



Department of Plastic Surgery, Maxillofacial and Oral Health

Chair Message: The start of the new academic year is always an exciting and challenging time! At the resident level it's a time for growth and new responsibilities. We say goodbye to our graduating chief residents and welcome two new residents fresh out of medical school. This process is often a way to reinvigorate our sense of purpose and re-energize our missions of clinical care, education, research and service based leadership. I have high hopes for this upcoming academic year as our momentum continues to build. My goal is to share my enthusiasm around some of these ongoing efforts with you our faculty, residents, staff, clinical support team, alumni and friends!



You might have noticed the name of the department has changed! With the start of the new academic year, the Department of Dentistry has been consolidated into a division within the Department of Plastic Surgery to become the Department of Plastic Surgery, Maxillofacial and Oral Health. This represents a tremendous opportunity for shared growth in our pediatric and craniofacial programs as well as aesthetics and functional reconstruction. This also expands our mission to include community directed care for oral health with both preventative and restorative care. I want to thank Dr. Brian Hoard for his years of service within the Department of Dentistry and congratulate him on becoming professor emeritus at UVA. I also want to congratulate Dr. Matt Barrick on becoming the program director for our CODA approved dental residency. We have ongoing searches for a Division Chief, Pediatric Dentist and General Dentists.

Our plastic surgery residency program is thriving and we are poised to expand our compliment to three residents per year. This is a short term goal that will parallel our faculty expansion. This past year we were faced with the challenges of an ACGME site visit for our residency program. I am happy to report the reviewer found no reasons for citation and gave us approval with full accreditation for the foreseeable future. Thank you to Dr. Jon Black (program director), Dr. Brittany Behar (associate program director) and Carla Mackey-Cooks (program coordinator) for their tireless efforts in preparing for the site visit. I also want to acknowledge the residents who took ownership of their program and engaged the site visitor with an optimistic view of the future and the dynamic of potential we all feel is happening at UVA.

After expanding our support team this past year the department is poised to grow. It is likely we will add faculty in all areas within the department. This will allow us to expand our clinical and research offerings to become a comprehensive unit providing the most innovative and highest quality care. We have approval from the health system for an outpatient clinic remodeling effort which will enhance our patient care environment greatly. We are also currently planning a department space renovation which will modernize some of our offices and meeting areas. This is a complex project that seeks to improve our facilities, honor our past and restore historic elements of UVA Hospital (see image).

I look forward to seeing you in the future and sharing my enthusiasm in-person!

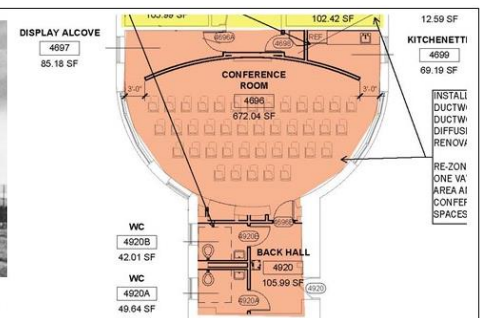
Sincerely,

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The original UVA Hospital shown in early 1900's. Plastic Surgery offices and conference rooms currently occupy the original Operating Theatre seen as the highlighted area towards the back of the building.



Renovation plans proposed for a concept known as "Edgerton Hall" which would include a newly designed faculty and resident conference room.

Faculty Highlights



-Dr. Chris Campbell currently serves as the President of the Virginia Society of Plastic Surgeons (VASPS). In this role he has worked with ASPS to advocate for plastic surgeons across the commonwealth and has also been busy planning the annual meeting which will occur September 23, 2023 in Richmond, VA.



-Dr. Brent DeGeorge recently received a PSF Investigator Initiated Award for his study: Cannabidiol as a Non-operative Treatment for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. Dr. DeGeorge is working towards a clinical trial in this important area.

Alumni News



We are delighted to provide an alumni update from **Dr. Jack Fisher**. Jack was Dr. Edgerton's first resident at UVA and he has had an extraordinary career. He is the Edward A. Dickson Professor of Surgery and the former Head of the Division of Plastic Surgery at UC San Diego. Dr. Fisher has co-authored over 200 publications and had numerous contributions to his community and the care of children with congenital differences.

