

# Orthopaedic Surgery NEWS

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

In the past two years, our department has grown both in diversification of subspecialty representation and in depth of existing services. The expansion of our department is exciting and it enhances our ability to communicate our message to a broader audience. However, as a team grows, there is a likelihood that its members may convey different messages regarding our vision. In an effort to establish a shared vision statement and unified message, we saw an opportunity to clarify the articulation of our vision of demonstrating orthopaedic excellence and hope to enhance our visibility in the local, regional, and national orthopaedic marketplaces.

Our goal is the development of a singular vision or mission statement, one that represents the department; a statement that we can repeat individually when someone asks, "What is the vision of UCD Department of Orthopaedics?" In order to successfully achieve that goal, we asked an outside facilitator, Karen Kang, who has worked with other UCD departments, to present an overview of a vision workshop facilitation at our February faculty meeting.

After a subsequent faculty

vote, we elected to move forward with having a vision workshop. In May, our faculty participated in a facilitator-led collaborative session, where we could discuss our individual views regarding the department's reputation, position within the orthopaedic marketplace, and role within the UC Davis Health System. Discussion points to incorporate in our vision statement were the importance of our clinical care, research, teaching, and community engagement missions. After the session, our facilitator's next step was to gather all of the shared information and compile a vision statement and supportive messages that encompassed feedback provided by the faculty. Currently, we are in the process of reviewing Karen Kang's analysis and to "collectively" reach our goal of having a vision statement to articulate verbally and to include in our communication mediums in the near future.

Paul Di Cesare, MD  
Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery  
UC Davis Health System



Facilitator Karen Kang, with Drs. Allen, Christiansen, Van den Bogaerde and Haudenschild



### We welcome our newest residents



*Holly Hale*  
from Chico, CA, earned her BS from UC Santa Barbara and her MD from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Acting internship in Trauma in April 2009.



*Cyrus Taghavi*  
grew up in Sacramento, and is a UCD undergrad; earned his MD degree from UCLA-David Geffen School of Medicine. Interests include hiking, camping, traveling and photography.



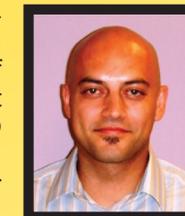
*Kent Sheridan*  
Grew up in Grass Valley and is a UCD undergrad. He earned his MD from UCLA-David Geffen School of Medicine. Acting internship in Trauma in August 2009.



*Mark Sucher*  
from St. Louis, earned his MD degree from University of Missouri, Columbia School of Medicine and is interested in sports and trauma. Acting internship in Trauma in October 2009



*Jose Mejia Oneto*  
MD degree from University of Minnesota Medical School (6-year Research Track), with interest in academic medicine, cartilage regeneration, and interface between medicine and chemistry



*Jose Bosque*  
earned his MD degree from Loma Linda School of Medicine. He spent 2009-2010 at UCD Orthopaedics as the Clinical Research Coordinator

## MEET A COUPLE OF OUR VALUED VOLUNTEERS

### History of the Department

*continued from Spring 2010 newsletter  
by Dan Benson, MD*



In 1984, Bob Szabo came to us from a fellowship with Richard Gellerman. He has been Chief of the Hand Service ever since. Others

have joined Bob: David Steinberg (now at the University of PA), Bob Slater and Karen Heiden. Currently, Bob Allen is Bob Szabo's associate.

The spine service started in 1974 when Dan Benson returned from his fellowship. After sabbatical in England with John O'Brien, a spinal fellowship was set up and has run continuously since. One fellow, Robert McLain, who was an AOA Traveling Fellow, joined the faculty for a short time before leaving for the Cleveland Clinic. Munish Gupta joined the faculty in 1996, Rolando Roberto in 2003 and Eric Klineberg in 2007. Dr. Benson was active in enacting the state law that has required screening for scoliosis in schools.

Our trauma service really began when Mike Chapman arrived as the new chair in 1979, after Dr. Lipscomb had retired. Mike came from San Francisco General Hospital at the University of California, and had studied in Davos, Switzerland as an AO Fellow. With Mike Chapman at the helm, femurs were no longer subjected to prolonged traction, but received closed intramedullary nailing. The same was true for tibias. Tim Bray, Steve Olson, and Dave Moehring were a few of the first on the trauma service. Now Phil Wolinsky, Mark Lee, Tania Ferguson and Brad Yoo run an extremely active service. Two trauma fellows are trained each year and this will soon be increased to three.

Foot surgery was first headed by George Holms, George Lian, Linda Ferris and then Steve Pinney and is now staffed by Eric Giza. Tumor orthopaedics was run by Joe Matthews, followed by Rakesh Donthineni until he moved on, and now is staffed by Robert Tamurian.

