



AGOS Annual Meeting

September 30-October 1, 2022 - Chicago, IL



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DEE E. FENNER, MD
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Dee Fenner is the Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Bates Professor of Diseases of Women and Children at the University of Michigan. She holds a joint appointment as Professor of Urology. As a Missouri native, she attended undergraduate and medical school at the University of Missouri – Columbia. She completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan followed by a fellowship in Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery and Urogynecology at the Mayo Clinic-Scottsdale.

In 2001, Dr. Fenner returned to the University of Michigan where she continues her work in female pelvic floor dysfunction and medical education. She is nationally recognized as an expert in defecation disorders, surgical education, and reconstructive surgery. She has received research funds from the NIH and has served on several NIH study sections, organizing, and oversight committees. In addition, her research has been supported by private donors and industry. Working with a multidisciplinary team, her major contributions have been on understanding how birth injuries impact pelvic floor disorders and developing new and novel treatments for accidental bowel leakage. She has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and chapters.

She is the Past-President of the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Urogynecologic Society. As Director of the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Board for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Board of Urology, she was instrumental in obtaining official recognition of the Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery from the American Board of Medical Subspecialties. In addition, Dr. Fenner provided a decade of service on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, ending in 2021.

At the University of Michigan, she has served on numerous committees including the Admissions Executive Committee, the Operating Room Oversight Committee, ACAPT Committee for the University of Michigan Medical School, the Leadership Development Advisory Board and many others. Dr. Fenner has received numerous awards for her contributions as a physician surgeon, educator, and leader. Most notably, in 2011 she was awarded the “Continence Champion” by the National Association for Continence, in 2014 she was given the Sarah Goddard Award by the University of Michigan for Leadership in the advancement of women. In 2015 she was recognized with the Life Time Achievement Award by the American Urogynecologic Society and in 2017 she was the recipient of the prestigious Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics Lifetime Achievement Award. The University of Michigan again recognized Dr. Fenner in 2019 with the the Rudi Ansbacher Leadership Award for Support of Women in Healthcare.

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- » Dr. A. Brian Little – 1988*
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Program Schedule - Friday, September 30, 2022

📍 Grand Ballroom

🕒 06:45 a.m. – 07:45 a.m.

📍 Walton Room

Breakfast

🕒 07:45 a.m. – 09:45 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION 1

👤 Moderator: Dee E. Fenner, MD

07:45 a.m. – 08:00 a.m.

Welcome

Dee E. Fenner, MD

08:00 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.

Hunter Oration

Advancing Health Care of the Future

Janis M. Orłowski, MD, MACP

08:45 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.

Maternal and Obstetric Outcomes: A Report Card for the U.S.

William Grobman, MD, MBA

09:30 a.m. – 09:45 a.m.

Q&A

🕒 09:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

📍 Walton Room

Coffee/Tea Break

🕒 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Panel Discussion

👤 Moderator: Melissa A. Simon, MD, MPH

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Tired and Inspired: Notes for Leaders on a Post-Roe Abortion Landscape

Overview - Abortion as a Healthcare/Health Systems Issue

Elizabeth A. Howell, MD, MPP

Notes from a "Ban" State

Stephanie Teal, MD, MPH

Notes from a "Surge" State

Sadia Haider, MD, MPH

Operationalizing Medical Education Post-Roe

Courtney A. Schreiber, MD, MPH

Communicating about Abortion - the Evidence that Doctors' Voices Matter

Lisa Harris, MD, PhD

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Q&A

🕒 11:30 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.

📍 Walton Room

Lunch

🕒 01:00 p.m. – 02:15 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION 2

👤 Moderator: Ronald Alvarez, MD

01:00 p.m. – 01:15 p.m.

Presidential Address

Dee E. Fenner, MD

01:15 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.

A Race Conscious Approach to Investigation and Intervention of Endometrial Cancer Inequity

Kemi M. Doll, MD, MCSR

02:00 p.m. – 02:15 p.m.

Q&A

🕒 02:15 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion

👤 Moderator: Okeoma Mmeje, MD, MPH

02:15 p.m. – 02:45 p.m.

Data-driven Interventions to Reduce Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity

Mark Connelly, MEng, Malika Fair, MD, MPH & Elena Lagon, MD

02:45 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Q&A

Program Schedule - Friday, September 30, 2022

📍 Grand Ballroom

🕒 03.00 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION 3

👤 Moderator: Dee E. Fenner, MD

03.00 p.m. – 03:45 p.m.

Price Oration

**Reproductive Rights, Reproductive Justice and the
Global Community**

Jeanne A. Conry, MD, PhD

03:45 p.m. – 04:15 p.m.

