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### Chair's Corner



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the Department of Surgery Fall 2016 newsletter. It has been an exciting and productive first year and we will continue to build on the momentum we have achieved. I appreciate all the support you have provided and look forward to working with more of you in the coming year.

On August 20, 2016 we remembered Dr. Thomas J. Whelan with a gala at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. Dr. Whelan was Chair of the department from 1974 to 1990 and his numerous contributions to surgery in Hawaii were highlighted.

Many of his former trainees returned for the celebration and we were honored to have five of his children in attendance. The idea for the celebration was initiated by Dr. Thomas Kosasa who had the utmost respect for Dr. Whelan after getting to know him through their interactions in the Pan-Pacific Surgical Association. Dr. Peter Halford did a wonderful job as the emcee for the festivities and closed out the evening leading a rendition of McNamara's Band with Dr. Paul Arrington. For those who do not know, Dr. Whelan would get up and lead the singing of McNamara's Band at the end of each year's graduation dinner. Several have asked what my song will be...stay tuned! Thanks to Mrs. Karen Kurihara in the Residency office, we were able to share some key moments in the history of the department from boxes of documents she has saved for over 25 years.

We have recently added several new faculty to the Department of Surgery. Dr. Dean Mikami returned from The Ohio State University to join us as Chief of General Surgery. He will be building his clinical practice at the Queen's Medical Center focusing on minimally invasive treatments for complex hernias and other GI disorders. He is leading development of the Hawaii Surgical Innovation, Technology, and Education (SITE) Center to promote advancing education for local, regional, and international providers. Dr. Carl Joey Tadaki joined Surgical Consultants of Hawaii at Kuakini Medical Center on September 1, 2016. He has expertise in minimally invasive surgery after completing an MIS fellowship at the University of Nebraska School of Medicine and returns to Hawaii from Kentucky. Dr. Frank Zhao joined the clinical staff at the Queen's Medical Center on September 1, 2016. Dr. Zhao recently completed his fellowship training in trauma and acute care surgery at the Oregon Health Sciences University.

We have also added a new Business Director, Mr. Garret Kawamura, who will oversee our practice plan finances and clinical practice development. He is working closely with Dr. Maria Chun, Associate Chair for Administration and Finance, as we move the department to a corporate management model. Please welcome our new department members when you have a chance.

In closing, it has been a busy year and I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead. Thank you for all your support and please feel free to visit us in the department.

Mahalo,  
Kenric

Please feel free to contact me at any time at (808)586-8225 or via e-mail ([kenricm@hawaii.edu](mailto:kenricm@hawaii.edu))

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## Why paint?

I like to ask the readers of this newsletter the following question before describing what motivated me in painting the above impressions: Why do you think you or any individual would want to paint?

This is an important and fundamental question that we rarely ask ourselves because if we did, quite surprisingly, we all would try our hands in the marvelous and creative adventure of painting.

If you answered by stating that it is because you do not know how to paint or because you were never taught, your answer is incorrect. Therefore please try to answer to my question of why anyone would like to paint before reading what follows.

1. We paint for fun. Unless one paints, one has no idea how much fun one is missing! I like to compare this kind of “fun” to a surgeon’s operative experience. I would say that unless one operates, one has no idea how much fun surgery is. In fact, many years of operative experience lead me to firmly believe that no form of creative art is comparable in beauty and in reward to the art of surgery. I am not even mentioning the humanitarian and life-saving values of surgery.
2. We paint to record fragments of our cherished memories such as our children, our wife, etc. Of course taking photos or videos do a good job, but painting surpasses them by far.
3. We paint to express our emotional and intellectual reactions to the world around us. This may or may not have a social or political message. However a good example of one painting with a powerful message is the great mural in black and white by Picasso, the “Guernica.” It shows in a dramatic and powerful manner the suffering of innocent villagers during the senseless terror bombings in northern Spain by German and Italian forces in 1937, the examples of which abound ever since. As long as wars exist, this painting and others similar to it shall continue inspiring and empowering anti-war and peaceful sentiments across the world.



Imagine that you are the artist who painted the four interlacing scenes depicting a variety of tropical fishes as shown on top. Try to find a motive other than “fun” for this painting. I shall describe my own views in our next newsletter as I have done in the past.

