

## Special Grand Rounds

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feedbacks between clinical interventions and biosocial analyses. The work has become a model for health care for poor communities worldwide and provides the basis for developing a science of global health delivery implementation.

Dr. Farmer holds an MD and PhD from Harvard University. In addition to his leadership roles at Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Partners In Health, he is the United Nations Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Community Based Medicine and Lessons from Haiti.

Dr. Farmer and his colleagues in the U.S. and abroad have pioneered novel, community-based treatment strategies that demonstrate the delivery of high-quality health care in resource-poor settings in the U.S. and other countries. Their work is documented in the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, *The Lancet*, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, and *Social Science and Medicine*.

Dr. Farmer also has written extensively on health and human rights, about the role of social inequalities in the distribution and outcome of infectious diseases, and about global health. His most recent book, *Reimagining Global Health*, co-edited with three colleagues, presents a distillation of several historical and ethnographic perspectives of contemporary global health problems. Other titles include: *To Repair the World: Paul Farmer Speaks to the Next Generation*, a collection of short speeches, *Partner to the Poor: A Paul Farmer Reader*, *Pathologies of Power*, *Infections and Inequalities*, *The Uses of Haiti*, and *AIDS and Accusation*. In addition, Dr. Farmer is co-editor of *Women, Poverty, and AIDS*, *The Global Impact of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis*, and *Global Health in Times of Violence*.

Dr. Farmer is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association, the American Medical Association's Outstanding International Physician (Nathan Davis) Award, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, and, with his PIH colleagues, the Hilton Humanitarian Prize. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

## Dr. Doug Wood Elected WTSA Historian

Dr. **Douglas Wood**, Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Surgery, Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Endowed Chair in Lung Cancer Research, was elected by the **Western Thoracic Surgical Association (WTSA)** Council to be their new Historian at their 42nd annual meeting in June 2016. Dr. Wood previously served as WTSA President 2007–2008.



The WTSA Historian is elected annually by the Council and is the Parliamentarian and Historian of the Association. The Historian acts as WTSA's public relations and press representative and performs such other various duties as delegated by the Council. The Historian serves in a very long-term, sometimes lifetime, position on the Council, and represents stable perspective and leadership to the WTSA.

The WTSA's (formerly The Samson Thoracic Surgical Society) purposes are: to advance the quality and practice of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery as a specialty; encourage research and study of thoracic and cardiovascular functions and disorders so as to increase knowledge and improve treatment; and to hold scientific meetings for the presentation and discussion of topics of interest to thoracic and cardiovascular surgeons and to encourage publication of these proceedings. WSTA membership is only eligible to cardiothoracic surgeons from the western United States and Canada, and former residents who trained in western training programs.

## Dr. Ron Maier Selected ASA President-Elect



**Ron Maier**, MD was selected President-Elect of the **American Surgical Association (ASA)** at their 136th Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, April 2016.

The ASA was founded in 1880 and is the nation's oldest and most prestigious surgical organization. Its members include the nation's most prominent surgeons from the country's leading academic medical institutions, many of whom are Chairs of the Departments of Surgery at these institutions. Membership also includes leading surgeons from around the world, making it much more than an American association. Its primary mission is to be the premier organization for surgical science and scholarship and to provide a national forum for presenting the developing state of the art and science of general and sub-specialty surgery and the elevation of the standards of the medical/surgical profession.

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Regarding his selection, **Doug Wood**, MD, Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Surgery and Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, said, “The ASA is the oldest and most elite of our surgical societies, and sets the standard for scholarship in surgery. As many of you know, Dr. **Carlos Pellegrini** was President of the ASA in 2005–2006 and few institutions can claim two ASA presidents amongst their faculty.

This has been an amazing year for Ron as he has also served as a very active Vice-President of the **American College of Surgeons**, essentially serving in the presidential role since October 2015. And, Ron has had an extremely successful couple of years in terms of honors and awards, recently receiving the Dr. Rodman E. Sheen and Thomas G. Sheen Award for outstanding contributions in the frontiers of medical science, as well as the UW Medicine Award for Excellence in Mentoring Women.”

Dr. Maier is the surgeon-in-chief of Harborview Medical Center and Professor and Vice-Chair of Surgery at the University of Washington. He is the Jane and Donald D. Trunkey Professor of Trauma Surgery.

Dr. Maier earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame and his MD from Duke University. He first came to the University of Washington to complete his general surgery residency. After a postdoctoral fellowship in immunopathology at the Scripps Research Foundation in La Jolla, CA, he returned to the University of Washington as an attending in surgeon. He is an expert in trauma care, emergency general surgery and surgical critical care. He conducts research on clinical approaches to improve survival after severe injuries and following severe life-threatening surgical illness. He is also an expert in care and research of patients in the ICU with multiple organ failure and critical illness. Dr. Maier is listed in “The Best Doctors in America,” he is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is board certified in surgery and surgical critical care. He is past-president of the Society of University Surgeon, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Surgical Infection Society, the Shock Society and the Halsted Society. In addition, he has served as chair of the American Board of Surgeons, Vice President of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the NIH Study Section for Surgery, Anesthesiology and Trauma.

## Dr. Doug Wood Elected ESTS’s International Councilor



**Douglas Wood**, MD, Professor & Interim Chair of the Department of Surgery, was elected International Councilor at the **European Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS)** Annual Meeting in Naples, Italy (May 2016).

ESTS is the largest specialty society of general thoracic surgery in the world, with over 1,500 members from more than 70 countries. Among other activities, ESTS leads several worldwide courses in thoracic surgery, establishes and publishes guidelines and best practices and owns and manages a large clinical database. It is viewed as a major organization representing the general thoracic subspecialty within cardiothoracic surgery. The organization is run by the Council, which is made up of the officers of ESTS, several at-large Councilors, and one International Councilor who serves a three-year term. The International Councilor represents “the rest of the world” in this European-based specialty society and Dr. Wood is the fourth person to hold this role.

The other major cardiothoracic organization in Europe is the European Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS). A number of years ago, EACTS also developed a single “International Councilor” position to represent the rest of the world. Dr. Wood was the third person to hold this position from 2010–2013 and is now the first person to serve as International Councilor for both societies. He has been deeply involved with both societies for many years, working behind the scenes to facilitate collaboration between the groups. He is excited for this opportunity and with it the ability to impact thoracic surgery education, policy, and collaboration in Europe over the next years.

The Department and School congratulate Dr. Wood on this office and the opportunities it affords.