

**Opening Remarks:**

**Hobart W. Harris, MD, MPH**  
Professor and Chief, General Surgery  
**William Hoffman, MD**  
Professor and Chief, Plastic Surgery

**AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**Isabelle Chumfong** was born in New York, NY. Isabelle started college at 15 years old at a tiny liberal arts school called Simon’s Rock. After two years she transferred to Yale as a junior and completed a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in addition to a Master’s in Engineering. Isabelle also worked at the Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, CA for three years on counter-bioterrorism research. She obtained her medical doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis. Isabelle’s interests are in Trauma, Vascular and Thoracic surgery and global health. In her spare time, Isabelle is a singer (jazz and indie rock) and pianist. She loves hiking, snowboarding, local food and visiting UNESCO World Heritage sites.

**Jennifer Kaplan** was born in New Brunswick, NJ but grew up in Atherton, CA. Jenny obtained her undergraduate degree at UCLA and her medical doctorate from Northwestern University. Still undecided as to where her primary surgical interests will take her, Jenny has found general surgery, surgical oncology and transplant appealing. She enjoys running, hiking, trying new restaurants and spending time with family and friends.

**Walter Lin** was born in West Virginia, but shortly thereafter moved to the suburbs of Detroit, MI. Walter matriculated at MIT for his undergraduate education where he spent long hours studying. Moving only a short distance away, he attended Harvard Medical School. Although currently undecided regarding his subspecialty within Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, he has growing interests in craniofacial surgery and microsurgery. Outside of the hospital, he enjoys photography and hopes to maintain his skills as a national champion target pistol shooter.

**Victoria Lyo** was born right here in the city by the bay, San Francisco, CA at CPMC. Victoria grew up in San Francisco; however, she finished high school in Hong Kong. She then attended Wellesley College graduating Magna cum laude with a B.A. in Biology (with Honors) and Chemistry. Victoria found herself back in San Francisco as she obtained her medical doctorate from UCSF. Victoria’s subspecialty interests are surgical oncology, transplant and general surgery. Her hobbies include hiking, swimming/scuba diving, golf (played division 3 at Wellesley), cooking, pottery and concerts.

**Willieford Moses** was born and raised in San Francisco, CA. Willie received his undergraduate education from Duke University, but the lure of his hometown and being close to family brought him back to San Francisco for medical school at UCSF. As Willie’s surgical subspecialty interests are still undecided, he described them as pluripotent! Willie enjoys sports such as basketball, soccer, biking and snowboarding. He also plays the saxophone, can hold a tune and when the opportunity arises...sleeping!

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**Merisa Piper** was born in Tucson, AZ. Merisa completed her undergraduate education at Claremont McKenna College where she graduated Cum laude with a B.S. in Biology (with Honors). She then attended medical school at the University of California, Irvine graduating with high honors (top 10% of class) and was a member of AOA. Merisa's primary interests are within Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. Her hobbies include going to concerts, listening to music, running, swimming reading, jigsaw puzzles and baking.

**Carolyn Vaughn** was born in Boston, MA. Carolyn received her B.S. in Psychology with concentration in Neuroscience, Biology and Chemistry from Wake Forest University. She was a member of AOA where she attended the University of Massachusetts Medical School. With Carolyn's primary surgical interests in Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, she discovers a growing interest in craniofacial surgery in addition to global health. Some of Carolyn's hobbies include running, hiking, traveling and crafting.

**Jesus Ulloa** was born in Yuba City, CA. Jesus received his undergraduate degree at UC Davis with a B.S. in Chemistry. He then went on to pursue an M.B.A. in General Management from the Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine. Thereafter, Jesus graduated medical school from UC Irvine where he is also a member of AOA. Thus far, Jesus has particular interests in transplant, pediatric surgery and surgical oncology. He enjoys spending his time with family, being outdoors and as most residents, the everlasting pursuit of sleep.

**Britt Woodard** was born in Menlo Park, CA. She graduated from Harvard College with a major in neurobiology and minor in health care policy. She attended Stanford University School of Medicine and is interested in hepatobiliary surgery and minimally invasive surgery. Her hobbies are traveling, food and wine, tennis, golf and spending time with friends.

