincinnati, Ohio

Medical Degree
MD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2009

Other Training
MA, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2005

Specialty Interests
Surgical critical care, minimally invasive surgery

Research Interests
Ventilator-associated pneumonia, transfusion practices

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• Intern of the Year, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 2010
• Resident Teaching Award, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2012

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Reducing unnecessary blood transfusions in the SICU with a simple checklist
• Portable Chest X-rays Add No Predictive Value to Diagnosis of Ventilator Associated Pulmonary Infections

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Continue general surgery residency, The Ohio State University

Program Director’s Comments
Ellen will be returning to our residency in general surgery to complete her remaining two years of training. Ellen successfully completed her fellowship in Surgical Critical Care and has had several academic accomplishments this year. We will miss her steady demeanor and look forward to her continued success in residency as well as in academic surgery.
R. Nathan Cotterman, DO

Program
Surgery Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Zanesville, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BS, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2000
BS, University of Akron, Akron, OH, 2003

Medical Degree
DO, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie, PA, 2007

Other Training
General surgery residency, Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, Toledo, OH, 2012

Specialty Interests
Management of acute trauma and emergency general surgery

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Trauma/acute care surgeon, Toledo Hospital, Toledo, OH

Program Director’s Comments
Nate is returning to Toledo to join the faculty at the Toledo Hospital as a trauma/acute care surgeon. Nate has now completed his residency in general surgery and fellowship in surgical critical care. He is returning to Toledo as an excellent ambassador of our program, and we will miss his curiosity, dedication and thoroughness.
Rachel C. Forbes, MD, MBA

Program
Surgery Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Honolulu, Hawaii

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2001

Medical Degree
MD, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2005

Other Training
• General surgery residency, Nashville, TN, 2005
• Transplantation fellowship, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2012
• MBA, Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, May 2013

Specialty Interests
Kidney and pancreas transplantation, vascular access, critical care

Research Interests
Transplantation, critical care

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• 3rd place in Clinical Forum, Ohio ACS annual meeting, 2013
• Beta Gamma Sigma, Business Honor Society

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Living donor transplant mitigates the adverse impact of diabetes status in elderly (>65 years) kidney transplant recipients, poster presentation, American Transplant Congress, Philadelphia, PA, 2011
• Pulsatile preservation parameters in ECD and SCD donor kidneys, poster presentation, American Transplant Congress, Boston, MA, 2012
• Response to therapy and predictors of graft survival in antibody mediated rejection, poster with Von Visger et al., American Transplant Congress Boston, MA, 2012
• Steal syndrome in primary placement of vascular access: a single center’s experience over 10 years, oral presentation, Vascular Access Society of the Americas, Orlando, FL, 2012
• Critical Care Implications for Kidney Transplant Recipients. Renal Transplant Grand Rounds. Rhode Island Hospital, Brown University, Providence, RI, 2013
• Continuous versus bolus tube feeds: Does the modality affect glycemic variability or insulin requirements? Presented at Ohio ACS, Columbus, OH, 2013

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Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

• Forbes R, Brodsky S, et al. 5/6 Nephrectomy as a validated rat model mimicking human warfarin related nephropathy. AJNE, Jan 2012


Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant professor of surgery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Program Director’s Comments
Rachel is joining the faculty at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, as an assistant professor of surgery specializing in Kidney and Pancreas Transplant surgery.

Rachel will have completed her general surgery residency, surgical critical care fellowship and transplant surgery fellowship upon completion of her training. Rachel also distinguished herself this year by completing her MBA. We feel very fortunate that Rachel joined us this year and will miss her enthusiasm and experience.
Luke M. Funk, MD, MPH

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Springfield, Illinois

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, Urbana, IL, 2001

Medical Degree
MD, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, Maywood, IL, 2005

Other Training
• Master of Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, 2009
• General surgery residency, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA, 2012

Specialty Interests
Foregut surgery, bariatric surgery, hernias

Research Interests
Clinical outcomes research, global surgery research

Abstracts Accepted While at OSU

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**Publications While at Ohio State**

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Assistant professor of surgery, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, WI

**Program Director’s Comments**
Luke Funk attended medical school at the Loyola University in Chicago where he graduated in 2005. He then went on to complete his General Surgery Residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. During residency, he also completed a Master of Public Health degree at Harvard. In 2012, he joined the faculty at The Ohio State University Division of General & Gastrointestinal Surgery, Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery as a clinical assistant professor of surgery and completes his advanced MIS/Bariatric surgery fellowship in June 2013.