History of AGOS: 40 Year Anniversary

Mary E. D'Alton, MD

04:15 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.

Q&A and Wrap Up

🕒 05:30 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.

📍 Club International

Welcome Reception

Program Schedule - Saturday, October 1, 2022

📍 Grand Ballroom

🕒 07:00 a.m. – 07:30 a.m.

📍 Walton Room

Breakfast

🕒 07:30 a.m. – 07:50 a.m.

AGOS Annual Business Meeting

🕒 07:50 a.m. – 08:10 a.m.

AAOGF Annual Business Meeting

🕒 08:10 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION 4

👤 Moderators: Donald Dudley, MD and Angeles Alvarez Secord, MD, MHSc

08:10 a.m. – 08:25 a.m.

AAOGF Scholar Lecture

Immune Modulation of CaMKK2 in the Ovarian Tumor Microenvironment

Rebecca A. Previs, MD, MS

08:25 a.m. – 08:40 a.m.

AAOGF Scholar Lecture

Challenges and Opportunities for AI-based Risk Prediction in Obstetrics

Mark A. Clapp, MD, MPH

08:40 a.m. – 09:15 a.m.

Unraveling the Vaginal Ecosystem to Advance Reproductive Health

Michal A. Elovitz, MD

09:15 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.

Q&A

🕒 09:30 a.m. – 09:45 a.m.

📍 Walton Room

Coffee/Tea Break

🕒 09:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION 4

👤 Moderator: Dee E. Fenner, MD

09:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

ABOG Lecture

Urgent Opportunities in Medical Education

Sanjay Desai, MD (virtual)

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Critical Race Theory: What It Is, What It Isn't, and What We Can Learn from It

Erica E. Marsh, MD, MSCI, FACOG

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

ABOG Updates

George D. Wendel, Jr., MD

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Q&A and Wrap Up

Presentation Summaries



Janis M. Orlowski, MD, MACP

Friday, September 30, 2022 (08:00 a.m.)

Hunter Oration

Advancing Health Care of the Future

2022 is the perfect time to reflect back on successes and failures in health care and to set a path for the future to achieve key goals.

How do we finance medical education and medical research while still maintaining a vibrant, safe and efficient clinical care system? Who will be the physicians of tomorrow? How do leaders of today set the path for future success.



William Grobman, MD, MBA

Friday, September 30, 2022 (08:45 a.m.)

Maternal and Obstetric Outcomes: A Report Card for the U.S.

A review of progress – or lack thereof – made in terms of maternal and obstetric outcomes.



Melissa Simon, MD, MPH (moderator)

Elizabeth A. Howell, MD, MPP

Stephanie Teal, MD, MPH

Sadia Haider, MD, MPH

Courtney A. Schreiber, MD, MPH

Lisa Harris, MD, PhD

Friday, September 30, 2022 (10:00 a.m.)

Panel Discussion

Tired and Inspired: Notes for Leaders on a Post-Roe abortion Landscape

Panel members will address the current clinical care and training landscape post-Dobbs and solicit input from OBGYN leaders on forging ahead.



Kemi M. Doll, MD, MCSR

Friday, September 30, 2022 (01.30 p.m.)

A Race Conscious Approach to Investigation and Intervention of Endometrial Cancer Inequity

This lecture will summarize the problem of racial inequity in endometrial cancer, the use of health disparities theory to guide study questions, and current and future directions of research in this space. The use of population-level data, qualitative work, and community engagement as primers for effective intervention efforts will also be covered.

Presentation Summaries



Okeoma Mmeje, MD, MPH (moderator)



Mark Connelly, MEng



Malika Fair, MD, MPH



Elena Lagon, MD

Friday, September 30, 2022 (02.15 p.m.)

Panel Discussion

Data-driven Interventions to Reduce Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity

Disparities in healthcare access, experience, and outcomes exist because of structural and systemic inequities, which influence the social determinants of health. Hospitals and health systems are responsible for driving the needed changes to upend the inequities and societal factors that influence health. Similarly, Obstetricians and Gynecologists are responsible for leading and driving the changes that are very much needed to turn the tide on maternal mortality and reproductive health disparities in the United States.



Jeanne A. Conry, MD, PhD

Friday, September 30, 2022 (03:00 p.m.)

Price Oration

Reproductive Rights, Reproductive Justice and the Global Community

Reproductive justice is the right to control our bodies, our lives, our sexualities, our gender, our work, and our reproduction. Placed within this context, Reproductive Rights focus on the legal challenges women face around the globe in terms of access to safe abortion, to contraception, and to the empowerment of deciding if or when a family is desired. While we have seen a restriction of access to safe abortion in some parts of the world, and certainly a threat across the United States in access, rights and civil liberties, what can we learn from the successes in other countries?