*(see the conclusion in the Fall edition)*



### Robert Slater, Jr, MD, FACS

It has been a pleasure to be a member of the UC Davis faculty since August 1996, when I completed my hand and upper extremity fellowship with Dr. Bob Szabo, and joined the full time faculty. Several years later, I joined the Permanente Medical Group. In 2007, I shifted again to my current position - private practice in Folsom, with privileges at four facilities in the area and at the Folsom Surgery Center, where I am co-owner. My practice has always focused on hand and upper extremity surgery, and throughout my career, I have remained a Volunteer Clinical Faculty member, which is one of the most rewarding aspects of my career.

As a VCF, I have worked in the anatomy labs with first year medical students, helping them learn about the intricacies of the upper extremity. The students are inquisitive, bright and eager to learn, which makes it fun and energizing for me. I work with residents and fellows in the hand clinics as well. It is a good feeling to be able to share what I have learned over the years with a new group of surgeons, and while the odds are that most residents will likely go into another subspecialty, it helps to understand as much as possible about each aspect of the musculoskeletal system, as well as the "business" of medical practice. It is a privilege to contribute to their learning process. So, while it is nice to be thanked for my volunteer efforts, it is I who benefit just as much or more. For that I am very thankful.

*Volunteers do not necessarily have  
the time; they just have the heart.  
~Elizabeth Andrew*

### Andrew Recchione has been appointed as first Administrative Intern



Andrew is working towards his MBA with a concentration in healthcare administration from Wagner College in Staten Island, NY, where he is a full-time assistant lacrosse coach for a team that competes in Division 1 of the NCAA.

Projects Andrew will be involved in include developing marketing initiatives, making business operations improvements and tracking patient care methodologies and surveys.

Andrew adds, *"I'm lucky to be given the opportunity to work with an educated and experienced team that has focused their efforts on increasing my knowledge of UCD Medical Center operations."*

### James R. Sehr, MD

I truly enjoy the opportunity to work with residents and medical students in furthering their education. I've been a member of the volunteer clinical faculty since I finished my residency at UCDMC in 1989, where I was fortunate enough to "learn at the knee" of such great orthopaedists and teachers as Bob Szabo, George Rab (I've been known to quote many of his "Rabisms"), Mike Chapman, Dan Benson, Jay Rodrigo and Rick Marder. Each of them helped form my own practice and I try to replicate that in my own teaching. I always try to remember that one of our most important roles is to be a mentor and an example.

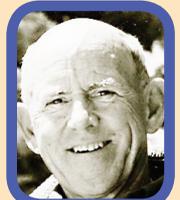
I spend most of my OR days each week with the R4s while they are with us at Kaiser South - I often learn from them as much as I hope they do from me. I am also a "facilitator" in the "Application of Medical Principles" course taught to first and second year med students. It's refreshing to see how bright and eager they are at this early stage of their education. It gives me an opportunity to share the "real" world of medicine with them before it gets lost in a blur of Basic Science.

I was surprised, honored and humbled to be awarded the "Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Faculty Member" award last year, and I will strive to be worthy of the honor.

*In Memory of*

### George N. "Pete" Ewing

George N. Ewing, Jr, MD, better known as "Pete" died peacefully at home on April 2, 2010 at the age of 82 years. Dr. Ewing moved to Sacramento in 1964, where he was a community orthopaedic surgeon; he joined the UCD Orthopaedics Department when it was founded in 1969 by Dr. Lipscomb. He remained on the clinical faculty throughout his career until he retired in 2002. "Pete" always had a twinkle in his eye and was considered one of the best general orthopaedic teachers by the medical students. He was awarded the Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award of the Year by the residents on at least one occasion, and in 2000 was recognized by the School of Medicine as The Outstanding Volunteer Instructor for Excellence in Teaching of Clinical Medicine. He was heavily involved in the annual conference "Fingers to Toes", the CME course chaired by Dan Benson. This course, now in its 34th year, was so well known and popular that it seldom needed to be advertised. Dr. Ewing was one of those people who touched many lives through his love of life, love of individuals, and desire to share.



*-Jane Wierman*

# It's time to introduce the Academic Arm of the Organization



**Karen Geyer**  
Academic Operations

**Lisa Scarabino**  
Trauma/Foot Services

**Mazie Ngai**  
Joint/Trauma Services

**Rebecca Misner**  
Sports Service

**Barbara Petitt**  
Hand/Peds/Tumor Services

**Darcy Branum**  
Spine Service

## Karen Geyer

I have been with UCD nearly three years. I enjoy variety and challenge in my work and am happy to be part of this great academic team in orthopaedics. I came here from the Department of Science and Environmental Policy, California State University, Monterey Bay. Before that, I was at Stony Brook University School of Medicine in Stony Brook, NY. I began my career as an elementary school teacher in Colorado and northern California.

## Rebecca Misner

I started at UCD 11 years ago at the California National Primate Research Center in Davis. I joined the Orthopaedic academic team taking care of the sports service in October of 2005. I work with great faculty and staff. I enjoy the opportunity to be able to work in this department while also being a part of the sports medicine clinic and their staff. I am happily married with two wonderful children, Hannah who is almost 5 and Kyle 2 1/2.

