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HONORS & AWARDS

Jennifer Gunn has been named director of the UMN Institute for Advanced Study effective Aug. 15. In this position reporting to Provost Karen Hanson, Prof. Gunn will provide academic and administrative leadership to the IAS, supporting and encouraging interdisciplinary and collaborative work across and beyond the University.

Prof. Gunn brings to the IAS position broad experience advancing interdisciplinary research and teaching, both as a scholar and as an administrator. She is an associate professor and the director of the Program in the History of Medicine, a division of the Medical School surgery department situated at the intersection of the humanities, social sciences, natural and physical sciences, engineering, and the health professions. She shares leadership responsibilities for a tri-college graduate program, the Program in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine.

The IAS, which recently moved into the new Northrop, is one of six all-University interdisciplinary centers and an important catalyst for innovative research and discovery in the sciences, humanities, and the arts. It supports faculty fellowships and collaborative research programs and offers extensive public programming to address in creative ways substantial questions that call for interdisciplinary perspectives. (Information on the IAS may be found at www.ias.umn.edu.

Prof. Gunn was appointed by the provost following a search by a seven-member faculty committee chaired by Renee Cheng. She will assume the IAS position following Ann Waltner’s decision to step down from the directorship after nine years to return full time to her faculty position in the Department of History.

PRESENTATIONS

The annual Design of Medical Devices Conference was held this year from April 7 – 10, 2014, at University of Minnesota.

Gabriel Loor, Assistant Professor and cardiovascular surgeon, Cardiothoracic Surgery, gave the Cardiovascular Keynote, titled “Clinical implementation and research of normothermic organ preservation in thoracic organ transplantation.”

David Darrow, Resident, Department of Neurosurgery, gave the following talk during the Neuron Modulation for Epilepsy session

“A Long Time Coming: The Future Treatment of Epilepsy”

Robroy Maclver, Assistant Professor, gave the following talk during the Pediatric Cardiac Innovation: The Next Generation session

“Innovations in Mechanical Circulatory Assist Devices in the Pediatric Patient”

Mark Plunkett, Associate Professor of Surgery, gave the following talk during the Pediatric Cardiac Innovation: The Next Generation session

“Surgical Options for the Failed Single Ventricle”
Kyle Anderson, Associate Professor, Department of Urology, gave the following talk during the Surgical Robotics & Computational Surgery session
“Practical Limitation of Modern Urologic Robotic Surgery”

Jack Stubbs, Associate Program Director of Urologic Surgery, served as a showcase judge.

Timothy Laske, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, served as a session chair.

Paul Iaizzo, Professor, Department of Surgery, served as a workshop organizer and chaired two sessions and moderated the keynote luncheon.

IN THE NEWS

Program in the History of Medicine graduate student Emily Hagens was interviewed by Jon Hallberg, MD, and host Tom Crann about the "Medicine of Downton Abbey" exhibit in the Wangensteen Historical Library on Minnesota Public Radio's "All Things Considered," 22 April 2014. You can listen at http://www.mprnews.org/story/2014/04/22/downton-abbey-medical-stories.

MEETINGS

Jeffery S. Vender, MD, FCCM, FCCP, MBA

“Change for Tomorrow
Leadership for Today…”

Please join us for one of Dr. Vender’s talks on
Tuesday, May 6, 2014

6:30-7:45am – Mayo Auditorium
Anesthesiology/Surgery Joint Grand Rounds
Surgery, anesthesia, perioperative and OR faculty and staff

11am-12:30pm – Moos Tower 2-690
Brown bag session (bring your lunch) with Nursing leadership and directors
Nurse Managers/Directors, UMMC Leadership Council, UMP Nursing Directors

4-5:00pm – Moos Tower 2-690
Presentation to Clinical Leadership Council, Medical Executive Committee,
Chief Residents and Medical Directors
Medical leaders, medical directors, and Medical Executive Council

Dr. Vender is the Harris Family Foundation Chairman of the Department of Anesthesia/Critical Care Services, Vice President of Physician and Programmatic Development at NorthShore University HealthSystem in Chicago, IL, and Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Dr. Vender is a nationally recognized lecturer on the topics of medical leadership, organizational change, anesthesiaology and critical care.

Individuals are encouraged to attend any of the above forums.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY
presents the eighth annual

John S. Najarian, M.D.
Lecture in Transplantation

Bach's Partitas and other Transplant Lessons

NANCY L. ASCHER, MD, PhD
Professor and Chair
Isis Distinguished Professor in Transplantation
Leon Goldman Distinguished Professor in Surgery
University of California, San Francisco

Tuesday May 6
Mayo Memorial Auditorium
3:30 Reception  4:00 Lecture

RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Do you see someone working hard in your area and contributing to the department’s success by fulfilling our mission, vision and values? If so, take a moment to nominate this person for an Employee Recognition Award.

Two Employee Recognition Awards will be given out each month—one for staff and one for faculty, fellows, and residents. All Department of Surgery employees can nominate another employee in the department, including the Surgical Administrative Center.

Completed nomination forms should be sent to Michelle Lunden.

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