Dr. Funk has had a very busy clinical year, completing approximately 400 advanced laparoscopic surgeries and diagnostic endoscopies. He participated in a number of research projects through the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery that led to publications and presentations. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, he was very active in our minimally invasive education and training programs. Dr. Funk is an outstanding member of our team and is appreciated by his residents, students, patients and staff.

Dr. Funk is an associate member of the American College of Surgeons, SAGES and SSAT. Following his fellowship, Dr. Funk will be joining the Department of Surgery at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health as an assistant professor of surgery.
Iyore A. O. James, MD/MALD, MS

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Lafayette, Louisiana

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

Medical Degree
MD/MALD, Tufts University School of Medicine, Medford, MA, 2006

Other Training
Master of Medical Science, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2010

Specialty Interests
Regenerative medicine, tissue engineering, solid organ transplantation

Research Interests
Regenerative medicine, tissue engineering

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• The Ohio State University Fellowship Award, 2008-2009
• Second Place, Resident Research Forum, Ohio Chapter, American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting, Columbus OH, 2010
• First Place, Resident Research Presentation, Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus OH, 2010
• Pediatric Surgery Resident of the year, Nationwide Children’s Hospital Columbus, OH, 2011
• Third Place, Resident Research Presentation, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University, 2011

Abstracts accepted while at Ohio State
• Otabor, I., Caniano, D., Groner, J. (2008, March). Severity of ICU-related complications in pediatric trauma patients

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• James, I., Druhan, S., Caniano, D., Besner, G. (2010, May). The Presence but not the Location of an Appendicolith affects the Success Rate of Interval Appendectomy in Children.


Publications while at Ohio State


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Research Grants Awarded While at OSU
National Institute of Health Diversity Award, 2008-2010

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Research, tissue engineering, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH
Transplantation fellow, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. James, a graduate of Tufts Medical School, is a strong advocate for the care and well-being of her patients. As one of our more technically skilled residents, she has set high goals for her career. She spent seven years with us, five in clinical training and two perfecting her research skills in the lab of Dr. Gail Besner, while also obtaining a master in medical science degree. She plans to continue her research next year at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and has also been accepted into the Transplant Fellowship at OSU where she will continue her training as she pursues a career in Transplantation.
Christian D. Jones, MD

Program
Surgery Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Cynthiana, Kentucky

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Harvey Mudd College, Los Angeles, CA, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2007

Other Training
General surgery residency, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS, 2012

Specialty Interests
Trauma surgery, surgical critical care, emergency general surgery, burn surgery

Research Interests
Venous thromboembolic disease, traumatic brain injury, medical informatics

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

Program Director’s Comments
Christian is joining our faculty at Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University, as an assistant professor of surgery specializing in Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn. Christian will pursue an interest in burn care after joining our faculty. He has been productive academically and is a pleasure to work with. We look forward to his continued success as an assistant professor in our program.
Aliyah Kanji, MD

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 2003

Medical Degree
MD, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, 2007

Specialty Interests
Advanced laparoscopy, primary and revisional bariatics, therapeutic endoscopy

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Kanji A, Mikami DJ, Ravi Y, Sai-Sudhakar CB, Higgins RSD, Needleman BJ. Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy in patients with end stage heart failure can performed safely and is an effective method of weight loss for symptom improvement and access to cardiac transplantation. SAGES 2013, Baltimore, MD
• Kanji A, Funk LM, Mikami DJ. Initial experience with confocal laser micro-endoscopy in the pre-operative assessment of bariatric patients. SAGES 2013, Baltimore, MD
• Salazar M, Kanji A, Mikami DJ. Institutional Experience with Concurrent Ventral Hernia Repair using Component Separation Technique and Simultaneous Panniculectomy. SAGES 2013, Baltimore, MD

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
General surgeon, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Program Director’s Comments
Aliyah Kanji graduated from medical school at the University of Toronto in 2007 and then went on to complete her General Surgery residency there in 2012. Following residency, she joined the faculty at The Ohio State University Division of General & Gastrointestinal Surgery, Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery as a clinical assistant professor of surgery and completes her advanced MIS/Bariatric surgery fellowship in June 2013.