Mary E. D'Alton, MD

Friday, September 30, 2022 (03:45 p.m.)

History of AGOS: 40 Year Anniversary

On May 22, 1981, the American Gynecological Society (AGS) and The American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAOG), through mutual agreement, merged to become the American Gynecological and Obstetrician Society (AGOS). The unification was presented first in 1972 noting that 40% of the members of the AAOG were member of AGS and 60% of the fellows of AGS were also members of the AAOG. In addition to their overlapping fellowships rolls, each stood for the same thing: high standards in clinical practice, education, and research and sought out the same candidates that weren't sought out by any other organization in the United States. Due to this, it was seen as a practical approach after many years of discussion to merge the organizations in 1981 thereby creating AGOS.

Our specialty and our society have changed dramatically and the current composition of AGOS certainly reflects those changes. Our history is important because the members of our society represent the leadership of our disciplines and its subspecialties. At our meetings, members have presented scholarly work that has changed medical practice. Nonacademic issues that occupied the membership: How many days should the meeting last? Where shall we meet? remain with us and others like: Should there be a thesis presentation requirement? is now resolved for many years.

This talk will present the available history of our organization over the last 40 years and the reflections of many of the living past Presidents of the society in the hopes that we will not only learn from our past but also that we will leave the 40th meeting in Chicago with a renewed sense of commitment to building upon our society's founding principles. Appreciation of the continuity of the past and present assures our commitment to excellence in our scholarly activities.

Presentation Summaries



Rebecca A. Previs, MD, MS

Saturday, October 1, 2022 (08:10 a.m.)

AAOGF Scholar Lecture

Immune Modulation of CaMKK2 in the Ovarian Tumor Microenvironment

The ability of cancer cells to escape or evade the immune system is made possible, in part, by immunosuppressive co-signals such as programmed cell death 1 (PD-1) and its corresponding ligand, PD-L1. T-cells express PD-1, and PD-L1 is expressed on tumor-infiltrating immune cells, ovarian cancer cells and other cells within the tumor microenvironment. The presence of tumor-infiltrating T-cells correlates with improved clinical outcomes in ovarian cancer. Success of checkpoint inhibitors in lung cancer and melanoma has increased interest in other solid malignancies, like ovarian cancer. However, the clinical efficacy of existing modalities has been limited due to resistance of ovarian malignancies to immune check point blockade. Calcium Calmodulin Kinase Kinase 2 (CaMKK2) is selectively expressed in the myeloid cell subsets and in cancer cells of solid malignancies, such as breast and prostate cancers. Integrated analyses of The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) data showed that expression of CaMKK2 was associated with patient survival outcomes. Our work focuses on expression of CaMKK2 in advanced stage, high grade serous ovarian cancer and pharmacological inhibition of CaMKK2 in vitro and in vivo.



Mark A. Clapp, MD, MPH

Saturday, October 1, 2022 (08:25 a.m.)

AAOGF Scholar Lecture

Challenges and Opportunities for AI-based Risk Prediction in Obstetrics

Artificial intelligence methods, such as machine learning, are entering the world of clinical medicine. This talk will explore how big data and AI can help to identify individuals at high risk for maternal morbidity, including the current challenges that exist and the future opportunities.



Michal A. Elovitz, MD

Saturday, October 1, 2022 (08:40 a.m.)

Unraveling the Vaginal Ecosystem to Advance Reproductive Health

The last few decades have seen limited advancements in reproductive health. This failure is mostly due to an inadequate understanding of biological processes in the lower reproductive tract that govern health and disease. Dissecting out the molecular, microbial and metabolomic contributions to the vaginal ecosystem can serve to advance our understanding of diverse obstetrical and gynecological conditions.

Presentation Summaries



Sanjay Desai, MD

Saturday, October 1, 2022 (09:45 a.m.)

ABOG Lecture

Urgent Opportunities in Medical Education

We will present a set of urgent opportunities in medical education, and describe examples of innovations that are being pursued against them. The opportunities were synthesized from discussions with key stakeholders across the nation, and across the continuum of medical training.



George D. Wendel, Jr. MD

Saturday, October 1, 2022 (11:15 a.m.)

ABOG Updates

Updates on ABOG Officers, Board of Directors and Division members; ABOG public statements; IRS 501(c)(3) transition application; Qualifying and Certifying Examination pass rate performance information and exam delivery dates; and information on the ABOG standards proposal.



Erica E. Marsh, MD, MSCI, FACOG

Saturday, October 1, 2022 (10:30 a.m.)