**Bian Wu** was born in WuHan, China. He graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.S. in Molecular and Cell Biology. He attended the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA where he was a member of AOA. Bian finds himself interested in the subspecialties of vascular and trauma surgery. Bian has developed a talent for suturing giraffes out of graft material after vascular skills sessions. He also enjoys spending time with friends and family, football, and working out.

## *Clifford Deveney, M.D.*

Clifford Deveney is currently Professor of Surgery at Oregon Health & Science University, where he specializes in gastrointestinal and laparoscopic surgery.

Deveney attended Stanford before receiving his medical degree from UCSF in 1969. He then completed his residency training in general surgery at UCSF in 1976 and was on the UCSF faculty for several years. He has been at OHSU since 1987.

Deveney's clinical interests include GI motility, gastroesophageal reflux disease, stomach cancer and esophageal cancer. His research interests include gastric pacing for gastric emptying disorders, investigations of fibrin sealants, and outcomes after operations.

Deveney has over 100 peer-reviewed publications, serves as a reviewer for several surgical journals, and is currently a member of the editorial board for the American Journal of Surgery. He is a member of numerous local and national societies.

Deveney is fluent in German and Spanish, plays the piano for his own pleasure, enjoys growing orchids, and has a long-time hobby wine-making.

## **Cheryl Ewing, M.D.**

Cheryl Ewing is UCSF Clinical Professor of Surgery. Dr. Ewing completed her undergraduate education at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and received her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. She then went on to complete her General Surgery residency at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, University of Michigan Medical School affiliate, and then her surgical oncology fellowship at the University of Chicago. She joined the faculty at UCSF in 2001. Her focus is in breast cancer surgery, advancing breast surgery for women for optimal outcomes. Her other interests include quality of care and evaluation of barriers to medical and breast care for minority women. She was the first to develop and describe partial mastectomy for breast cancer with partial reconstruction with autologous tissue. Also with her fellow UCSF breast and plastic surgery colleagues developed the total nipple-sparing mastectomy. Dr. Ewing has lectured extensively at many local, national, and international events. Dr. Ewing also has a strong interest in medical student and resident education, particularly in the clinics and operating room. She has been very active in mentoring residents and fellows, serving for several years as the Mount Zion Site Director for the Surgery medical residents 110 and now currently for the 140 Rotation. She has participated in several CME courses and Grand Rounds. Dr. Ewing is involved in several multi-institutional clinical trials. Her focus of research is quality of care among breast cancer survivors. Specifically, these involve post-surgery symptom management, and customizing risk assessment and tailoring treatment to the individual patient's medical profile and preferences. Her primary focus is on how being a breast cancer survivor affects the quality of life in different race/ethnic groups, and how that relationship is modified by social support, depression, and spirituality. Dr. Ewing's service commitments include the 'To Celebrate Life Breast Cancer Breast Foundation', an organization that advocates for patients, survivors and their families. As an Executive Board Member and a member on the Grant Committee, she makes annual site visits to grantees' organizations, reviews semi-annual progress reports and makes recommendations on further funding. Dr. Ewing served a 3-year term (the maximum term allowable) as a committee member of the ACS Commission on Cancer. Additionally, she is a member of the Advisory Board of the Marin chapter of the American Cancer Society. She is also on the Advisory Board for the Surgical Device Panel for the FDA.

## **Doger Friedenthal, M.D.**

Doger Friedenthal M.D. is currently Chairman of the Department of Plastic Surgery at California Pacific Medical Center, Clinical Professor at UCSF, and Site Director of the UCSF Residency Rotation in Cosmetic Surgery at CPMC.

Doger Friedenthal graduated with distinction from Stanford University and received his medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine. He completed his general and plastic surgery training at UCSF.

Doger Friedenthal holds numerous offices, including as Plastic Surgery Clinical Faculty Association representative at UCSF and as Secretary of the California Society of Plastic Surgeons. He is on the Board of Directors for the Brown and Toland Medical Group and for the California Medical Association, where he also serves as Chair for the Council on Scientific Affairs. He is also a member of numerous organizations, including the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons, Canadian Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, and American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities.

Doger Friedenthal specializes in cosmetic surgery of the face and is listed in "Best Doctors in America".