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Dr. Kanji has had a very busy clinical year, completing nearly 450 advanced laparoscopic surgeries and diagnostic endoscopies. She has actively participated in a number of ongoing research projects that will lead to publications and presentations. In addition, she was very active in our educational programs giving lectures at our continuing medical education programs and teaching various labs for residents and medical students. Dr. Kanji is an outstanding member of our team and is certain to do very well throughout her career.

Dr. Kanji is an affiliate member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Canadian Association of Surgeons, American College of Surgeons and SAGES. Following her fellowship, Dr. Kanji will be returning to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and will be practicing general surgery.
Michelle Y. Kincaid, MD, MS

Program

Place of Birth
Honolulu, Hawaii

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, 2002

Medical Degree
MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, 2007

Other Training
Master of Medical Science, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2011

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Intern of the Year, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2007-2008

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Surgical critical care fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Kincaid, a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, is one of our most outstanding graduates. She is a kind and caring physician and an excellent technical surgeon. As the administrative chief this year she has been primarily responsible for the smooth running of the residency and has engendered both the loyalty and respect of her fellow residents and the faculty. During her residency she completed her master’s degree studying virology under the supervision of Dr. Cook. She intends to peruse a career in trauma and critical care and has matched into an excellent fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh. We expect she will become one of the leaders in her field.
Maureen Pons Kuhrt MD, MS

Program

Place of Birth
Hartford, Connecticut

Undergraduate Degree
BA, with distinction, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2003

Medical Degree
MD, University of Connecticut, Farmington, CT, 2007

Other Training
Master of Medical Science, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2010

Specialty Interests
Colon and rectal surgery

Research Interests
Colon and rectal surgery, colon cancer, PET-CT imaging, pelvic exenteration

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Pons ME and Martin EW Jr. Double-Barreled Wet Colostomy in Patients Undergoing a Pelvic Exenteration Leaves Patients with a Single Stoma. Poster Presentation. 15th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH, May 2010
• Pons ME, Chapman GJ, Knopp MV, Martin EW Jr. The Use of K-alpha Emissions for Intraoperative Detection of High Energy Radionuclides. Poster Presentation. 9th Annual Ohio State University Medical Center Trainee Research Day. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH, May 2010
• Chokshi RJ, Arrese D, Kuhrt MP, Routt MM, Kocak E, Martin EW. Pelvic Malignancies Undergoing Exenteration. Poster Presentation. Society of Surgical Oncology Annual Cancer Symposium, San Antonio, TX, March 2011

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• Kuhrt MP, Chokshi RJ, Arrese D, Routt M, Parks L, Martin EW Jr. Pelvic Malignancies Undergoing Exenteration. 16th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH, June 2011

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State


Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Colon and rectal fellowship, Grant Medical Center, Columbus, OH

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Kuhrt, a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, is one of those residents who gives ballast to the program. Quiet and efficient, she provides excellent surgical care to her patients day in and day out. During the course of her training, she developed an interest in GI cancer. She spent her research year working with Dr. Edward Martin evaluating new techniques of cancer imaging and obtained a master in medical science degree for her work. She has matched into a Colon and Rectal Fellowship in Columbus and we are pleased that she will be working with us next year.
Sara E. Martin del Campo, MD, MS

Program
Master of Medical Science, July 1, 2011 – August 4, 2013

Place of Birth
Visalia, California

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2005

Medical Degree
MD, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, IA, 2009

Research Interests
Cancer biology and tumor immunology

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Third place, 17th Annual OSU Department of Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 2012

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State

Research Grants Awarded While at OSU
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award T32 Grant

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Continue general surgery residency, The Ohio State University

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Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Sara Martin del Campo has been very productive during the past two years of her cancer biology research training in the laboratory of Dr. William Carson. During this time she developed expertise in both bench and clinical trial-based melanoma research and fulfilled all of the requirements (including an outstanding GPA) for the Master in Medical Science degree. She has presented results of her translational research on microRNA profiling of melanomas at two national meetings and at the 17th and 18th Department of Surgery Annual Research Conference.

Sara has four manuscripts in preparation and one that has been submitted for publication. Results of her work are applicable to the clinical differentiation between atypical and malignant melanocytic lesions and also pertain to the molecular mechanisms involved in the invasiveness of melanoma. She is the recipient of an NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Research T32 “Tumor Immunology” training grant position which supported her for two years.