Critical Race Theory: What It Is, What It Isn't, and What We Can Learn from It

The last decade has highlighted how polarized we are as a nation, with race remaining one of the most divisive topics in our society. As leaders in women's health, we strive to hold ourselves, the care we provide, and the research we perform, above these national headlines, but in reality, we cannot separate what we do and how we do it, from who we are at this moment. How can critical race theory help us be optimal leaders both now and in the future?

AAOGF Travel Awardees 2022



Walter T. Dannreuther Award

Angela Bianco, MD

*Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science
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AGOS President's Award

Ahizechukwu Eke, MD, PhD, MPH

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Jonathan D. Emery, MD

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Donald Swartz, Award

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*Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine
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Henry L. Darner Award

Marcella Willis-Gray, MD

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2021 New Fellows

- » **Bala Bhagavath, MD** – UW School of Medicine and Public Health
- » **Wendy Brewster, MD** – University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- » **Cynthia Brincat MD** – Rush University Medical Center
- » **Irina Burd, MD** – John Hopkins School of Medicine
- » **Samantha Butts, MD** – Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine
- » **Katherine Chen, MD** – Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- » **Joshua Cohen, MD** – University of California Los Angeles
- » **AnnaMarie Connolly, MD** – UNC School of Medicine
- » **Laura Detti, MD** – Cleveland Clinic Chair, Department of Subspecialty Care for Women’s Health
- » **Ramez Eskander, MD** – University of California, San Diego
- » **John Farley, MD** – St. Josephs hospital and Medical Center
- » **Melissa Geller, MD** – University of Minnesota
- » **Chad Grotegut, MD** – Wake Forest University
- » **Brittany Star Hampton, MD** – Women and Infants Hospital
- » **Robert Holloway, MD** – Advent Health Medical Group
- » **Megan Huchko, MD** – Duke Global Health Institute
- » **Jin Hee Kim, MD** – Columbia University Irving Medical Center
- » **Men-Jean Lee, MD** – John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii
- » **Frank Louwen, MD** – Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main
- » **Emily Lukacz, MD** – University of California San Diego
- » **Lubna Pal, MD** – Yale School of Medicine
- » **Bhavana Pothuri, MD** – NYU Langone Health/NYU Grossman School of Medicine
- » **Matthew Powell, MD** – Washington University, Saint Louis
- » **David Rahn, MD** – University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- » **Pedro Ramirez, MD** – The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- » **Leslie Randall, MD** – Virginia Commonwealth University
- » **Beri Ridgeway, MD** – Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- » **Peter Schnatz, MD** – Reading Hospital/Tower Health
- » **Jan Shifren, MD** – Massachusetts General Hospital
- » **Emily Su, MD** – University of Colorado School of Medicine
- » **Akila Subramaniam, MD** – University of Alabama at Birmingham
- » **Premal Thaker, MD** – Washington University School of Medicine
- » **Frank Tu, MD** – North Shore University Health System
- » **Brownsyne Tucker Edmonds, MD** – Indiana University School of Medicine
- » **Erika Werner, MD** – Tufts Medical Center
- » **Blair Wylie, MD** – Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

2022 New Fellows

- » **Sarah Adams, MD** - University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center
- » **Marianna Alperin, MD, MS** - University of California, San Diego
- » **Leslie Appiah, MD** - University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- » **Leigh Cantrell, MD, MSPH** - University of Virginia
- » **Ebony Carter, MD, MPH** - Washington University School of Medicine
- » **Kathleen Connell, MD** - University of Colorado School of Medicine
- » **LaTasha Craig, MD** - University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- » **Katherine Fuh, MD, PhD** - Washington University
- » **Gabriella Gosman, MD** - UPMC/University of Pittsburgh
- » **Marsha K. Guess, MD, MS** - The University of Colorado School of Medicine
- » **Sadia Haider, MD, MPH** - Rush University
- » **Maya Hammoud, MD, MBA** - University of Michigan Medical School
- » **Shannon Hawkins, MD, PhD** - Indiana University School of Medicine
- » **Rosanne Marie Kho, MD** - Cleveland Clinic
- » **Tristi Muir, MD** - Cleveland Clinic
- » **John Randolph, MD** - University of Michigan
- » **Jared Robins, MD, MBA** - American Society for Reproductive Medicine
- » **Christina Scifres, MD** - Indiana University School of Medicine
- » **Yolanda Smith, MD, MS** - Michigan Medicine
- » **Methodius Tuuli, MD, MPH, MBA** - Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University/Women and Infants Hospital
- » **Fidel Valea, MD** - Northwell Health Cancer Institute / Zucker School of Medicine

In Memoriam



MARY JANE GRAY, MD

JANUARY 23, 2022

Dr. Gray was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1924, did her undergraduate at Swarthmore College. She graduated from Washington University Medical School in 1949 followed by an internship at the same institution. Dr. Gray then transitioned to Columbia University at NY Presbyterian Hospital for her residency with a special focus in gynecology. After residency she arrived in Burlington, Vermont in 1960 to practice obstetrics and gynecology, and teach at the UVM Medical School. She was one of the very few women practicing in her field at that time and was considered a pioneer.