Difficult for me to fathom the passing of nearly a half century since I came to Charlottesville and completed my altogether thrilling years with UVa Plastic Surgery, two of them in residency training and three more on the faculty. I was already well along the path of my academic career before I met Dr. Edgerton, yet thrilled to add him to my list of mentors. I likened my time with him as a "finishing school experience," one that gave me a better chance for career success than I could have achieved on my own. Important lessons I took with me included the following:

1. The essential bond of trust between surgeon and patient should be established at the initial consultation...an unhurried exploratory but necessarily fact-filled conversation.
2. There exists little difference in motive or opportunity for gratification between patients seeking an operation for reconstructive or for aesthetic goals.
3. Plastic surgery is about choices and decisions. Our technical options are limited to wound repair, grafts, flaps, and implants. But the permutations are limitless. The challenge is to select the most effective combination.
4. Ours is a collaborative discipline, not only for the benefit of our patients but also for the survival of plastic surgery.

New responsibilities came with my transition from resident to member of the faculty, among them dealing with administrators, medical suppliers, hiring staff, etc. and all for what purpose? A new burn unit for serving the needs of Virginia's western counties. How to identify and secure space, matching equipment needs with budget limitations, hiring and managing staff, none of these lessons customarily given to residents in training, but all of them necessary for any aspiring academic surgeon, also for my assigned responsibilities in California.

And so, I came to UC San Diego with its newly established medical school; moreover, one without any tradition for plastic surgery. With the principles learned at UVA firmly embedded, I saw to my specialty taking root and flourishing. And I brought skills new to the area including craniofacial surgery. Looking back, I derive my career fulfillment primarily from the residents I trained, and I will bet that this was true for Dr. Edgerton as well.

Jack Fisher, MD

Please update us with your news and activities! We want to hear if you have taken a new job, retired to the beach, or had a new baby. Stay connected and email Colleen McDowell "eja4kh@virginia.edu".

Join us for Education and CME – Plastic Surgery Grand Rounds!

The Department has launched a CME based program for those that attend our Plastic Surgery grand rounds. UVA provides the ACCME accreditation and our department welcomes our alumni and friends to participate gratis. The majority of these presentations are in-person, live streamed via Zoom and recorded. If you would like to enroll in this program please contact Colleen McDowell at “ēja4kh@virginia.edu”.

Our Team is Growing

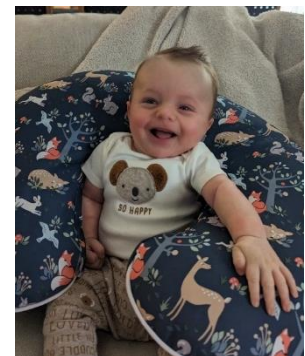
-This summer we requested approval for 1 additional resident to be added to our compliment. This was done to accommodate a promising General Surgery resident named Jessica Pawly who had expressed a strong interest in becoming a Plastic Surgeon. Jess has completed 2 years of General Surgery Residency at UVA and will be embarking on a research sabbatical this fall and will enter the clinical program in January 2024 as a PGY2. She is thrilled to join the Plastic Surgery Residency program and has already made a positive impact. She attended McGill University for her undergraduate education and Drexel University College of Medicine for medical school. Her current interests include oncologic and post-traumatic reconstruction, health disparities and global health.



-We are excited to welcome Marcelle Zimcosky-Murray, NP to our program. She will be taking on a new position within the department that is focused on complex wound care that spans both the in-patient and out-patient realms. She will work closely with our patient care team to enhance the delivery of care for these patients. We have partnered with the health system to bring more resources to these complex situations and Marcelle will be an important piece to that care. Learn more about Marcelle: *Hi! I'm Marcelle and am grateful to say I am one of the new nurse practitioners on the Plastic Surgery team. I moved to Charlottesville in 2021 from Morgantown, WV to attend AGACNP school at the University of Virginia. I worked as an ICU nurse, mostly in the Surgical Trauma ICU, for over 6 years where my introduction and passion for plastic surgery began as we would frequently collaborate with the plastics team. When not working or studying, I enjoy hiking, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. I am looking forward to working with everyone and being a member of the team!*



-Back in February we celebrated Michele Ryan (PGY-1) and Nichole Brooks (PA) and Ally Deal (PGY-3) as they prepared to start their families. We have some updates! Meet Shea and Haylee Ryan (Michelle), Ryan Fox (Nichole) and Vincent Lesevic (Ally)! Welcome to the UVA Plastic Surgery family.





UVA University Hospital expansion completed in 2020 is a state of the art care facility and was critical to providing extra care space during the Covid pandemic. The full outfitting of this facility is ongoing.

Recruiting

The department is planning to expand faculty in most areas of the program. Candidates may contact UVA HR for more information (<https://hr.virginia.edu/job-openings>). Many of these searches are ongoing and we hope to have updates soon.

