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## FACULTY



Dr. [Tam Pham](#), Professor & Chief, UW Medicine (UWM) Regional Burn Center, Harborview Medical Center (HMC), was recently named the David and Nancy Auth-Washington Research Foundation Endowed Chair for Restorative Burn Surgery. Dr. David Auth, an innovator who helped countless lives by successfully devising minimally invasive surgical technologies, created this endowment in partnership with the Washington Research Foundation to support research and other work to improve burn patient outcomes. The first holder of this Chair was Dr. Matt Klein (2008-2011). Over the next decade, this endowment supported Dr. Gibran's research endeavors in scar and patient functional outcomes.

Following Dr. Gibran's retirement in July, the selection committee was unanimous concluding Dr. Pham "meets all expectations and criteria set forth in the endowment agreement and will utilize the benefits of the Chair to further enhance and enrich the quality and excellence of care for burn patients at the outstanding regional resource of which he is currently Director."

In addition to being an outstanding and internationally recognized burn surgeon, Dr. Pham is also a consulting physician at Seattle Children's Hospital and Assistant Program Director of the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship-HMC.

As current holder of this prestigious Chair, Dr. Pham is committed to continuing burn center research support and modernizing scar management.



Dr. [Farhood Farjah](#), Endowed Chair in Lung Cancer Research, Associate Professor, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, received an NIH grant award for his project "Comparative-Effectiveness of Pretreatment Lung Cancer Nodal Staging."

"Our team's goal is to reduce diagnostic and treatment errors, improve survival, and increase the value of care for lung cancer patients by improving our ability to select patients who benefit from a lymph node biopsy prior to starting treatment,"

said Dr. Farjah. "This investigation determines the effectiveness of guideline recommended selection criteria for a pretreatment lymph node biopsy, and it tests whether a novel approach to selecting patients for lymph node biopsy is equivalent to guideline recommended strategy in terms of survival but superior in terms of lower biopsy-related severe adverse events and health expenditures. Findings from this study will lead to: 1) developing and testing implementation strategies designed to increase guideline-concordant lymph node evaluation, 2) alternative guideline recommendations for lymph node evaluation, and/or 3) justifying trials comparing outcomes between different lymph node evaluation strategies."



Dr. [Nicholas Vedder](#), Professor & Chief, Jamie Hunter Endowed Chair in Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery, was awarded the American Association of Plastic Surgeons (AAPS) Distinguished Fellow Award.

The AAPS, the oldest and most prestigious plastic surgery organization in the world, acknowledged Dr. Vedder for his personal achievements and lifetime contributions to the field of plastic surgery. Dr. Donald Mackay, AAPS Past President (2020-21) and Honors Committee Chair, will present the award to Dr. Vedder, AAPS Past President (2018-19), at the 100th AAPS Annual Meeting in April 2022.

## RESIDENTS



Dr. [Nina Clark](#), R3 General Surgery, was nominated for the 2021 Emergency Medicine Consultant of the Year Award. This award recognizes the exceptional work of those who assist in the care of patients within the Emergency Departments at the UWMC-ML

and Harborview Medical Center. The Department of Emergency Medicine recognizes those consultants who demonstrate exceptional professionalism, communication skills, and holistic patient care to our shared patients. Nominations are received from Emergency Medicine residents and/or Emergency Medicine faculty.

"While I must question the judgement of our emergency medicine colleagues, I am extremely flattered," said Dr. Clark. "UW Surgery has provided me with so many people to look up to who are both kind and educational consultants, and these mentors have been instrumental as I've developed my own style in working with other teams. I'm quite thankful for the award and hope to continue to grow and have fun working with the EM residents."



Dr. [Lindsay Dickerson](#), R3 General Surgery, was awarded a postdoctoral training fellowship from the Cancer Research Institute. This is a prestigious research fellowship that "furthers career development and supports laboratory research for promising

young scientists working under the mentorship of leading immunologists." Dr. Dickerson said, "It's an honor to join the Cancer Research Institute and Fibrolamellar Cancer Foundation communities. With the mentorship of Dr. Pillarisetty and others in the Tumor Immune Microenvironment Lab, I'm looking forward to continuing with the foundational work done by UW residents Kevin Sullivan, Dave Seo and Sara Daniel in pursuit of novel immunotherapeutic treatments for fibrolamellar carcinoma."



Dr. [Denzel Woode](#), R3 General Surgery, was awarded second prize for his presentation, "DEI in the Department of Surgery: Exploring Our Present and Building Our Future," at the 2021 WA/OR ACS Annual Meeting. Congratulations to him and his

co-authors, which include Drs. [Beth Ann Reimel](#), Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery, [Jorge Reyes](#), Professor & Chief, Division of Transplant Surgery, [Douglas Wood](#), The Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chair, [Elina Quiroga](#), Division of Vascular Surgery, [Tam Pham](#), Professor, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery and [Estell Williams](#), Assistant Professor, Division of General Surgery, and [Jaqueline Valdez Gonzalez](#), Research Coordinator.