

# Surgery

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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#### FACULTY



In June 2019, the Washington Global Health Alliance (WGHA) awarded Dr. **Benjamin Anderson**, Professor, Division of General Surgery, and Co-Founder and Chair of the Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI) at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the 2019 Pioneers of Global Health Award. Dr. Anderson was recognized for his work in creating a global breast oncology community to improve breast cancer early diagnosis and treatment in low-resource settings.

Winners were selected by a panel of global health experts chaired by Erin McCarthy, senior program officer at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and WGHA board member. Awardees will be honored at the Pioneers of Global Health Awards Dinner & Auction in October 2019.

"The 2019 Pioneers awardees are bold, compassionate, creative, and persistent in their work to improve health equity. They include a young woman whose impatience to prevent HIV in pregnant women has already helped 20,000 women in Kenya and expanded HIV prevention options; a man who created a global community and resource-appropriate guidelines for breast cancer care; and two organizations who collaborate to diagnose chronic myeloid leukemia earlier and help patients live longer and healthier lives," said Dena Morris, WGHA president. [Read more >>](#)



Dr. **Giana Davidson**, Associate Professor in the Division of General Surgery and Section Chief of Emergency General Surgery, has been elected UW Medical Center (UWMC) Chief of Staff Elect. She began her two-year term July 1 and will chair UWMC's Credentials Committee as part of this role. Dr. Davidson expresses, "I am honored to have the opportunity to represent the medical staff at UWMC and look forward to working across the medical teams and our leadership in this role."

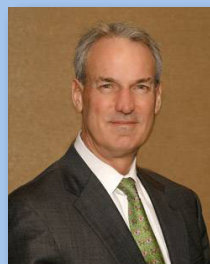


Dr. **John H.T. Waldhausen**, Chief of Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery and Director of the Pediatric Fellowship Surgery Training Program at Seattle Children's Hospital became President Elect of the **American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA)** at its annual meeting in May.

Dr. Waldhausen comments, "Being elected the President of the American Pediatric Surgical Association is the pinnacle of a pediatric surgeon's career and to follow in the footsteps of so many who have influenced and led our profession is a great honor. One of the major issues confronting our specialty is how we train surgeons of the future

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#### Dr. Douglas Wood Awarded David J. Dugan Distinguished Service Award



Dr. **Douglas Wood**, The Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chair, was presented with the **Western Thoracic Surgical Association's (WTSA)** David J. Dugan Distinguished Service Award. To date, this award has been given out 13 times in the 45 year history of WTSA. The award is presented to members of the association in recognition of distinguished achievement and outstanding contributions to the field of thoracic surgery in the areas of science or leadership over a sustained period of time.

Dr. **Michael Mulligan**, Professor & Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Section Chief, Thoracic Surgery, made the award's introduction:

*"This year's David J. Dugan Award Recipient is a world leader in thoracic surgery and thoracic oncology. He is past president of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the Western Thoracic Surgical Association, and the Seattle Surgical Society. He has served as Director of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and Chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Thoracic RRC. He was recently elected Cardiothoracic Surgery Network President and is currently the chair of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Lung Cancer Screening Panel and vice-chair of the NCCN Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Panel. His opinions are widely sought and he has been a visiting professor at over 40 institutions around the world.*

*He has had a marked impact on our specialty. He helped lead the landmark National Emphysema Treatment Trial and has been a champion for lung cancer screening. Indeed, he led the testimony to the US Preventative Services Task Force to move forward with positive recommendations for lung cancer screening.*

*He is a terrific surgeon, a brilliant administrator, inspiring leader, a wonderful teacher, and ambassador for our specialty. For the last twenty years he has been my partner and dear friend. It is my honor to present the 2019 Dugan Award to Douglas E. Wood."*

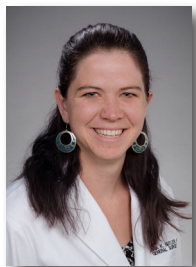
Upon receiving the award, Dr. Wood stated, "I am gratified every day by the privilege of doing what we do, the miracles that change people's lives, the honor of teaching that skill to our residents and fellows, the camaraderie and collegiality that I have with my team at UW, and with my friends in the Western Thoracic Surgical Association. I am truly blessed and honored!"

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and maintenance of competence. Much of my career has been devoted to surgical education and my plan as president will be to work with the American Board of Surgery and the Residency Review Committee (Surgery) to solve some of these significant educational issues that confront us."

## RESIDENTS



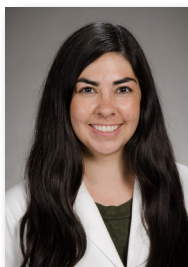
Drs. **Elissa Butler**, Research Fellow in the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, (pictured top) and **Kate Stadel**, General Surgery Resident (R4), (pictured below) have each received grants from Medic One Foundation for their individual research projects.



Dr. Butler received an award of \$8,700 to support her research project "Evaluation Of Pre-Hospital Blood Product Use By Air Medical Services," and Dr. Stadel received \$24,997 to support her research project titled "Working Toward Equity In Emergencies: Bringing Communities And Emergency First Responders Together To Exchange Skills And Cultural Knowledge." Dr. Butler states "This award will fund a collaboration of the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, Airlift Northwest, and

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Harborview Medical Center's Transfusion Services to evaluate the impact of blood availability on Airlift Northwest flights transporting trauma patients to Harborview Medical Center. We are grateful to the Medic One Foundation for this funding and looking forward to carrying out the project."



Dr. **Kirsten Concha-Moore**, Vascular Surgery Resident (R1), was selected as one of the 2019 Patricia Numann Outstanding Medical Student Award recipients on behalf of the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) and the AWS Foundation. This award is named in honor of the founder of AWS and established to encourage and support female medical students pursuing a career in surgery. Awardees are chosen based on their potential leadership qualities or research contributions to the field of surgery.

The award will be presented to Dr. Concha-Moore at the AWS Foundation Awards Dinner in October 2019 where individuals who have made a difference for women in surgery are celebrated.

## Department of Surgery Inaugural Summer Picnic – Pellegrini Day

The Department of Surgery hosted its "Department of Surgery Inaugural Summer Picnic – Pellegrini Day" on Sunday, July 14, 2019 for our faculty, residents, fellows, staff and their families. Those that attended were welcomed with Department of Surgery logo blankets—perfect for sitting on the lawn for a picnic! The event included two food trucks, many homemade side dishes and desserts, a snow cone machine, and plenty of activities for kids and adults alike such

as giant Jenga, corn-hole, beach balls, face painting and so much more! Chair Doug Wood briefly spoke about the unique community that we have within the Department, and honored past Chair Carlos Pellegrini for his contributions past and present to the Department. It was wonderful to see so many of you with your families in a relaxed atmosphere—we can't wait to do it again!