Sara has also had the opportunity to develop her own experience with research mentorship and served as a mentor to an undergraduate student working on an honors research thesis in Dr. Carson’s laboratory. While Sara lacked significant research experience at the outset of her research training, she quickly acquired the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to pursue an academic career in Surgical Oncology.
Mika A. B. Matthews, MD, MS

Program
Master of Medical Science, July 1, 2012 – August 4, 2013

Place of Birth
Battle Creek, Michigan

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2005

Medical Degree
MD, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, 2009

Specialty Interests
Pediatric surgery

Research Interests
Intestinal inflammation and repair, perinatal brain injury and repair

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• James D. King Research Award; The Ohio State University Medical Center Department of Surgery; Columbus, OH; 2011
• Third-Place Award, 17th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference; The Ohio State University Medical Center Department of Surgery; Columbus, OH; 2012
• First-Place Award, American College of Surgeons Resident and Associates Society Annual Essay Contest; American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress; Chicago, IL; 2012
• Rosenkrantz Resident Research Award for Basic Science; American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition, Section on Surgery; New Orleans, LA; 2012

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Matthews MAB, Satiani B. Trends in Productivity and Work Effort of Today’s Vascular Surgeon. 16th Annual Ohio State University Department of Surgery Research Conference. Columbus, OH; June 2011.
• Matthews MAB, Watkins D, Darbyshire A, Carson WE, Besner GE. HB-EGF Protects the Intestines from Radiation Therapy-Induced Intestinal Injury. 11th Annual Ohio State University Medical Center Trainee Research Day at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Columbus, OH; April 2012.
• Matthews MAB, Watkins D, Darbyshire A, Carson WE, Besner GE. HB-EGF Protects the Intestines from Radiation Therapy-Induced Intestinal Injury. 17th Annual Ohio State University Department of Surgery Research Conference. Columbus, OH; May 2012.

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• Watkins DJ, Zhou Y, Yang J, Matthews MAB, Darbyshire A, Besner GE. Synergistic Effects of HB-EGF on Mesenchymal Stem Cells In Vitro and In Vivo. 6th Annual Translational to Clinical (T2C) Regenerative Medicine Wound Care Conference. Columbus, OH; March 2013.
• Watkins D, Matthews MAB, Zhou Y, Besner GE. HB-EGF Augments the Ability of Mesenchymal Stem Cells to Attenuate Intestinal Injury. 18th Annual Ohio State University Department of Surgery Research Conference. Columbus, OH; May 2013.
• Matthews MAB, Painter P, Carson WE 3rd, Besner GE. The Protective Effects of HB-EGF in a Rat Model of Cerebral Palsy: a Pilot Study. 18th Annual Ohio State University Department of Surgery Research Conference. Columbus, OH; May 2013.

Publications Accepted While at OSU

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**Research Grants Awarded While at OSU**
- NIH T32 Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship; 2011—2013
- NIH Pediatric Loan Repayment Program Award; 2011—2013

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Continue general surgery residency, The Ohio State University

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Mika Matthews completed two years of research training in the laboratory of Dr. Gail Besner and fulfilled all requirements for the Master in Medical Science degree. During this time she optimized a radiation enteritis animal model and also initiated the development of a new “cerebral palsy” animal model to study neonatal hypoxic-ischemic brain injury. She not only developed bench research skills but also wrote basic and clinical research protocols.

Her studies have resulted in five publications, one manuscript under review and another one in preparation. She has had the opportunity to give oral presentations at three national meetings (American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Surgeons (ACS), and the Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery) and four local research conferences including the DOS Annual Research Conferences. She is the recipient of the prestigious 2012 Rosenkrantz Resident Research Award for Basic Science presented at the American Academy of Pediatrics, the 2012 ACS Annual Essay Contest winner and the 2011 OSU Department of Surgery James King Research Award.

Of particular note, Mika received both an NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Research T32 training grant position and an NIH Pediatric Loan Repayment Program Award. We are so proud of Mika’s accomplishments which should position her well to pursue an academic career in Pediatric Surgery.
Hammam Fayez Momani, MD

Program
Transplant Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Zarqa, Jordan

Medical Degree
MD, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan, 2003

Other Training
• General surgery residency, King Abdullah University Hospital, Irbid, Jordan, 2007
• General surgery residency, Al-Bashir Hospital, Amman, Jordan, 2009

Specialty Interests
Liver, kidney and pancreas transplantation

Research Interests
Complications in liver and kidney transplantation

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Transplant surgery fellowship, Jackson Memorial Hospital, University of Miami School of Medicine
Miami, FL