## Lisa Scarabino

I'm happy to have found a career at the Med Center celebrating 21 years with UCDMC this month, and over 14 years with the Orthopaedic Trauma Service. Prior to Orthopaedics, I worked in the Hospital for Patient Care Services, providing support to the Nurse Managers and Nurse Educators. The switch to supporting surgeons in Ortho has been ever-changing -- always exciting. Every day here is different. I've learned so much. What a dynamic group and great team to be a part of!

## Barbara Petitt

I've been working for UCD for five years, starting as a temp in Internal Medicine in the Radiodiagnosis & Therapy Division. I joined the Department of Orthopaedics in October 2008. I enjoy the diversity of my job responsibilities, the people I work with, and I'm happy to be part of the Ortho team.

## Mazie Ngai

I've just celebrated my third year in the department. Thank you to the wonderful staff and faculty who have made these three years so enjoyable. Prior to joining the team, I earned my BA in Sociology from Sacramento State University.

## Darcy Branum

As the newest member of the academic office, I am enjoying the challenge of learning a new job and getting to know the people I work with. I am very appreciative of the helpfulness and enthusiasm I receive every day while I am in training. Previously, I lived in Oregon and managed a physician practice for 11 years. Other work experience included managing the IPA and working at the hospital in the finance/accounting department.

## congratulations



**Susan Lutman** **Barbara Petitt**

this year's recipients of the **UCD Health System Vice Chancellor and Hospital CEO Award.**

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**Dr. Derek Amanatullah** received funding in the amounts of \$5000 from the AO North America and \$8000 in implant support for Optimal Fixation for Small Medial Malleolus Fractures. AONA gives only one award per year. Additionally, the UCD GME Office has named Dr. Amanatullah recipient of the Francis W. Noel Award, which provides a \$300 award to support his scholarly activity.



**Congratulations,  
Dr. Amanatullah!**

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Save  
the date!!

## Research Symposium 2010

Friday, October 15, 2010

at 7:30 am

in the

Medical Education  
Building

*with special guest speaker*

*David J. Mooney, PhD*

Robert P. Pinkas

Family Professor of Bioengineering  
and

Associate Dean of Chemical/  
Biological Sciences and Engineering

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### SPOTLIGHT ON OUR

## TRAUMA SERVICE

The Orthopaedic Trauma Service has come a long way since its beginnings in 1979 under Dr. Michael W. Chapman, the second chair following Dr. Paul Lipscomb. The service pioneered education in orthopaedic trauma in 1982, when it hired its first two trauma fellows, Timothy Bray and Richard Mills. Dr. Bray joined the faculty upon completion of his fellowship. He worked closely with Dr. Chapman until 1987, when he left UC Davis to establish a private practice in Reno. Dr. H. David Moehring filled the position after Dr. Bray's departure. Since 1982, the Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship has trained over 54 fellows, including fellows from Australia, Columbia, Argentina and Brazil.

Currently, the service is staffed by four trauma fellowship trained faculty, all members of the prestigious AO North American Teaching Faculty. Dr. Phil Wolinsky, Professor and Vice Chair, serves as Chief of the service.

Fellowship trained at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, he joined the department in 2002 after relocating from the east coast, where he was affiliated with NYU/Bellevue and Hospital for Joint Diseases. Dr. Mark Lee joined our faculty in 2002 upon completion of his trauma fellowship here. He currently serves as the Fellowship Director and was recently appointed Chair of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association's Fellowship and Career Choices Committee, overseeing the SF Match Program nationwide. Dr. Tania Ferguson joined our faculty in 2006, following a fellowship with Dr. Joel Matta and another with Dr. Jeffrey Mast, both specializing in pelvic and acetabular reconstructive surgery. In addition to her full-time appointment, she is currently enrolled in UCDMC's MPH program. Dr. Brad Yoo joined our service in 2006, after completing his trauma fellowship training at Harborview in Seattle, Washington, under the direction of Dr. Chip Routt. Dr. Yoo maintains a busy schedule as the Instructor of Record for OSU 428 (Ambulatory & Emergency Room Orthopaedics and OSU 464 (Acting Internship).

Dr. Yoo is also actively involved in the Telemedicine Program.

As the Orthopaedic Trauma Service grows, so too has its fellowship program. In August of 2010, our program will expand from two to three fellowship positions. Following a tradition of strong leadership, we're proud of our educational programs that remain highly sought after, and our reputation for excellence in Orthopaedic Trauma.

**Phil Wolinsky, MD**, Trauma Service Chief, has recently been appointed to the ASC Committee on Trauma.



**Mark Lee, MD**, Trauma Fellowship Director, has secured a \$75,000 grant from the Center for Orthopaedic Trauma Advancement, and a \$65,000 Fellowship Award from Omega (Medical Grants Association), both to be used to help enhance the fellowship program.

*Kudos,  
Dr. Wolinsky and Dr. Lee*