

# AUTHORS' DINNER

A winery tour, a walk at sunset in a vineyard, a social hour and dinner doesn't describe the usual setting where attending faculty and residents meet. On July 19, 2007, the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, Department of Surgery held its first 'Authors Dinner' at Kickapoo Creek Winery in Edwards, Illinois. The brainchild of faculty member Dr. David Crawford, the 'Authors Dinner' was created to congratulate and celebrate those faculty and residents who had published peer-reviewed articles and/or book chapters in recent years. Fourteen faculty and seven residents were invited to the dinner along with their spouses/significant others who were thanked for the time and attention they had relinquished in order for them to publish. Dr. Thomas Santoro, Visiting Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, gave the keynote address entitled 'Surgical Nobel Laureates'.



Submitted by Norm Estes



## IN GRATITUDE

The Council wishes to acknowledge Senior Member Paul Thomas and his wife, Eva Hernandez-Thomas for their generous monetary gifts to the Society over the past year. Their support provided necessary funds to allow publication of the newest edition of the Cole Directory and the participation of four resident Associate Members at the ACS meeting in New Orleans including attendance of the Society's Annual Business Meeting and the Olga Jonasson Memorial Lecture delivered by Nancy Asher. The Council is beholden to our Members who provide the means by which the Society may further its mission.

## 2007 AWARDEES

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !

At the annual Awards Dinner in June, Dr. Paul Thomas, on behalf of the Warren H. Cole Society presented the following students with the respective awards:

Cole Award .....	Brett Dempsey .....	Peoria
.....	Tatiana Feuerstein .....	Chicago
Nyhus Award .....	Sung Kwon.....	Rockford



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The Alumni Association of the University of Illinois Department of Surgery

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The Department of Surgery at the University of Illinois

**NANCY HOCKSTRA, EDITOR**

**NOVEMBER 2007**

## President's Update

Greetings from the Warren H. Cole Society. Autumn tends to be very hectic, from the time the kids go back to school until that first blizzard forces everyone to slow down and stay home. This year is no exception. Speaking for the Society, I can say we have had a productive summer and fall thus far. Our intrepid Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Gunnar, has done yeoman work cleaning up the membership rolls and inspiring everyone to support the society. Nancy Hoekstra and Teena Jops have repeatedly gone above and beyond on all of our behalf. They have rapidly become the linchpins of the organization. We are fortunate to have them.



In early October, Amelia Bartholomew hosted (and produced and directed and costarred) a symposium at the Chicago Art Institute honoring the late Olga Jonasson, celebrating her life and career and her association with the University of Illinois and the Warren H. Cole Society. Incorporating Dr. Jonasson's love of art as the backdrop for symposium, those in attendance enjoyed the stories of her life and the perspective given by the speakers regarding her contributions to Surgery as a woman, a scientist, a clinician, a scholar, a teacher, and a friend. I believe we are all proud to be associated with her. Congratulations and thank you to Amelia Bartholomew for a wonderful event.

Speaking of events, the annual American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress was held last month in New Orleans. We had a great dinner and business meeting at Pat O's on the River. The venue was excellent, thanks to Teena, and the food and conversation was superb. New Orleans was as vibrant as ever, and the congress was stimulating. Many Cole Society members were able to attend and reunite. My favorite part of the evening was introducing our new Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Enrico Benedetti, and watching him acknowledge former Cole residents, former Nyhus residents, and former Abcarian residents. The legacy of Dr. Cole lives on in us. I look forward in the near future to welcoming the Benedetti residents into the Society.

My year as president of the Warren H. Cole Society has ended. As I turn the reins over to Norm Estes, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be associated with this august group. God Bless.

John Wieland

## NEW MEMBERS

At the Annual Meeting in New Orleans, the following two new members were voted into the Society:

JOHN D. MURRAY, who joined the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria as Assistant Professor of Surgery in April 2002. His responsibilities have included assisting in the development of the Section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, creating a program of excellence that can support the regional trauma and outreach programs, developing a fellowship in Plastic Surgery, and providing education and mentorship to medical students and residents. He received his medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine, where he completed his General Surgery residency and fellowship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. His training also included time spent at University of Texas, Southwestern, in Dallas, TX and Paces Plastic Surgery and Recovery Center in Atlanta, GA.

MICHELLE TANSEY, who is currently a Partner, Elmhurst Clinic, L.L.C., Elmhurst, IL. She received her medical degree from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine and completed her General Surgery residency from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria in 2002.

## COUNCIL

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# 2007-2008 CHIEF RESIDENTS

Following is general information about some of this year's PGY5's from each campus:

## UIC

### ENRIQUE FERNANDO ELLI

Birth Place: Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic  
Grew Up In: Suburb of Buenos Aires where I attended primary and high school  
Education: Completed medical school at the University del Salvador, Buenos Aires in 1996

Started residency in General Surgery at the University of Buenos Aires where I graduated as a General Surgeon in 2001

My interest in new technologies and laparoscopic surgery moved me to Chicago where I completed a 2 year fellowship in Laparoscopic, Bariatric and Robotic Surgery. I finished the fellowship in 2003 and moved back to Argentina, where I became an attending in the Department of Surgery at the University of Buenos Aires

Not fully satisfied in my country, I decided to come back to Chicago for good.

