

Maier Receives UW Medicine's Award for Excellence in Mentoring Women



Dr. Ron Maier, Professor and Chief of Surgery at Harborview Medical Center, has been named a recipient of the 2014 UW Medicine Award for Excellence in Mentoring Women. As director of a premier surgical trauma fellowship, Dr. Maier has supported and mentored women in a field previously dominated by men; 35 percent of the fellows in this program have been women. His successful mentees include 3 professors and an associate professor, as well as several junior faculty and surgeons in private practice.

Nomination comments included:

"He probed our aspirations and plans for the future and went out of his way to enable us to achieve our best potential."

"Dr. Maier is an outstanding mentor. He provides honest and fair feedback such that you always know where you stand and where you can improve. He is a role model in providing high quality and compassionate care to patients and advocating for trauma systems both within Washington State and around the world. He is constantly seeking opportunities to promote his faculty and fellows on the national stage and has personally provided opportunities for me to enhance my research collaborations and network with leaders in our field."

"Dr. Maier combines his clinical acumen with the capacity to discern the "big picture" with respect to his patients, as well as an admirable facility to stand up for what he believes is best for their care. Both in the intensive care unit and in the operating room, Dr. Maier has provided me with the freedom to build my own skills and confidence as a clinician, while at the same time maintaining a supportive presence."

"His guidance in the arena of research was invaluable as he was able to help develop any project through his practical methods, vast experience, and enormous fund of knowledge. Above all else, his support for everyone around him was unwavering as he was always available to lend an ear, give advice, or work through a tough problem, whether it was personal or professional."

"Emphasis on personal and professional balance seemed to be an afterthought during residence. However, by his example as well as by his guidance, he taught me that professional achievement is often better when partnered with personal success and I should not completely sacrifice life outside my career. It is daunting to think about Dr. Maier's time commitments to the hospital, university, national and international organizations. However, despite all his commitments, he always found time to mentor me early in my research career."

"His encouragement, and even more so, his challenge to meet a high standard of excellence in academic surgery, have been key to my development."

Global Surgery Interest Group (GSIG)

General surgery residents within the Department of Surgery have begun a "Global Surgery Interest Group" (GSIG) that is open to all residents who are interested, thinking about pursuing, or actively engaged in global surgery research and clinical work. We are fortunate to have several of our experienced faculty serving as mentors this group, including [Charlie Mock, MD, MPH](#), Professor, Trauma, Critical Care & Burn Division and associated with the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#). [Dr. Carlos A. Pellegrini](#) and [Dr. Karen Horvath](#) are both whole-heartedly behind this resident-led initiative, as are other of our faculty who have made presentations to the group and hosted them in their homes.



Mock



Pellegrini



Horvath

The GSIG organizers are: **Drs. Meera Kotagal** (R-4); **Lacey LaGrone**, (R-3; beginning her first research year); **Barclay Stewart**, (R-3, beginning his first research year); **Katy Flynn-O'Brien**, (R-2, currently in her second research year); **Matthew Bartek**, (R-2); and **Surbhi Mathur** (R-2). This group of residents has taken GSIG engagement to new levels in the past year and has proposed some additional actions designed to involve other residency programs. We appreciate and congratulate this group of motivated residents. Dr. Kotagal, on behalf of the group, recently submitted this review of GSIG activities during the past academic year and provided an overview of plans for the upcoming year.



Kotagal



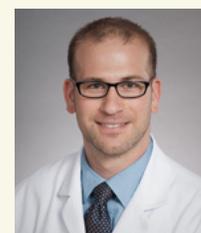
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