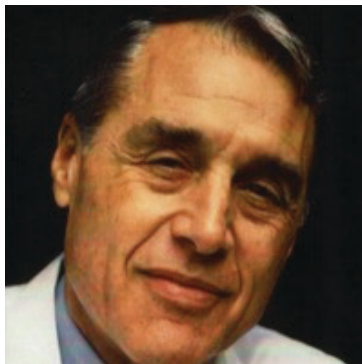
Dr. Gray authored numerous scientific articles on a wide variety of subjects including the regulation of sodium and total body water metabolism in pregnancy, Rh sensitization, the role of radiation in the treatment of gynecologic malignancies and women in medicine. She was an advocate for reproductive justice. In 1965 Dr. Gray became one of the founders of Planned Parenthood of Vermont. In 1991 she published the Woman's Guide to good Health which she co-authored with Florence Hazeltine and Susan Love.

In 1963, she married Thomas Bassett and took on, loved, and raised four teenaged children whose mother had died suddenly four years before. She brought her own family member, a tall and gracious black standard poodle named Mitzi. For many years she balanced the care and tending of the family, house, and gardens with a full obstetrical practice, a full-time teaching load, and research. She also joined the Burlington Friends Meeting, which met in the barn behind their house, and often hosted guests for lunch after Quaker meeting on Sundays.

In 1979 she left Vermont to become head of Women's Health Services at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Upon retirement she moved to Oregon, continuing to volunteer at women's health clinics in Portland and Corvallis. She joined the Corvallis Friends Meeting and became close to many, both in the meeting and outside of it. Dr. Gray began to paint in her retirement, almost entirely in watercolors, and almost always landscapes of the Oregon coast, mountains, and woodlands that she loved.

Dr. Gray will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by her two surviving stepchildren, Lisa Bassett of Chicago and Marty French of Burlington and their families, as well as her nieces and nephews.

In Memoriam



LEO LAGASSE, MD

AUGUST 2, 2022

Dr. Lagasse was born June 13, 1931 and passed away peacefully age the age of 91 on August 2, 2022. Raised in Los Angeles, he attended Loyola HS and Loyola University.

Following his US Air Force service between 1952-1954, he was trained in medicine at the University of Virginia and completed his internship and residency at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) in gynecologic oncology. Following his training, Dr. Lagasse joined the faculty in Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UCLA and as academic researcher at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

He quickly rose to the ranks of professor.

Dr. Lagasse was a trailblazer in the treatment of and research in women's cancers. He was one of the first to advocate a two-team approach to radical pelvic surgery and exenteration, as well as an early supporter of a less-morbid individualized approach to vulva cancer surgery. He published over 130 peer reviewed articles and numerous book chapters. He was an author of many GOG clinical trials and important studies in the surgical management of ovarian cancer and pelvic exenteration. Over 20 years ago he published an important article titled "A Balance Life: a Discussion of Stress in Gynecologic Oncology." He recognized the concept of wellness and burnout even before it became a mainstream topic. Dr. Lagasse was known as an innovative surgeon and virtuoso in the operating room. He trained countless fellows and residents in the surgical art of gynecologic oncology. Dr. Lagasse inspired those around him to push boundaries and strive for excellence on behalf of our patient. The Leo D. Lagasse (LDL) Society, founded by his fellows, continues to honor his clinical excellence, compassion, and ethics in medicine.

Dr. Lagasse served as SGO President from 1980-1981 and continued to serve the subspecialty in a variety of volunteer roles. Dr. Lagasse and his wife, Ann, also founded Medicine for Humanity, a medical care and teaching organization committed to the health interests of mothers in underserved populations around the world. In 2013, he was honored as the recipient of the SGO Humanitarianism and Volunteerism Award. His legacy will continue to be felt for decades to come in the lives of those he educated and mentored and in the field of gynecologic oncology at large.

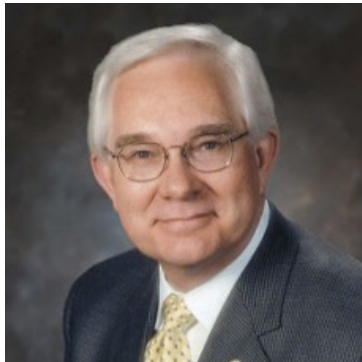
Dr. Karlan, a long-time colleague said, Leo was my mentor and friend for over three decades. While his passing was not unexpected, I've been reflecting on his legacy and his impact on gynecologic oncology. Leo was a farsighted leader, a master surgeon, a compassionate clinician, and an inspiring teacher. Those who had the privilege to work with him wanted to emulate him. He never settled for the standards of today and always pushed us to do better.

