



The Society of Black Academic Surgeons

Established 1989

Our heritage is richer for some of the courses set by others. What we wish to do with this marvelous legacy remains to be seen. The challenge and opportunity are here.

— John C. Norman, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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From the SBAS Membership Committee

Raphael C. Lee, M.D., Sc.D. Receives Galletti Award



Dr. Raphael Lee, is the Paul S. and Allene T. Russell Professor of Surgery, Medicine, Organismal

Biology and Anatomy Fellow, Institute of Molecular Engineering at the University of Chicago, received the 2018 Pierre Galletti Award for his contributions to public awareness of medical and biological engineering, and to the promotion of the national interest in science, engineering and education. This award is considered the Nation's most prestigious recognition in the arena of biotechnology/biomedical

Dr. Stewart elected to American Board of Surgery



Dr. John H. Stewart IV was elected as an American Board of Surgery Director to represent the American College of Surgeons.

Several SBAS Members take New Leadership Positions

Dr. Henri R. Ford will become Dean of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine effective on June 1st, 2018.

Dr. Andrea Hayes-Jordan has been named Chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at the UNC School of Medicine, and Surgeon in Chief at the North Carolina Children's Hospital effective June 1st.

Dr. John H. Stewart IV has been appointed Professor of Surgery- University of Illinois, Chicago School of Medicine Physician Executive, Oncology Service Line- UIC Health Director of Clinical Research- UIC Cancer Center.

Dr. Tony Stallion has accepted a position as Chief of Pediatric Surgery at Beaumont Children's Hospital Beaumont Health.

Dr. Zaria Murrell will join the Tennessee Valley Pediatric Surgery Group in Huntsville Alabama effective August 1st.

Conversations on Mentoring: Networking at a National Meeting

Dr. Selwyn Vickers MD and Colin Martin MD

What is the best way to build a mentor/mentee relationship with senior leaders that are in attendance at a meeting? I think students and residents and junior faculty need to know that no single mentor will probably meet all of their academic needs. It is important, in your own sphere, to create a mentoring team for yourself. Now the team aspect is such that these mentors may not necessarily communicate with each other unless they are at the same institution or they have agreed to do this. However, it is important to have a diversity of leadership as a part of your mentoring group, and having them function as a team to support you is the most optimal way.



Returning to the subject of attending meetings, let me reiterate #1 do attend meetings. #2, seek to engage faculty who have similar interests that you want to pursue. **Do your homework** to learn who might be attending meetings and to understand what their expertise is. Google them, read their CVs, and research their background and interests, then use that information to dialog with them in an intelligent way. Remember to follow up immediately with those you've encountered. Follow through is important; sometimes you may have to repeat that. And again, it's important to have a mentoring team rather than one person in order to cover the full spectrum of your interests as an academic junior faculty member, resident, or student.

During social events at meetings, what strategies do you use to speak with, network, and engage with several people during a limited time period? Again, know as best you can who will be present. Ask people you know if there will be individuals who have an interest in your specific area. Doing your homework prior to the event is important, and it's also important to have a plan. A lot of things do occur organically at these events, but the best opportunities go to those individuals who have done their homework to find out who they need to speak to and have set a plan in place that will allow them to engage and follow up to establish those relationships.

How did/do you spend your down time (plane rides, time in between sessions, early mornings, evenings) at national meetings both as a resident or junior faculty member and now? I enjoy both sports and exercise as well as reading current news and watching movies. It's typically when I'm on a plane now that I get to see movies. When I was a resident and junior faculty I usually spent that time completing research projects, following up on papers, as well as preparing talks and presentations. As a senior faculty member now, it's still a time to catch up on work and papers, but it's also a time when I enjoy reading current information or new areas relating to my focus of interest in pancreas cancer or leadership. I would add, you do need some time for relaxation and fun - and whatever that is for you, it's good to build that into your schedule.

Other than SBAS, what other surgical societies have been helpful for your career advancement. The Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, the Society of University Surgeons, the Association for Academic Surgery, the American Surgical Association, the Southern Surgical Association, and the Robert Wood Johnson Society. Their meetings have been venues where I have met both senior mentors who have encouraged me as well as colleagues who have partnered with me. I think SBAS stands out as one where the social and academic network has significantly advanced my career.

Awards, Honors, and Lectureships, and Accomplishments

Sean McLean MD, Associate professor of Surgery University of North Carolina. Revived \$150,000 award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Fabian Johnston MD Assistant Professor of Surgery Johns Hopkins University. Elected for membership to the Society of University Surgeons, Chair: Clinical Health and Research Committee (Association for Academic Surgery).

Colin Martin MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham. Elected for membership to the Society of University Surgeons.

Eddie Manning III MD, Assistant professor, Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, University of Florida was inducted into the Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

Cary B. Aarons, MD, FACS Assistant Professor of Surgery University of Pennsylvania has have been selected to be the next Program Director of the General Surgery Residency Program. Effective July 1st, 2018.

Leah M Backhus, Associate Professor Cardiothoracic Surgery Stanford University Appointed to the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer. Membership Committee National Lung Cancer Roundtable of the American Cancer Society, and Chair of the Lung Cancer in Women Task Group.

Carla Pugh, MD PhD, FACS Professor of General Surgery, Stanford University: Inducted into the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) on April 9, 2018

Course Co-Chair and Panelist: "Emerging Technology." 2018 Society for Simulation in Healthcare Forum on Modeling and Simulation – Los Angeles, CA, January 12, 2018

2018 Presenter: "Pivoting: An Exciting and Cautionary Tale for Surgeon Scientists." University of Wisconsin Department of Surgery Research Summit – Madison, WI, January 17, 2018

2018 Presenter: "Signatures: What can Sensors and Motion Tracking Technology Tell us about Technical Skills Performance?" Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Department of Surgery Grand Rounds – Newark, NJ, January 19, 2018

2018 Moderator: "Education: Simulation Training QuickShot Session." 13th Annual Academic Surgical Congress – Jacksonville, FL, January 31, 2018

2018 Presenter: "Hacking Healthcare with Sensors: Unfolding the Metrics of Physician Expertise." Wearable Tech + Digital Health + NeuroTech Silicon Valley – Stanford, CA, February 26, 2018.

Lynn Weaver MD Presented the 37th Zollicoffer Lecture at University of North Carolina Medical School on Feb. 22, 2018 and on March 27, 2018 proclaimed Dr. William Lynn Weaver Day by the Mayor of Knoxville, TN on his return to the high school he helped integrated 50 years ago.

Dr. Cato Laurencin MD, Ph.D Albert and Wilda Van Dusen Distinguished Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery Chief Executive Officer, Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science Appointed to the Scientific Advisory Board of The Rady Children's Institute for Genomic Medicine, gave the opening remarks at The Institute for Women's Health and Leadership's Forum

Omar Danner MD, Associate Professor of Surgery Morehouse School of Medicine. Was also awarded a \$25,000 Community Health Partnership Grant from the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority for the Reach One Each One Program for 2018.

Recent Publications January-April 2018.

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