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Momani is a fine surgeon with excellent technical skills and a solid base of medical knowledge. He possesses an extremely calm demeanor, and remains in quiet control of every situation. His mature manner has served as an outstanding example for the residents. Hammam will be missed by everyone on the team. We wish him all the best as he moves on to a second fellowship in abdominal transplant surgery, and then eventually back to Jordan, which will gain a well-trained, compassionate surgeon who provides excellent care to his patients.
Geoffrey J. Roelant, MD, MS

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Royal Oak, Michigan

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Michigan Technology University, Houghton, MI, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, 2008

Other Training
MS, chemical engineering, Michigan Technology University, Houghton, MI, 2001

Specialty Interests
Device development

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Outstanding Contribution to the Emergency Department, 2011

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
General surgeon, North Florida Regional Medical Center, Gainesville, FL

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Roelant, a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, is fascinated by the technical aspects of surgery. As a trained engineer, he is very interested in surgical systems and information processing. Over the past five years of clinical training he has worked hard at honing his surgical skills and has become an excellent physician and surgeon. He also achieved his pilot’s license during that time. He will be taking a position as an attending surgery at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida, a community that will be delighted to have him as one of their surgeons.
Mario R. Salazar MD

Program
Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Hereford, Texas

Undergraduate Degree
BA, University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, TX, 1990

Medical Degree
MD, University of Texas - Health Science Center, Houston, TX, 2001

Other Training
General surgery residency, St. Joseph Hospital - Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, 2007

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive surgery and advanced laparoscopy, advanced therapeutic endoscopy

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Salazar M, Kanji A, Mikami DJ. Institutional Experience with Concurrent Ventral Hernia Repair using Component Separation Technique and Simultaneous Panniculectomy. SAGES 2013, Baltimore, MD
• Salazar M, Kanji A, Mikami DJ. Institutional Experience with Concurrent Ventral Hernia Repair using Component Separation Technique and Simultaneous Panniculectomy. SAGES 2013, Baltimore, MD
• Fei Y, Salazar M, Hazey JW. Women’s Attitudes on Transvaginal Surgery. SAGES 2013, Baltimore, MD
• Perry KA, Salazar M, Suzo A, Walker J, Hazey JW, Melvin WS. Endoscopic Management of High Grade Dysplasia and Intramucosal Carcinoma: Experience in a Large Academic Medical Center. SAGES 2013, Baltimore, MD

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant professor of surgery, Texas Tech Health Science Center at Permian Basin, Odessa, TX

Program Director’s Comments
Mario Salazar graduated from medical school at the University of Texas Health Science in Houston, Texas in 2001 and then went on to complete his General Surgery residency at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Chicago, Illinois in 2007. Following residency, he joined several private practice groups in

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Texas. In June 2012, he joined the faculty at The Ohio State University Division of General & Gastrointestinal Surgery, Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery as a clinical assistant professor of surgery focusing on advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery.

Dr. Salazar has had a busy clinical year, completing nearly 300 diagnostic and advanced endoscopic procedures and numerous advanced laparoscopic procedures. He has actively participated in a number of ongoing research projects that will lead to publications and presentations. In addition, he was very active in our educational programs giving lectures at our continuing medical education programs and teaching various labs for residents and medical students. Dr. Salazar has been an outstanding member of our team and is certain to do very well in his future endeavors.

Dr. Salazar is a member of the American College of Surgeons and SAGES. Following his fellowship, he will join the Department of Surgery at Texas Tech Health Science Center at Permian Basin as an assistant professor of surgery.
Tyler C. Spata, MD, MS

Program
Master of Medical Science, July 1, 2011 – August 4, 2013

Place of Birth
Spring, Texas

Undergraduate Degree
BA, University of Texas-Austin, Austin, TX, 2003

Medical Degree
MD, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, TX, 2008

Other Training
• Cardiovascular research, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX, 2003-2004
• Cardiovascular surgery/anesthesia research, Texas Heart Institute, Houston, TX, 1999-2004

Specialty Interests
Cardiothoracic surgery

Research Interests
Cardiac ischemia, cardiac transplantation, mechanical cardiac-assist devices, and revascularization techniques.