## **Mahesh H. Mankani, MD, 1961-2012**

Dr. Mahesh Mankani was an Associate Professor of Surgery in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and a Principal Investigator at the UCSF Surgical Research Laboratory at San Francisco General Hospital. He grew up in Honolulu, and graduated from Punahou School. He received his B.S. degree from Stanford University and his medical degree from the University of Hawaii School of Medicine. Dr. Mankani did his general surgery residency at the University of Chicago, where he also completed a fellowship in hernia surgery. He then went on to Georgetown University where he completed his plastic and reconstructive surgical residency. His fellowship in hand and microsurgery was done at Brigham and Women's Hospital; his clinical fellowship in surgery at Harvard; and his craniofacial and skeletal disease fellowship at the NIH.

Dr. Mankani's area of clinical expertise was in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Hand Surgery, and Burn Surgery. His clinical research interests were focused on three areas: the efficacy of amputation in older versus younger children with thumb hypoplasia and aplasia, the early assessment and debridement of patients with extremity degloving injuries, and the long-term efficacy of surgical resection for symptomatic venous malformations in the hand. He also had an active research program exploring the role of bone marrow stem cells in bone formation and remodeling, focusing on ways to enhance normal bone formation in patients with segmental bone defects and with osteoporosis. Dr. Mankani published scores of peer-reviewed articles, served as a reviewer for several journals, and as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Hand Surgery*. He was an active member of numerous surgical societies and served on many institutional, regional and national committees.

A lover of the outdoors and all things mechanical, Dr. Mankani spent his weekends with his family, hiking, biking, swimming, and fixing and riding his motorcycle. He was exceptionally generous with his time and always placed others before himself. His quiet grace and kindness touched all who knew him.

## **Robert H. Merrick, M.D.**

Dr. Robert H. Merrick, M.D. is Chief of the Division of Adult Cardiothoracic Surgery and the Helen and Charles Schwab Distinguished Professor of Surgery at UCSF. Dr. Merrick received his M.D. with Honors from the University of Washington School of Medicine and completed his general surgery and cardiothoracic residencies at the University of California San Francisco. Dr. Merrick is certified by the American Board of Surgery, American Board of Thoracic Surgery and American Board of Surgery, Surgical Critical Care. His special interest is in surgery of the mitral valve and he is one of the leading experts in homograft mitral valve replacement and mitral valve repair. Dr. Merrick is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American College of Surgeons. He is an active member of the Northern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Western Thoracic Surgical Society, Naffziger Surgical Society, San Francisco Surgical Society, Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Club Mitrale, Bay Area Thoracic Surgeons and the American Heart Association. In addition, Dr. Merrick has served on the Emergency Cardiac Care Committee of the American College of Cardiology. Highly respected by his peers, Dr. Merrick was named to the list of "America's Top Doctors," a distinction reserved for the top 1% of physicians in the nation for a given specialty.

## **Joseph Rapp, M.D.**

1. Joseph Rapp received his undergraduate education at the University of Oregon. He completed his medical degree at Oregon Health Sciences University in 1973. After general surgery training at the Tufts-New England Medical Center, he returned to OHSU as a postdoctoral research fellow. Dr. Rapp became a clinical fellow in Vascular Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco in 1983-1984. He also completed a fellowship in UCSF's Cardiovascular Research Institute.

2. Rapp joined the UCSF Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery in 1984 and has been Chief of Vascular Surgery at the San Francisco Department of Veterans Administration Medical Center since 1991. He has had a long-term interest in cerebrovascular disease and the Vascular Surgery Service at SFVA has had an outstanding record in caring for patients with carotid disease and stroke. Dr. Rapp has been a frequent Visiting Professor at Hua Shan Hospital, Fudan University, in Shanghai, China lecturing on cerebrovascular disease and performed the first carotid endarterectomy at that institution.

3. Rapp has coauthored over 130 peer-reviewed publications that reflect his interest in clinical and basic science research. He is the site Director for the Surgery 2.0 Course and believes that teaching and interacting with the House Staff and Students is the most enjoyable (and entertaining) part of his work at UCSF.