## RESEARCH AND ACADEMICS

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### Research Updates, Walter L. Biffl, M.D., Associate Chair for Research

We have many opportunities for surgical research. Abundant databases and enthusiastic collaborators offer something for anybody interested in participating in research. There are currently many projects in development or underway- and the potential for additional projects is limited only by your imagination!

#### Trauma Research

There are numerous opportunities for trauma research. Available data sources include the QMC trauma registry, the American College of Surgeons' (ACS) Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) database and National Trauma Databank (NTDB), and the State of Hawai'i trauma registry. All it takes is an idea and an investment of your time.

The QMC trauma research meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in UH Tower, 6th floor. (n.b.- There will be no meeting in September) Contact Dr. Mike Hayashi or Ms. Karen Ng to add topics for discussion to the agenda, or just come and see what's going on. At the last meeting approximately a dozen projects were discussed.

Dr. Sue Steinemann has several projects working with State level trauma data. Contact her for details.

#### Surgical Critical Care Research

Dr. Mihae Yu or Dr. Dave Inouye have several active research protocols in the SICU. Dr. Inouye will be presenting the results of one of the projects at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma next month. The SICU holds monthly research meetings, on the fourth Monday. Contact Dr. Yu or Dr. Inouye with ideas.

#### Quality Outcomes Research

In addition to TQIP, QMC also participates in the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP), so the sky's the limit with quality and outcome studies. Dr. Kathy Mah and Dr Steve Nishida are currently working on projects related to implementing ERAS protocol and reducing surgical site infections after colon surgery. Many of the surgical faculty are involved with the data.

#### Orthopedic Research

For those interested in research in Orthopedic Surgery, Drs. Kyle Chun, Byron Izuka, and Cass Nakasone all have projects underway or in development. Contact them for more information.

Lastly, we bid farewell to Chad Walton, PhD, our former Director of Trauma Research. He has taken a position of Research Program Officer in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. He's still available for counsel- he's just accountable to all Manoa departments.

#### Notable Upcoming Abstract Deadlines

September 17- Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Hyatt Indian Wells Resort and Spa, Indian Wells, CA, February 17-20, 2017. Papers published in JAMA Surgery.

October 1- Western Trauma Association, Snowbird, UT, March 5-10, 2017. Papers published in the Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery.

October 23- Southwestern Surgical Congress, Hyatt Regency, Maui, HI April 2-5, 2017. Papers published in American Journal of Surgery.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating in research or if you have a project you want to highlight/advertise. Also, let me know of publications and presentations so they can be featured here.



## FEATURED FACULTY PUBLICATIONS:

*We asked faculty to share their recent publications. Here's what was submitted. Send us yours !*

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Pimentel M, Browne E, Janardhana P, **Tham VM**, et al. Assessment of the Accuracy of Using ICD-9 Codes to Identify Uveitis, Herpes Zoster Ophthalmicus, Scleritis, and Episcleritis. *JAMA Ophthalmology*. July 2016. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27387135>.

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## CONGRATULATIONS:

### ***Dr. Shane Morita for promotion to Associate Professor!***



**Front row:**

Dr. Morita, his wife Dr. Jaimie Tom.

**Back row:**

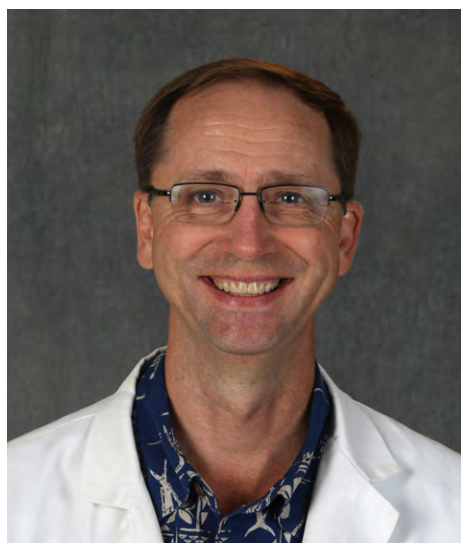
Lori Emery, JABSOM Faculty Development,  
Dean Hedges

Dr. Morita was born and raised in Hilo. He was inspired by his parents to serve others and be actively involved in his community. This led him to become an endocrine and oncologic surgeon. In addition to serving as faculty in the UHM Department of Surgery and UH Cancer Center, he's the Surgical Oncology Program Director at Queen's Medical Center. He's a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Association of Endocrine Surgeons, American Association for Cancer Research, American College of Surgeons, and the American Cancer Society.