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Travel Award, 12th Annual OSUWMC Trainee Research Day, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, OH, 2013

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Surgical Clinical Correlates in Anatomy: A link to Medical Students’ Residency Matching Choices. Poster presentation, Center for Education and Scholarship, “Celebration of Educational Scholarship”, November 2012

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

Program Director's Comments
Dr. Tyler Spata completed two years of cardiovascular biology research training and all of the requirements for the Master in Medical Science degree. He has demonstrated great passion and persistence in development of a unique large animal (ovine) model to study the molecular basis for pathologic and protective pathways which develop after a myocardial infarction. Future studies may lead to the development of therapeutic interventions to prevent the development of pathologic remodeling and congestive heart failure following myocardial infarction.

His hard work really paid off this year as reflected by acceptance of his work for presentation at the 59th Annual meeting of the American Society of Artificial Internal Organs (ASAIO). He has also presented results of his research at numerous local research conferences including the DOS Annual Research Conferences. This year Tyler won a $1,000 travel award for his outstanding poster presentation at the 2013 12th Annual OSUMC Trainee Research Day. He has an impressive number of manuscripts (five) under review and an additional three manuscripts in progress. Tyler has achieved a substantial foundation to pursue an academic career in Cardiothoracic Surgery.
Axel Thors, DO

Program

Place of Birth
Reykjavik, Iceland

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL, 1999

Medical Degree
DO, Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2006

Other Training
• General surgery residency, Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH, 2011
• American Board of Surgery certified in general surgery

Specialty Interests
Aortic disease, carotid disease, venous disease

Research Interests
Inferior vena cava filter research

Publications While at Ohio State

Book Chapters:

Manuscripts:

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private vascular surgery practice, Bay Heart & Vascular, McLaren Bay Region, Bay City, MI

Program Director’s Comments
Axel Thors came to us from Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, but was not yet a true Buckeye. He had previously been under the Crimson Tide delusion, and although we have made a

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dent, we have not eliminated that foible in his character! He has performed quite well as a fellow and has developed into an outstanding vascular surgeon. His open and endovascular skills are excellent. He published four book chapters and has submitted four manuscripts during his two years. He will be entering private practice in Bay City, (that place up north), and I know that his future is bright. We look forward to hearing great things about him, and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching and working with him. Thanks to you and your Misty on a job well done. You will be missed.
Mark R. Wendling, MD, MS

Program
Master of Medical Science, July 1, 2011 – December 16, 2012

Place of Birth
Mayville, Wisconsin

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI, 2004

Medical Degree
MD, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 2009

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive surgery

Research Interests
Surgical education

Abstracts Accepted While at OSU
• Symptomatic and Radiographic Evaluation of Hiatal Hernia Recurrence Following Laparoscopic
  Paraesophageal Hernia Repair with Polyester Composite Mesh Reinforcement Digestive Disease Week. San Diego, CA, 2012
• ICG-loaded microbubbles for billiary imaging in cholecystectomy. BMES Biomedical Engineering Society annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2012
• P6 acustimulation reduced retching following laparoscopic fundoplication: Results of a randomized clinical effectiveness trial. Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2013
• Near Infrared Fluorescent Cholangiography (NIRF-C) for Biliary Imaging during Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy. American College of Surgeons, Chicago, IL, 2012

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Research Grants Awarded While at OSU
SAGES Research Grant Award, Near Infrared Fluorescent Cholangiography (NIRF-C) for Biliary Imaging during Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, 2012

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Continue general surgery residency, The Ohio State University

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Mark Wendling completed one year of clinical research training under the mentorship of Dr. Scott Melvin and Dr. Kyle Perry and completed all the requirements for the Master in Medical Science degree. His research focused on endoluminal therapy for GERD and the development of novel biliary imaging techniques. He has experience with both national and local research presentations. He published one manuscript during his research training year. Mark received the prestigious 2012 Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) Research Grant Award. Mark’s research training has prepared him to easily engage in the development and implementation of clinical trial-based research.
Jennifer M. Worth, MD

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013

Place of Birth
Phoenix, Arizona

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Depauw University, Greencastle, IN, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 2005

Other Training
General surgery residency, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, 2011

Specialty Interests
Adult cardiac surgery, general thoracic surgery

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
To be determined

Program Director’s Comments
Since joining us in 2011 Jennifer has matured into a capable and competent Cardiothoracic Surgeon. Jennifer harnesses a solid fund of knowledge and takes her role as a Cardiothoracic surgeon seriously. We look forward to her success as a practicing Cardiothoracic surgeon in a community based practice. It is clear she will represent OSU with distinction.