

# UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON PLASTIC SURGERY DIVISION NEWSLETTER Spring 2026

## A NEW CHAPTER FOR UW PLASTIC SURGERY

Spring, with all its growth, renewal, and possibility, is an apt time for us to share what is new, growing, and changing here as well. It is an immense honor to take on the role of Division Chief for UW Plastic Surgery – held only by two others (Drs. Loren Engrav and Nick Vedder) since the Division was founded 56 years ago. I do not take lightly what has been built here, and I do not take lightly the responsibility of carrying it forward. To those of you who trained here, taught here, and built your careers within these walls: The legacy you helped build is what makes UW Plastic Surgery so unique. As I step into this role, my focus is on honoring that legacy while building boldly toward what comes next - that means strengthening our research culture, investing in faculty development, advocating for surgical education and evidence-based care, and fostering the kind of environment where people *choose* to be. The rising tide lifts all ships. I am honored to help steer ours. **-Kari A. Keys, MD** *Division Chief, UW Plastic Surgery*



## New Associate Program Directors for UW Plastic Surgery



**Russell E. Ettinger, MD**  
Program Director  
Plastic Surgery  
Residency Program



**Shannon Colohan,  
MD, MSc**  
Associate Program  
Director



**Chris Crowe, MD**  
Associate Program  
Director



**Shane Morrison, MD**  
Associate Program  
Director



**Isaac Stein, MD**  
Associate Program  
Director



**Duane Wang, MD**  
Associate Program  
Director

Over the past decade, the UW Plastic Surgery Residency Program has undergone strategic growth and expansion of the resident complement and now matches five residents per year, making UW one of the largest Plastic Surgery Residency programs in the country. To balance our programmatic growth, we are incredibly proud to announce a parallel expansion of the Associate Program Director (APDs) roles from three to five. We were incredibly fortunate to have an outstanding group of dedicated faculty members step forward into these roles. Our Associate Program Directors will be spearheading individual initiatives spanning resident education, wellness, mentorship, feedback, quality improvement and career planning to enhance the experience all of our trainees during their time with us. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Shannon Colohan, Dr. Chris Crowe, Dr. Shane Morrison, Dr. Isaac Stein, and Dr. Duane Wang, as our new Associate Program Director team. I would also like to thank Dr. Kari Keys and Dr. Craig Birgfeld for their years of work in support of the residency program as Associate Program Directors alongside Dr. Jeff Friedrich as Program Director and for building the bedrock foundation of our current residency program. **-Russell Ettinger, MD, Residency Program Director**

# Alumni Spotlight

## AUSTIN HAYES (2013)

Since completing his residency training at the University of Washington in 2013, Dr. Austin Hayes has built a thriving practice in his hometown of Portland, Oregon. A Pacific Northwest native, Austin spent a year in Maryland after graduation from UW for fellowship training in hand and upper extremity surgery at The Curtis National Hand Center.

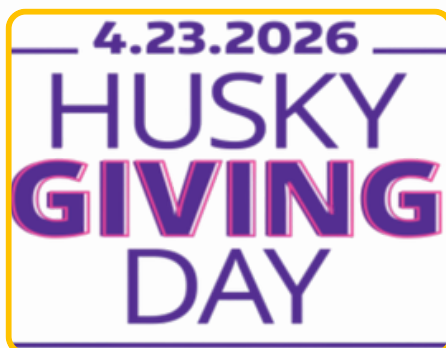
Now in private practice with Portland Plastic Surgery Group, Dr. Hayes has established himself as a highly regarded surgeon known for dual expertise in aesthetic surgery and complex reconstructive procedures reflecting the comprehensive training he received at UW. An active member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, he continues to contribute to the broader plastic surgery community. Dr. Hayes exemplifies the technical skill, innovation, and patient-centered care that define UW plastic surgery alumni.



### Why Austin gives back to UW Plastic Surgery:

*“As a resident, the University of Washington Division of Plastic Surgery provided me with an exceptional education. The Division's depth and breadth gave me the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field to provide surgical care at the highest level. It is my honor to help the division continue the mission of educating the next generation of plastic surgeons. I choose to support the University of Washington's research and innovation projects to help advance our specialty's future and give back to the Division that gave me so much.”*

## HUSKY GIVING DAY: APRIL 23



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Husky Giving Day is an annual celebration of philanthropy during which alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends come together to support programs, scholarships, and community initiatives during a 24-hour period of giving.

This year, the Plastic Surgery Division is participating in this day of giving and are asking for your support. We are focusing on The Plastic Surgery Education and Innovation Fund where your gift will support resident training opportunities and strengthen the mission of the Division of Plastic Surgery to train the best surgeons of the next generation.

On April 23rd, [Husky Giving Day](#), we invite you to celebrate being a part of the UW Plastic Surgery family with a gift of any size to the [Plastic Surgery Education and Innovation Fund](#). Together, we can continue building a training program where people thrive.

For more information, please connect with our Advancement partner, Tabitha Claus at [tmg7@uw.edu](mailto:tmg7@uw.edu).