One of my desires was to be Board Certified in Surgery in the US, so with help from the UIC people I started the general Surgery residency as a PGY3 in 2005

Goals/Plans: One of my goals in my career was to train in the US and also to be Board Certified in order to practice in this country. Once done with residency, I will continue working in the field of minimally invasive, bariatric, and robotic surgery.



### DAVID E. K. HONG

Birth Place: Taichung, Taiwan  
Grew Up In: Dallas, Texas  
Education: Undergrad: University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign - BS in Cell & Structural Biology  
Grad: University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign - MS in Biology  
Med Degree: D.O. from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Post General Surgery training plan: fellowship in Colon & Rectal surgery  
Career plans: Clinical teaching affiliated with a general surgery residency  
Personal plans: Travel the world. Snowboard 100 days during one snow season.



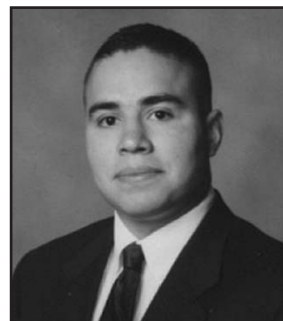
### GIDEON MARESKY

Place of Birth: Cape Town, South Africa  
Education: High School: Herzlia High School, Cape Town, completed 1987  
University: UCT (University of Cape Town) BSc. Computer Science and Mathematics completed 1990  
University: UCT, MBChB Masters in Medicine and Surgery completed 1996  
Internship: Greys and Northdale Hospital, KZN, South Africa 1997  
Surgery Residency, Groote Schuur Hospital, South Africa 1999-2001  
Surgery Residency, United Kingdom, 2001-2003  
Specialty: Plastic Surgery, to complete Fellowship 2008-2010  
Plans: I am particularly interested in Craniofacial surgery and its utilization in the Pediatric population. I would like ideally to work in a large center for excellence, to be involved in teaching.



### JOSE G. TREVINO

Place of Birth: Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico  
Education: University of Illinois at Chicago: BS Biochemistry  
University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine: MD  
Research Fellow, Cancer Biology and Surgical Oncology at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX  
Professional Goals: Surgical Oncology Fellowship, Academic Surgical Oncologist



## UICOMP

### JENNIFER L. ASH

Place of Birth: San Clemente, CA  
Grew Up In: Crescent City, IL  
Education: Undergrad: Governor's State University  
Med. School: Southern Illinois University School of Medicine  
Plans: Accepted to Vascular & Endovascular Surgery Fellowship, SIU School of Medicine  
Professional: Active member of the ISMS & AMA  
Hobbies: Gardening and landscaping; collecting medical antiques; piano



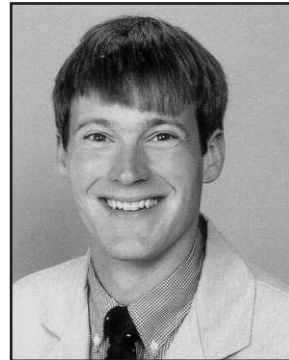
### AMY CHA

Place of Birth: Hinsdale, IL  
Grew Up In: Darien, IL  
Education: High School: Hinsdale South  
Undergrad: University of Chicago  
Medical School: University of Illinois, Peoria  
Laparoscopic/MIS fellowship  
Plans: Interest in international medicine/missions/volunteerism  
Uniqueness:



### LARRY MATTHEW DEPPE

Place of Birth: Peoria, IL  
Grew Up In: Morton, IL  
Education: High School: Morton High School, graduated 1994  
Undergrad: UIUC (University of Illinois Urbana Champaign)  
BS Chemistry, 1998  
Medical School: UICOMP 2003  
Surgical Specialty: General Surgery  
Personal/Professional Goal: To have my patients recognize me as more than just their physician/surgeon  
Personal/Professional Uniqueness: Met future wife while attending UIUC as a graduate student in physical chemistry  
Plans: Seeking private practice opportunity in the area  
Hobbies: Hunting and fishing, aviation (licensed private pilot), computers/technology



## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

### OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 2007

President Wieland called the meeting to order at 7PM with a welcome to all members and guests. Following dinner, Enrico Benedetti, Warren H. Cole Chair, Department of Surgery, University of Illinois School of Medicine, was introduced as the Seventh Warren H. Cole Lecturer. Dr. Benedetti discussed his future vision for the Department of Surgery, emphasizing changes to each section; highlighting in particular robotic surgery with a video of operations performed by Pier Cristoforo Giulianotti, Nyhus Chair of Surgery.

Norman Estes, Chair, Department of Surgery, Peoria updated the Society on advancements under his direction in the past year including the addition of new faculty to the section of plastic surgery, continued faculty and resident research accomplishments, and the establishment of a training facility for procedural skills. William Gunnar presented the Secretary-Treasurer's report imploring the membership body to bring forward and encourage new membership applications. The membership then approved the applications of John Murray and Michelle Tansey to active membership.

Finally, voting membership unanimously approved the slate of new Council members, including Norman Estes for President, Mimous Cohen for President-Elect, Richard Anderson for Member-at-Large, and James Kane for Member-at-Large. Newly elected President Estes presented a commemorative gavel to John Wieland and expressed the Society's appreciation for all his good works over the past year. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.