We all have favorite anecdotes from our time spent with Dr. Lagasse and acknowledge that he shaped our own careers. Professionally, he was happiest when he was in the operating room and in service of others. He founded Medicine for Humanity after many missions around the world caring for underserved women with gynecologic cancers. Dr. Lagasse made this a better, kinder world and his influence on gynecologic cancer care will live on through his diaspora of trainees.

Dr. Lagasse was a lifelong tennis player and sports fan, an avid reader, passionate about friends, family and lifelong learning. He hiked his beloved hills of Malibu with his black labs. Dr. Lagasse was married to the love of his life, Ann Lagasse for nearly 61 years. Their wonderful life in Malibu yielded three children, Susan, Janet and Pete and 6 grandchildren.

Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD and Beth Karlan, MD

In Memoriam



JAMES MARTIN JR., MD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

Dr. Martin was born in Maryland. Educated in public schools close to the naval bases where his father served during his growing up years, He was a 1969 Cum Laude graduate of Wake Forest University, where he met his wife, the former Gloria Howard. Marrying five days before he began medical school at UNC Chapel Hill, Dr. Martin's subsequent residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology included three years in Chapel Hill and a year in Stockholm, Sweden on a World Health Organization Fellowship. He then completed a two-year sub-specialty Fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Parkland Hospital in Dallas (University of Texas Southwestern). His first academic appointment was at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for two years, and then to Jackson, Mississippi in July of 1981, where Dr. Martin served on the faculty of the University of Mississippi Medical Center until December of 2014, later serving as Professor Emeritus. Upon the move to Winston Salem, he served as Adjunct Professor of OBGYN at Wake Forest Baptist, teaching via Zoom. Dr. Martin trained countless residents and maternal-fetal medicine fellows in Mississippi. He was a researcher, a scientist, a great physician, and a generous colleague and friend. He was a preeminent global authority on the hypertensive diseases of pregnancy, directly and indirectly saving and improving the lives of innumerable patients worldwide. He also was an early pioneer in the study of prostaglandins in pregnancy. He authored numerous peer reviewed scientific articles and book chapters.

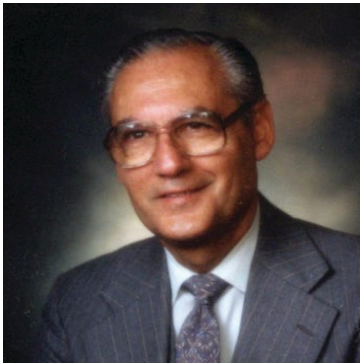
As a Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) specialist, Dr. Martin served the field of women's health for 48 years through his role as a leader in OBGYN. Dr. Martin's immense contribution to organized medicine included presidencies of the North American Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. He was fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and a distinguished medical alumnus of the University of North Carolina. He also served on the Board of the International Federation of Gynecologists and Obstetricians (FIGO). In 2011, Dr. Martin became the 62nd president of ACOG and appointed a task force to review, study, and distill the medical literature on preeclampsia. The resulting publication, "Hypertension in Pregnancy," published in 2013, is used worldwide to guide the care of pregnancies complicated by hypertension. During his ACOG presidency, Dr. Martin was also dedicated to global women's health care and proud of advancing gender equity within the organization. His work continued into retirement, with international speaking appearances and positions with the Preeclampsia Foundation, the Mississippi State Perinatal Quality Collaborative Steering Committee, and the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

Dr. Martin was "a giant in obstetrics," said former ACOG President J. Martin Tucker, MD, FACOG, at Dr. Martin's induction into the UMMC Medical Alumni Hall of Fame in 2016. Dr. Tucker noted that when Dr. Martin joined the department of obstetrics and gynecology at UMMC in 1981, he was the first fellowship-trained, board-certified maternal-fetal medicine subspecialist in Mississippi. During his more than three decades at UMMC, Dr. Martin was a prolific researcher, writer, and speaker. He served in numerous capacities, including his long-term directorship of the division of maternal-fetal medicine, and retired as a full professor. "He has touched the lives of hundreds of medical students in our state, scores of residents, and dozens of fellows," said Dr. Tucker in 2016. "He is a true professional in every aspect of his life. In fact, his ACOG inaugural address was titled Take the High Road—and Learn to Dance." His friends and colleagues remember him too for his exquisite professionalism and immense personal resilience. Among Dr. Martin's greatest joys were family time at home or traveling with his wife Gloria, interacting with his children and grandchildren and siblings, conversations with friends, and working to tend the landscape surrounding the family home in Jackson. Always up before sunrise, he could hardly wait to get outside at first light to see what was blooming and what needed a little help.