Returning to the islands has given Dr. Morita a unique opportunity to research melanoma in diverse populations, while fulfilling his mission to serve the people of Hawai'i. He believes that everybody has valuable gifts and talents that can make a difference in the fight against cancer. Dr. Morita strives to live as an example to inspire future generations to create a legacy of service.

In his free time, Dr. Morita enjoys circuit training, traveling, date night with his wife, and fishing with his three children.

### ***Dr. Daniel Donovan for promotion to Associate Clinical Professor!***



Dr. Donovan received his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and completed residency training in neurological surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He served on active duty in the U.S. Army as an attending neurosurgeon, at Tripler Army Medical Center and also during deployment with a combat support hospital during the war in Iraq. He then entered private practice in Honolulu and was appointed to the UHM JABSOM clinical faculty. He has published numerous journal articles and book chapters on the surgical treatment of neurotrauma and neurologic tumors. He also provides clinical lectures and lab instruction to the second year JABSOM students in the neuroanatomy dissection course. He specializes in surgery and Gamma Knife radiosurgery treatments for tumors of the brain, spine and peripheral nerves.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **FACULTY MEETING - OCTOBER 6, 2016**

**5 PM - 6 PM, ROOM 618, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY TOWER  
FOR COMPENSATED AND NON-COMPENSATED FACULTY**

### **5TH CROSS-CULTURAL HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE:**

**February 17-18, 2017, Ala Moana Hotel**

**Register: [cchc-conference.com](http://cchc-conference.com)**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**



## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PANTRY

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

### **UH Investigational Review Board (IRB)**

Do you have a novel method of teaching that others would benefit from? A question about how we select, educate or evaluate our residents or students? If so, then you've already made the first big step toward an EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT (the Hypothesis). The second big step is project design and IRB approval, and we're here to help! The UH IRB is the logical choice for any educational research or other projects which are not confined to a single hospital. The UH IRB now has an online submission system, "ePROTOCOL" which is fast and easy to navigate. Learn more about it at <https://www.hawaii.edu/researchcompliance/irb-eprotocol>

Note that you will need to have UH-specific human subjects ("CITI") training for UH IRB approval, they do not honor the CITI training shared by Queen's and Hawaii Pacific Health. But, it is straightforward and pretty quick to complete. See details at <https://www.hawaii.edu/researchcompliance/get-training-0>

## UPCOMING FACULTY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **JABSOM Promotion & Tenure Workshop**

For compensated faculty applying for promotion in the next 1-3 years

Wednesday, September 21

11:00am-12:30pm

JABSOM Medical Education Building, Room 202 (Access Grid Room)

To register, email Lori Emery at [lmatsuz@hawaii.edu](mailto:lmatsuz@hawaii.edu); let her know you are in the Dept of Surgery

### **Adil Haider, MD, MPH, FACS – Whelan Visiting Professor – Grand Rounds Feb 15, 2017 & 5th Cross Cultural Health Care Conference Feb. 17, 2107**

Dr. Haider is a trauma and critical care surgeon, and the Kessler Director for the Center for Surgery and Public Health at Brigham and Women's / Harvard. Dr. Haider is credited with uncovering racial disparities after traumatic injury and establishing the field of trauma disparities research. His other research focuses on long-term clinical and functional outcomes after trauma and emergency general surgery, optimal treatment of trauma/critically ill patients in resource-poor settings, and advanced analytic techniques for surgical health services research. He has also been spearheading the development of a cultural dexterity curriculum for surgeons, which he will be presenting at the upcoming CCHC conference.



## UPCOMING FACULTY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

### **American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Hilton Waikoloa – Sept 14-17**

The premier meeting for traumatologists makes its triennial return to Hawaii this year. Check out presentations by our own David Inouye and Chad Walton, and maybe glimpse Don Trunkey in a lava lava (... or, you can look away...)

**<http://www.aast.org/Meetings/AnnualMeeting/Default.aspx>**

### **American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress Washington D.C. – Oct 16-20**

You all know the College is a cornucopia of great education. One great course not to be missed is the annual “Surgical Education: Principles and Practice” (Didactic Experiential Course #6). It is the condensed version of the iconic “Surgeons as Educators” course.