## CONFERENCES

### ASPS PSTM New Orleans, LA



### Northwest Society of Plastic Surgery Snowbird, Utah



Dr. Stein was awarded best presentation!

### ACPA May 2025 Palm Springs, CA



### ASRM San Diego, CA



## ABSTRACTS

### ISCFS 2025

- Lyndsey Teal - "Posterior Cranial Vault Expansion in Giant Occipital Encephaloceles: Restoring Intracranial and Posterior Fossa Volume"



### ACEPS 2026

Ryan Badiie - "Bridging the Gap: Trends in Minority Representation Among Trainees in Plastic Surgery"

### NWSPS 2026

- Shanique Martin - "Advancing Access to Reconstructive Microsurgery in sub-Saharan Africa: A Case Report of the First DIEP Breast Reconstruction in Ethiopia"

### PSRC 2026

- Gillian O'Connell - "Amputation after Limb Salvage: Predictors from a 30-year Cohort"
- Ryan Badiie - "Characterizing the Influence of Mechanism of Injury on Post-Reconstructive Outcomes following Lower Extremity Trauma"

### Global Plastic Surgery Congress 2026

- Ryan Badiie - "Staged Immediate Direct-to-Implant Breast Reconstruction: A Novel Addition to the Breast Reconstruction Algorithm"

### ASRM 2026

- Abra Shen - "A Review of Lower Extremity Free Flap Postoperative Mobilization"

### ACS Clinical Congress

- Ryan Badiie - "Fracture Site Matters: Examining Reconstructive Success in Post-Traumatic Limb Salvage"

### 2026 Schilling Research Symposium

- Abra Shen - "Navigating Hemodynamic Risk Following Deep Inferior Epigastric Artery Perforator Flaps in Patients who Decline Blood Products"

## AWARDS

**Cristina Salinas, R2**  
Intern of the Year 2025

**Hilliard Brydges, R2**  
PSTM Resident Scholar

**Mahsa Taskindoust, R4**  
ASPS Future Leaders Scholar  
Harkins Scholar

**Alice Liu, R5**  
Harkins Scholar

**Thais Calderon, R5**  
WPS Resident Scholar

**Shanique Martin, R6**  
Harkins Scholar

**Editt Taslakian, R6**  
Harkins Scholar

**Tracey Vollan, PA-C**  
HMC Top Educator of the Year

**Otway Louie and  
Russell Ettinger**  
UW Cares Award

**Seenu Susarla**  
PRS Top Review  
Warren B Davis Circle

## MORE ABSTRACTS

### ASPS PSTM 2025

- Giulia Daneshgaran - "Bolus Technique" for Chest Wall Restoration and Prevention of Implant Rippling in Delayed Breast Reconstruction
- Editt Taslakian - "Complications in Lower Extremity Reconstruction Are Not Influenced by Timing"
- Brandon De Ruiter - "Predicting Outpatient Follow-up After Distal Radius Fracture Repair in Patients that have Undergone Volar Plate or Dorsal Spanning Plate Placement"
- Lindsey Teal - "Technique to Enhance Central Vermilion Augmentation During Unilateral Cleft Lip Repair"
- Daniella Cordero - "Orthognathic Surgery in the Previously Distracted Patient"
- Abra Shen - "Normalizing Parenthood in Plastic Surgery"
- Connor Peck - "Medical Student Perceptions of Global Surgery Practices in Plastic Surgery: Are We Meeting the Mark?"

# Cutting Edge SPOTLIGHT



## Dr. Chris Crowe Opens Region's First Spasticity Surgery Clinic



The Spasticity Surgery Clinic at Harborview Medical Center provides coordinated, specialized care for patients with upper motor neuron (UMN) syndrome and associated spastic limb deformities that develop following neurologic injury. Developed as a collaboration between Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and Plastic Surgery, the clinic offers comprehensive evaluation and treatment planning for individuals with conditions such as stroke, traumatic or anoxic brain injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, and spinal cord injury. The clinic's goal is to improve limb posture, reduce pain, and enhance hygiene and functional use of the upper and lower extremities through a thoughtful, stepwise approach to care. Patients are evaluated by the full multidisciplinary team during both initial and follow-up visits, allowing for coordinated treatment planning and longitudinal assessment.

For individuals undergoing reconstructive procedures, the clinic provides integrated perioperative and postoperative care, ensuring continuity from evaluation through recovery. By bringing together expertise across specialties in a single setting, the Spasticity Surgery Clinic streamlines referrals, helps clarify candidacy for surgical intervention, and expands access to surgical options that can improve quality of life for patients living with neurologic injury and their caregivers.



## ADVOCACY ON THE HILL

Dr. Morrison and Dr. Taskindoust, recipient of the ASPS Future Leaders Scholarship, represented our division and plastic surgeons from Washington State at the 2025 ASPS Advocacy Summit in Washington, D.C. last July. Joining 53 members from 17 states, they advocated on Capitol Hill for key plastic surgery priorities — including WHCRA modernization, the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act, prior authorization reform, and fair physician reimbursement — as part of a delegation that held 66 congressional meetings. Dr. Taskindoust returned to DC with the American College of Surgeons in March to advocate against across-the-board reduction in work RVUs.



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