Dr. Martin is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gloria Howard Martin; son Brent Howard Martin, daughter Rachel Martin Butler, goddaughter Maria Poole Madden, and four grandchildren.

Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD

In Memoriam



KAMRAN MOGHISSI, MD

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Dr. Moghissi was born September 11, 1925 in Tehran, Iran and he was the eldest of 6. Dr. Moghissi graduated from the University of Geneva School of Medicine in 1952. On January 2, 1952 Kamran married the love of his life, Ida Laura (Iti). He subsequently completed his postgraduate and residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Surgery in England, and at Wayne State University Affiliated Hospitals, where he joined the School of Medicine faculty in 1962 and later became a professor emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Moghissi was an internationally known innovator and researcher in the fields of reproductive medicine, fertility enhancement, and regulation. He authored and co-authored more than 360 peer-reviewed publications and edited and co-edited 17 books. He was awarded numerous research grants from the World Health Organization and National Institutes of Health and served as chair of the Department of OB-GYN at Wayne State University and Detroit Medical Center. From 1990-91, he served as president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. He also served as president of the Society of Reproductive Endocrinologists from 1989-90 and as the first ever president of the Michigan Society for Reproductive Endocrinology. Additionally, he was a member of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Fertility and Maternal Health Drug Advisory Committee, a member of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Population Research Committee, a consultant to the World Health Organization, and chair of the National Institute of Health's Reproductive Endocrinology Study Section. For his many services to ASRM, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 2009.

Dr. Moghissi established the first Comprehensive Infertility Clinic at Wayne State University and the first successful In Vitro Fertilization program in the state of Michigan. Wayne State University honored him in 1997 by establishing the Kamran S. Moghissi, MD, Chair in Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility.

Dr. Moghissi, MD passed away peacefully in his Naples, FL home on Sunday December 12, 2021, with family nearby. His wife, preceded him in death in 2012. Dr. Moghissi leaves behind a daughter, Soraya Coccimiglio and four grandchildren and five great-grandsons.

Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD

In Memoriam



CHARLES PAUL MORROW, MD

MARCH 17, 2022

Dr. Morrow was born and reared in Malta, MT, in 1935. In 1957, he graduated from Carroll College in Helena, MT and in 1962 he earned his MD from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago. He met his wife during his internship at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, WA, then served for two years as a Navy medical officer on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kearsarge. Dr. Morrow completed his obstetrics and gynecology residency at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Chicago. He began his lifelong career in the new subspecialty of gynecologic oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas in 1968 under the guidance of Felix Rutledge. In 1971, he became a faculty member of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at LAC+USC Medical Center where he devoted his professional life to teaching, research and providing exceptional care to women with gynecologic cancer. He quickly rose to the rank of professor.

Dr. Morrow was an influential leader and educator in gynecologic cancer care, surgery, and research with a notable career spanning 45 years. He was a founding member not only of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society, but also of the gynecologic oncology division of the University of Southern California and played a significant role in the formative years of the Gynecologic Oncology Group. Dr. Morrow served as the USC Division Director of Gynecologic Oncology for 30 years. He served as IGCS's first-ever president from 1987-1989 and was thereafter elected president of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology which he led from 1990 to 1991. Throughout his career, he formed relationships and friendships across the globe, truly encompassing the mission of the IGCS and SGO. He trained many US and international gynecologic oncologists who are now also leaders in the field.

He is widely known for authoring two landmark textbooks, including Morrow's Gynecologic Cancer Surgery which set the standards for procedures in this specialty. He published over 130 Peer reviewed publications. His sentinel work in the GOG characterizing surgical-pathologic risk factors in endometrial cancer is still very relevant today. He was dedicated to providing the best of care to his patients, and though he is known for his surgical skill, he was extremely knowledgeable about the principles of both chemotherapy and radiotherapy and his goal was always to optimally utilize these to provide the best outcome for his patients. The many fellows he trained respected him enormously, not just for his clinical skill but his wisdom and calm demeanor. His many witty and incredibly to the point statements (a famous example: "the surgeon is not a platelet") have been memorialized in the "The sayings of Chairman Morrow," put together by Leo Twigg.