There’s so much at the College it is easy to miss some great faculty development offerings. Consider looking for these by searching particular tracks:

Education / Outcomes and Safety (EDU)

Residents and Medical Students (RES / MED) More info available now and in the coming months: **<https://www.facs.org/clincon2016>**

### **Society of Critical Care Medicine Hawaii Convention Center Jan 21-25, 2017**

Largest critical care meeting in the country comes to our town

**<http://www.sccm.org/Education-Center/Annual-Congress/Pages/default.aspx>**

### **Surgical Education Week San Diego April 18-22, 2017**

The latest research and practical workshops for educators

This year the Association for Surgical Education is particularly recruiting International Surgeon Educators (e.g. your buddies in Asia) with a special option to present their research.

More information at

**<https://surgicaleducation.com/annual-meeting-information>**

or just ask me

### **What else?**

Call or send me your suggestions for speakers or programs. Let me know if you or a visiting colleague would like to give a lecture or workshop. Remember and take pride in the important work that you do: training our next generation of doctors and surgeons !

Sue Steinemann

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



*Meet our very own Jamie Castelo, Administrative Assistant II who provides support primarily for the Orthopaedic Residency Program*

**Years in the Department:** 9 years

**Grad From:** Waipahu High School

**First Job:**  
Retail associate at Pacific Sunwear

**Interests:**  
Shopping, working out, and travelling  
(would like to visit a new place once a year)

**Fun Fact:**  
I collect magnets from all the different places that family, friends, and residents visit. My growing collection can be seen on my filing cabinet in the office.

## FUNDRAISING CORNER By Dr. Larry Burgess

The 2016 Internal Giving Campaign is right around the corner: 14 October – 14 November 2016. Surgery leads the way this year with Dr. Murayama and me co-chairing the campaign. Last year's campaign was highly successful, with JABSOM raising over \$948,576. Surgery faculty, staff, and friends of surgery were a large contributor to this final total with over \$128,299 contributed. This included \$17,497 for surgery specific funds, \$46,658 anonymous donation towards endowment for student travel, and \$64,145 for other JABSOM funds (e.g., JABSOM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and Scholarship Fund). This is a remarkable achievement for surgery, and is the largest amount raised by our department for Internal Giving in total and for surgery specific funds.

The 2016 campaign promises to be another great one for surgery, with the Thomas Whelan, Jr. Gala having started off the campaign for surgery on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Contributions to the Whelan Fund and/or seats purchased at the Gala will count towards the campaign and will be eligible for matching funds. Matching funds increase the value of your donation. It makes sense to give early, as many of the matches require giving within the first week of the campaign. Please try to get your pledges in by October 21. You will be provided a form for giving, or you can give online at the UH Foundation site. Please designate your affiliation with the Department of Surgery in your submission so we can get credit.

I am also personally providing an additional \$10,000 of matching funds to JABSOM in the Burgess 'Ohana Challenge. Large departments like surgery need at least 20 participants to be awarded somewhere between \$500 and \$1500 in matching funds. This is first come, first served, but if surgery meets its goal, I will ensure that our department is matched.

Once again, we are featuring these two funds:

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

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

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





## Whelan Gala

### Contributions from Dr. Peter Halford, Melia Young, and Suzanne Renée Simpson

August 20th was a night to remember - the Dr. Thomas J. Whelan, Jr. Gala event. Thomas Whelan (aka the GENERAL) was the heart and soul of the Department of Surgery at the John A Burns School of Medicine as Chairman from 1974 until 1990. He was an extraordinary teacher, mentor, and friend to all that he had contact with and he influenced the entire Hawai'i surgical community with the knowledge he shared and the moral standards he set. The Gala event was held to raise funds for the Thomas J. Whelan, Jr. MD Endowed Chair in the UHM JABSOM Department of Surgery, a new fund that will help support, reward, and retain talented faculty and provide resources to enhance the research, education, and clinical missions of UHM JABSOM. In addition it was a wonderful celebration of his legacy, a reunion of many of his former residents, and the beginning of the Whelan Society. What made this even more unique and special was the presence of five of his six children.