1. UVA Community Health – We are seeking a general Plastic Surgeon with a focus on breast reconstruction and aesthetics to work in the northern hospitals within UVAHealth including Culpeper, Haymarket and Prince William Medical Centers.
2. Hand / Plastics – We are seeking a fellowship trained Hand Surgeon with additional expertise and interest in reconstructive plastic surgery to become a member of the UVA Hand Surgery team and Plastic Surgery Team.
3. Microsurgeon – We are seeking a fellowship trained or experienced reconstructive microsurgeon to expand our complex microsurgery offerings at UVA University Hospital.
4. Pediatrics and Craniofacial Surgery – We plan to add an additional faculty to focus on expanding the pediatric plastic surgery services for children across the state.
5. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – The department seeks to add an Oral Surgeon to complement and enhance services provided by our plastic surgeons and dentists within the group.
6. Researcher – An established bench scientist or promising surgeon scientist is being sought to enhance our research mission.



The Battle Building was completed in 2014 and is adjacent to the main hospital in Charlottesville. The building houses many services related to the nationally ranked Pediatrics program at UVA, including many of the services provided by the Department of Plastic Surgery, Maxillofacial and Oral Health. The ambulatory operating rooms are also located within this building as well.

We Are Proud of Our Residents!

-Congratulations to Jesse Chou, Rob Devito and Lee Kilmer on presenting at the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, the American Association of Plastic Surgeons and the Plastic Surgery Research Council this spring.



Jesse Chou (middle) following his presentation in the Glancy competition at the SESPRS. Lee Kilmer (front) and Rob Devito (back) also presented at the SESPRS. Faculty members were present to show support. Rob Devito (right) shown with Dr. Hollenbeck at the AAPS meeting following his presentation of the work he did with Dr. Stranix.

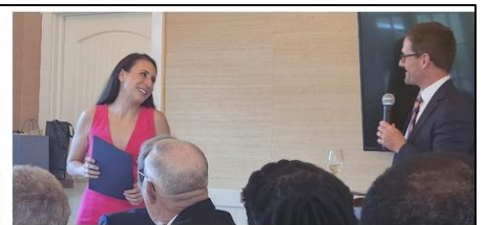


Welcome to our two new PGY-1 residents, Danielle Harlan from Emory School of Medicine and Colby Newson from UVA School of Medicine!

-On July 1st we welcomed two new residents to our plastic surgery program! Welcome Danielle and Colby! Danielle attended UNC for undergrad and Colby attend Duke, making for an interesting basketball season this year in Charlottesville!



3rd Annual Raymond F. Morgan Resident Research Day



Shannon Kuruville receives the award for best research presentation!



Lee Kilmer receives the award for most comprehensive research productivity for 2023!

-The third annual Raymond F. Morgan resident research day was held in June in Charlottesville. We were delighted to have Dr. Morgan join us as well as Dr. Mark Constantian to hear research presentations from all our residents. The event was coordinated by Dr. Patrick Cottler and resulted in an award for Shannon Kuruville (PGY-5) and Lee Kilmer (PGY-4). Special thanks to Mark and Charlotte Constantian for visiting us in June and supporting our UVA residents. We were delighted they could host an on-site educational session on Friday and attend the resident research symposium and graduation on Saturday!

-The academic year culminated in the residency graduation for Jared Liston, MD and Perry Bradford, MD. Jared is currently at NYU in a microsurgery fellowship and Perry is a craniofacial fellow at Children's National Hospital in DC.

Congrats PB&J!



The graduating Chief Residents Jared Liston and Perry Bradford shown with Associate Program Director Brittany Behar, MD and Program Director Jon Black, MD on the steps of the medical school at UVA. Jared and Perry joined by their co-residents at the start of a spectacular graduation event held at the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains in Crozet, VA.



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Department Events

Barton Lectureship

September 27th, 2023

Peter Arnold, MD

Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery

University of Mississippi Medical Center



Coleman Lectureship

December 2023

Ray Harshbarger, III, MD, FACS

Plastic Surgery Clinical Chief

Dell Children's Hospital, Austin TX



Visiting Professors

James Grotting, MD – September 22nd, 2023.

Michael Zenn, MD – October 4th, 2023.

Meetings

Virginia Society of Plastic Surgeons (VASPS) – Richmond, VA: September 23rd, 2023.

Plastic Surgery The Meeting (Austin, TX) – **UVA Alumni Gathering: Hilton Austin Rm 417A; 6 – 8PM, Saturday Oct 28th.**

As we continue our efforts on Doximity to promote/optimize our plastic surgery residency program, we are encouraging you to be active and grow your network. Every time you are mentioned in the press or publish an important article in a peer reviewed journal, Doximity automatically announces that info to your Doximity network, helping you and our program stay top of mind.

Please join us in making the University of Virginia Plastic Surgery Residency Program rank towards the top in the nation! Learn more about Doximity and download the Doximity App today.



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