

# 2018 New Faculty

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Dr. Kathleen O'Connell

**Kathleen O'Connell, MD,  
Assistant Professor,  
Division of Trauma, Burn,  
& Critical Care Surgery**

Dr. **Kathleen O'Connell** is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Trauma, Burn, & Critical Care Surgery, with an adjunct appointment in the Department of Medicine, Division of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine. Her post-residency training

was completed at UW, including fellowships in Trauma & Surgical Critical Care, Palliative Medicine, a research fellowship at Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center (HIPRC), and a Master of Public Health. Dr. O'Connell is especially interested in improving trauma care for patients over the age of 65 years, and is Co-Investigator for a 2017 UW Patient Safety and Innovations Program (PSIP) project to standardize care delivered to geriatric trauma patients admitted to the Trauma Intensive Care Unit at Harborview Medical Center (HMC) (Geri-T project). She is looking forward to starting a Surgical Palliative Care Clinic at HMC, in which high-risk surgical patients are evaluated in the pre-operative setting in preparation for major elective operations.

Dr. O'Connell is married to Dr. Matthew Pattyn, a UW Anesthesiologist and Critical Care physician who works in the VA Puget Sound Health Care System. As native Michiganders, they enjoy mini Pacific Northwest vacations with their geriatric bulldog, Bella, and are excited to expand the family with a baby girl this fall.



Dr. Estell Williams

**Estell Williams, MD,  
Acting Assistant Professor,  
Division of General Surgery**

Dr. **Estell Williams** is an acute care general surgeon. She provides surgical care for emergency and non-emergency situations, and takes pride in supporting patients through the important processes of planning, delivering, and quickly healing from their needed surgeries. She is an advocate for increasing access to quality, well-informed surgical care that will improve the overall

well-being of all patients. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Williams holds a faculty appointment with the University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM) developing social determinants of health curriculum and medical student advising.

Dr. Williams began her college career at Xavier University in New Orleans, but was displaced by Hurricane Katrina. She completed her BS in Biology at the University of San Francisco, just across the bridge from her home of Oakland, CA. She earned her medical degree and completed her residency training in surgery at the University of Washington. Dr. Williams is continuing a legacy started at the UW as a resident of providing excellent patient care and a commitment to bringing high quality surgery care to the most marginalized communities of Seattle in order to advance health equity for all patients.

Dr. Williams' research and advocacy interests include addressing social determinants of health, healthcare disparities, healthcare workforce diversity, and pipeline programs to expose underprivileged/underrepresented youth to medicine. Outside of the hospital she can be found running outreach programs for local students, mentoring students interested in medicine, reading at the community library she owns with her husband in Beacon Hill or spending time with her family.

## save the dates

**Friday, October 12, 2018, Harkins Symposium  
& 69th Annual Dr. Alfred A. Strauss Lecture**

Harkins symposium will be held at 7:00am in Alder Auditorium/UW Campus. The Strauss Lecture will be held at 4:00pm in the Hogness Auditorium, Health Sciences Building. All persons in the medical and allied professions are welcome to attend. Please contact [dosadmin@uw.edu](mailto:dosadmin@uw.edu) for more information.

**Friday, March 22, 2019, 7:00am–4:00pm  
Department of Surgery Research Symposium &  
25th Annual Helen and John Schilling Lecture**

All persons in the medical and allied professions are welcome to attend. Please contact [dosadmin@uw.edu](mailto:dosadmin@uw.edu) for more information or visit the Department of Surgery's [Schilling Lecture & Research Symposium web page](#).