The festivities began with a cocktail hour that was a fun filled time of reuniting of former residents, current residents, nurses, hospital acquaintances, and members of the current JABSOM classes. Dr. Whelan left an indelible impression on all those that he had contact with, so the stories and recollections were endless. We then moved into the Grand Ballroom for a sumptuous meal and more fellowship.

Dr. Tom Kosasa gave the opening welcome and after the meal Drs. Peter Halford, Brad Wong, Peter Barcia, and Dean Hedges paid tribute to Dr. Whelan and shared many of his endearing attributes. Dean Hedges then introduced Dr. Kenric Murayama as the new Chairman of the Department of Surgery. Dr. Murayama's presentation included some fascinating historical documents memorializing the transition from his illustrious career in the Army, where he served a leadership role in the foundation of MASH in the Korean War, to becoming the Chair at Tripler Hospital, and then later becoming Chair at UHM JABSOM Department of Surgery.



*Dr. Thomas J. Whelan, Jr., UHM Department of Surgery Chair, 1974 to 1990*



Dr. Thomas Kosasa



Whelan Gala guests





Dr. Peter Barcia



Dean Jerris Hedges



Dr. Kenric Murayama



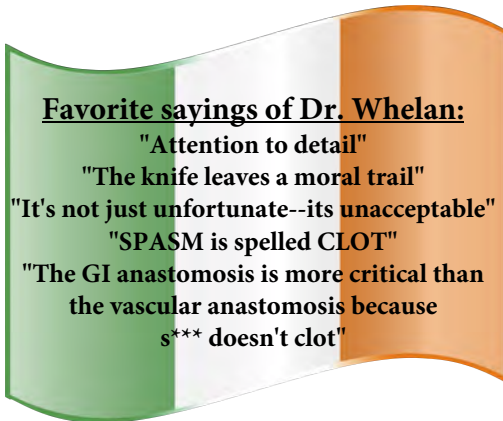
Dr. Peter Halford



Dean Hedges and Dr. Murayama

A video commemorating his legacy and humorous moments with reflections from a number of his "disciples" was then shown. In the video, it was revealed that Dr. Whelan had a unique finale at all his surgical graduation events. He would grab the microphone, and like a band leader, he would march out waving his arms about and lead everyone in McNamara's Band (yes, he had Irish heritage!). So to top the evening off, a live brass band came marching in with Drs. Halford and Paul Arrington leading the charge to all singing McNamara's Band.

All in all this was a wonderful event for a most worthy cause and purpose. Dr. Kosasa deserves special thanks and recognition for acting as the catalyst and bringing it all to fruition.



The Whelan family and friends



The Murayama family



McNamara's Band

## RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Submitted by: Residency Staff

**Surgery** – The Surgery Graduation Program took place on June 18 at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki. Chief Residents **PJ Benyamini, Matthew Cooper, Shreyas Makwana** and **Brett Matthews** were the honored guests. Dr. Murayama introduced a new tradition this year, allowing each of the chiefs to select a faculty mentor to introduce the graduates to the surgical community. **Mihae Yu** introduced PJ, Matt was presented by **Cedric Lorenzo**, Shreyas was announced by **Don Parsa** and Brett was introduced by **Linda Wong**. The faculty inductions of the chiefs were generally hilarious and thoroughly enjoyed by all! Who could forget the Beverly Hillbillies featuring Granny & Jethro or the “exceptional resident” theme amongst the others! The week prior, on June 11, Dr. and Mrs. Murayama hosted a Chief Resident Farewell event at the Mid-Pacific Country Club. The residents were able to be a bit more relaxed in this less formal setting and the “more obnoxious” resident roasts took place at Mid-Pac – away from family and children. 😊

The 2015-16 Department of Surgery Awards were as follows:

- UH Surgical Residency Program Outstanding Resident – Brett Matthews, DO
- ABSITE Award – Colin Doyle, MD
- Resident Teacher of the Year Award (awarded by JABSOM Class of 2017) – Nina Lu, MD
- Faculty Teacher of the Year Award (awarded by the residents) – Peter Halford, MD, FACS
- UH Department of Surgery Cross-Cultural Healthcare Award – John Vossler, MD
- Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons Residency Achievement Award – Matt Cooper, MD

Note that the junior resident with the highest percentage of correct answers on the ABSITE is sent to the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) Basic Endoscopy & Laparoscopy Workshops for Surgical Residents. This year’s awardee is Aaron Brown, M.D., PGY-3 at present. The 2017 resident course is in Toronto and Aaron has a passport! Matt Cooper is doing a minimally invasive surgery fellowship at Stanford University, Brett Matthews is doing a minimally invasive fellowship at the University of Massachusetts, Shreyas Makwana is doing a research year in plastic surgery at Augusta University (prior to entering the plastics fellowship in 2017) in Georgia and PJ is traveling and participating in the credentialing process for a position in California.

