

## 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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