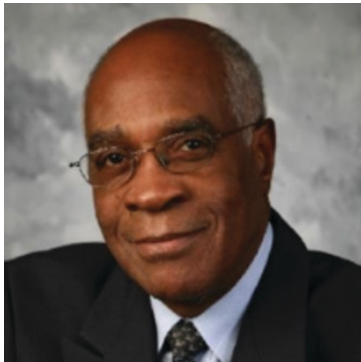
Colleagues from USC have said: For those of us lucky enough to have had him as a colleague, he was supportive but tough, and pushed us to up our game. But for many of us, he became a friend and a huge support during tough times. He was incredibly well read, and so very wise. But despite all his incredible talents, he was always humble to a fault and never took himself too seriously. He was devoted to his family and his faith, and these anchored him throughout his career. He will be sorely missed by many. We are so grateful to have known him and to have learned from him about medicine and life.

Dr. John Curtin, former SGO President commented: Paul was a wonderful teacher and mentor. He led by example and with great humility. I was very fortunate to have worked with Paul immediately after fellowship. In that formative time Paul provided great advice on developing an academic career, dedication to teaching of medical students, residents and fellows and participation in professional organizations. His vision and wisdom continue to inform me decades later.

Dr. Morrow passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jean, of 59 years and their large and loving family: their five children; 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD

In Memoriam



RODRIGUE MORTEL, MD

APRIL 22, 2022

Dr. Mortel was born on December 3, 1933 in St. Marc, Haiti. After graduating from medical school in Haiti, Dr. Mortel received training in obstetrics and gynecology at Hahnemann Medical College and in gynecologic oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. During his 30-year tenure at the Penn State College of Medicine, he became full Professor and in 1982, became the first black foreign educated doctor to chair one of the 126 United States medical schools departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He occupied that position for 13 years. In 1995, he was promoted to Associate Dean and founding Director of the Penn State University Cancer Center. In his storied career, Dr. Mortel would not only treat many patients, but teach many new generations of clinicians and conduct groundbreaking research during his 30-year tenure at the Penn State College of Medicine

Before he retired from medicine, Dr. Mortel studied at St. Mary's Seminary University in Baltimore and was ordained a permanent deacon for the Catholic Church in 2001. He also served as the Director of the Missions Office for the Archdiocese of Baltimore and deacon at St. Joan of Arc parish in Hershey and his hometown parish in St. Marc, Haiti. In 1997, he created the Mortel Family Charitable Foundation which is now known as the Mortel High Hopes for Haiti Foundation to serve the poorest of the poor in Haiti. The Foundation currently operates numerous schools that serve over 1,500 children and adults. He also endowed two visiting scholar lectureships at Penn State University.

Dr. Mortel published three books, 135 articles and chapters in books as well as editorials in various medical journals and periodicals including *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. For his numerous achievements, Dr. Mortel received many awards and occupied leadership positions in all prestigious obstetrical and gynecological societies in this country. He received the United States Public Health Service Award in 1970, the prestigious Horatio Alger Award in 1985 (*From Rags to Riches*), and the highly coveted Faculty Scholar Medal from the Pennsylvania State University for outstanding achievement in the area of health sciences in 1986.

Dr. Mortel's impact on the world, through his work in gynecologic oncology, his dedication to education and his philanthropy, cannot be understated. Dr. Mortel was the creator and founding Chairman of the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF) and became, in 1994, the first foreigner to be President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO). In 2013, the Penn State University College of Medicine named one of its four learning communities the Mortel Society and in 2015, Dr. Mortel received the Penn State Alumni Association's Honorary Alumnus Award.

Dr. Mortel's life was spent in service to others, and the impact of his legacy will continue to be felt for decades to come, through his research, charity, and education. He was a true giant, and we will always feel his presence in the field as those he educated continue to educate others, those he impacted impact others and as the many programs he founded continue to lift up patients and communities.

Comments from AGOS members who worked closely with Dr. Mortel include Dr. Wesley Fowler: "There is no question we have lost a giant. Rod was a dear friend of mine. He was very special in so many ways. He was always available to help others including what he did for his home country. Always had a smile and such an infectious laugh. He played a major role in establishing the SGO foundation [FWC]. He will be missed by so many. Those of us that knew him are blessed for sure." And Dr. David Mutch: "Rod Mortel was a great person. He was always principle based and focused on the tripartite mission. He was a role model for me and many others. In his later life he devoted himself to the people of Haiti. I think it is estimated that he provided funds to feed over 23,000 (yes 23,000) Haitian children. He was a man who did rather than just talk. We could all learn from his actions."

Surviving are his loving wife of 50 years, Cecilia (Shahhein) Mortel and their two children, Denise Mortel Mitchell and Renee Mortel Joy, son Ronald Mortel and daughter Michele Hall (Darryl) from a previous marriage and seven grandchildren.

Submitted by Barbara Goff, MD, David Mutch, MD and Wesley Fowler, MD

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