**Orthopaedics** – The Orthopaedics Graduation program also took place at the Hyatt on June 18. **Nicholas Scarcella** and **Edward Chan** were the 2016 graduates. Dr. Scarcella completed the 6-year program (with a research year in between the first and second clinical year) and Dr. Chan completed the 5-year program. Nick moves on to his spine fellowship at the Spine Institute of Arizona and Eddie will do his hand fellowship at the UTHCS at San Antonio Hand Fellowship. Current Orthopaedic Chief Residents Megan Kuba and Alex Sweet have been accepted to subspecialty fellowships at Seattle Children’s Hospital (Pediatric Orthopaedics) and New England Baptist Hospital (Adult Reconstructive Surgery) respectively.

The 2015-16 Orthopaedic Residency Graduation Awards were:

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

2016-17 incoming residents Ian Hasegawa (JABSOM) and Gordon Lee (University of Nevada) were introduced at the graduation ceremony. Maria Opanova is taking a year away from full-time clinical duties to complete the Orthopaedic Research Fellowship.

**Surgical Critical Care** – **Tim Perkins, Kiersten Norby** and **Laura Spector** completed the SCC Fellowship in June 2016. Tim and Kiersten are back at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minnesota progressing through PGY-4. Laura Spector is practicing locally with the Hawaii Women’s Health Care group at KMCWC. The Fellowship has two fellows for the 2016-17 AY: Ellie Cohen who has completed three years of general surgery training at Hennepin County (MN); and Jonathan Praeger, a Board-Eligible 2016 graduate of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai General Surgery Residency Program (NY). Both fellows have submitted abstracts for presentation at the 46th Society for Critical Care Medicine Congress which will take place in Honolulu, January 21-25, 2017.





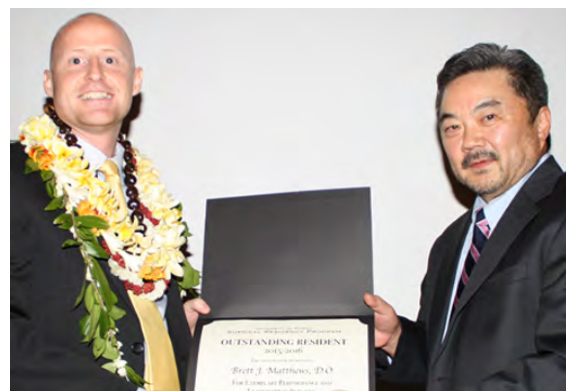
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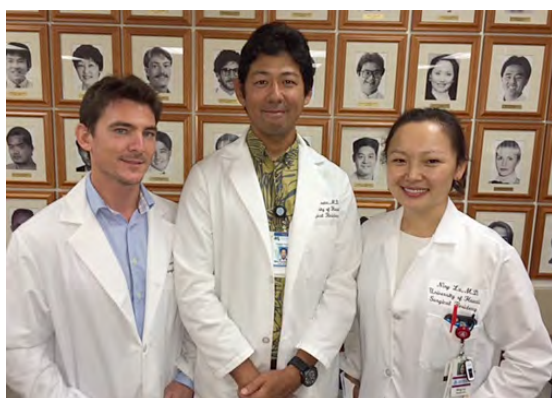
Dr. Matthew Cooper



Dr. Shreyas Makwana



Dr. Brett Matthews and Dr. Murayama



2016-17 Chief Residents: Drs. Brad Stephan, Sho Furuta, Nina Lu



Orthopaedic Chief Resident Dr. Megan Kuba and Staff Member Jamie Castelo



Residency Staff (L-R: Jamie Castelo, Naomi Gagabi, Karen Kurihara, Aida Mayo, Lori Bland)



Level 4 Residents Drs. Kasey Welsh and Christina Souther