## **Howard Reber, M.D.**

1. Howard A. Reber was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, where he also received his medical education and surgical training at the University of Pennsylvania. His clinical and research interests in pancreatic cancer and other pancreatic diseases date to that time. Since finishing his formal education in 1970, he has held academic appointments in a number of institutions, including UCSF, the University of Missouri, and UCLA. At UCLA, he is Professor of Surgery, Chief of Gastrointestinal Surgery and Director of the Ronald S. Fisher Pancreatic Cancer Research Laboratory.

2. Reber has an international reputation and is an acknowledged authority in pancreatic physiology and disease. He is widely sought after as a lecturer and visiting professor. Dr. Reber has written and edited major textbooks and chapters on pancreatic diseases, especially pancreatic cancer. He is a coauthor of the current state-of-the-art recommendations for the diagnosis and management of pancreatic cancer in the United States.

3. Reber has published more than 400 articles, abstracts and chapters related to his research. He is a past president of the American Pancreatic Association and currently serves as its Executive Secretary and Treasurer. He is the Co-Chair (with John Cameron, MD) of the Pancreas Section of the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group.

## **Madhulika Varma, M.D.**

Dr. Madhulika Varma is the Chief of Colorectal Surgery and an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco. She grew up in Illinois, outside Chicago.

After obtaining both undergraduate and medical degrees from Brown University in Providence, RI, she moved to the west coast to complete her residency in general surgery at UCSF.

She then spent a year at the University of Minnesota doing a colon and rectal surgery fellowship before returning to UCSF in 2000 when she joined the faculty. She also completed a fellowship in Clinical Outcomes Research and Epidemiology.

Dr. Varma spends most of her time in the surgical care of patients. Her research interests include the assessment of clinical outcomes and quality of life for patients with colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel diseases, and defecation disorders.

Outside of the hospital, she tries to spend as much time as possible with her husband, Jonathan Terdiman, MD, whom she met during residency at UCSF, and her two young daughters Mira (10) and Joya (8).

## **Mark Welton, M.D.**

Dr. Mark Welton was elected Vice Chief of Staff of Stanford Hospital and Clinics in 2011 and is in line to become Chief of Staff in 2014. After receiving his undergraduate degree from UC Davis, Dr. Welton went on to complete his medical degree and his surgical residency at UCLA. He did his fellowship in colon and rectal surgery at Washington University. Dr. Welton joined the faculty at UCSF, where he became interested in anal cancer prevention through early diagnosis and treatment of anal dysplasia.

Since 2001, he has served as a fulltime member in the Stanford University School of Medicine after joining the faculty as Associate Professor of Surgery and Chief of Colon and Rectal Surgery. In 2009, Dr. Welton completed a two-year Master's program in Health Care Management at Harvard, where his focus was on how busy clinicians can work effectively with hospital administrations to improve patient care in academic medical centers.

Dr. Welton served as Interim Medical Director for Stanford's Clinical Cancer Center from 2008 – 2010, during which time he led the initiative to win the Blake Gilbur space for the Cancer Center and created the business proposal for the Women's Cancer Center.

Dr. Welton is recognized as the international surgical leader in the field of anal cancer prevention and he continues mentoring residents and fellows in research efforts regarding this topic.

## ***avid Young, M.D.***

David Young is Professor of Plastic Surgery at UCSF. His areas of expertise include wound healing, microsurgery, and reconstruction after burns and trauma. His research interests include the molecular mechanisms of wound healing and the epidemiology and treatment of soft tissue infections.

A graduate of Columbia College, Dr. Young earned his medical degree at the Yale University School of Medicine. He trained in pathology at Cornell Medical College and in general surgery at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. He then completed an NIH-NRSA funded research fellowship at Yale and a plastic surgery fellowship at UCSF.

Dr. Young currently coordinates Wound Care Services at three different medical centers in San Francisco: The UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco General Hospital, and St. Mary's Medical Center.

Dr. Young's basic science and clinical research has been funded by the NIH since 1999. His basic science research focuses on molecular mechanisms of wound healing and his clinical research focuses on understanding the epidemic of community-associated methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus soft tissue infections. He is also the director of the UCSF Department of Surgery's NIGMS Institutional Grant to fund academic training for surgeons in trauma.

## **Presenters of Honorees:**

Clifford Deveney, MD presented by Lawrence Way, MD  
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