

## 2023 Signature Speakers:



**Melissa Chang, MD**

**Institution:** Trinity Health Ann Arbor Hospital

**Areas of Expertise:** Robotic surgery, CRS (benign and malignant), pelvic floor

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Robotic surgery, women in surgery, surgical education

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**Nicole Goulet, MD**

**Institution:** NYU Langone

**Areas of Expertise:** DEI efforts in surgery, LGBTQ+ inclusivity in surgery

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** DEI efforts in surgery, LGBTQ+ inclusivity in surgery

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**Caitlin Hicks, MD**

**Institution:** Johns Hopkins Hospital

**Areas of Expertise:** Value-based care, PAD, Carotid disease, TAAA, Research & Mentoring

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Value-based care in Vascular Surgery, Carotid disease Management, Opportunities in Research & Mentoring

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**Kelsey E. Larson, MD**

**Institution:** University of Kansas

**Areas of Expertise:** Breast Cancer

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer, Research

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**Kathryn Martin, MD**

**Institution:** Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center

**Areas of Expertise:** Pediatric Surgery, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Diversity Equity Inclusion - Race, Gender, LGBTQ+, Health Disparities

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**Maureen O'Shaughnessy, MD**

**Institution:** University of Kentucky

**Areas of Expertise:** Hand Surgery

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Hand Surgery - ulnar wrist pain, distal radius fractures, arthroplasty, arthroscopy, mentoring females in orthopedic surgery

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**Chantal Reyna, MD**

**Institution:** Loyola University Medical Center

**Areas of Expertise:** Program Building and Mentoring

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Mentoring/sponsoring across generations, Practice and Program building, Early career building

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**Sarah Rodriguez, MD**

**Institution:** The University of Chicago

**Areas of Expertise:** Retinopathy of Prematurity

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Global Health, Policy Changes, Prevention of pediatric blindness

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**Minerva Romero Arenas, MD**

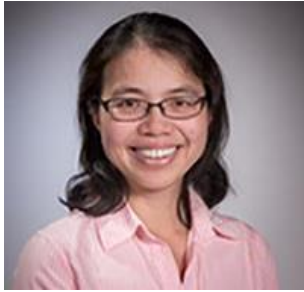
**Institution:** Weill Cornell Medicine | NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

**Areas of Expertise:**  
Endocrine surgery, General surgery

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Endocrine surgery, opioid prescribing, DEI, surgical education

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**Ming-Li Wang, MD**

**Institution:** University of New Mexico

**Areas of Expertise:** Surgical Education, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Faculty Development in Bystander Training, Resident Evaluation and Feedback, Cultural Competency and Dexterity in Surgery

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## 2022 Signature Speakers:



**Jennifer Plichta, MD, MS, FACS**

**Institution:** Duke University Medical Center

**Areas of Expertise:** Breast surgery, breast cancer, breast cancer risk

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Clinical outcomes research, mentorship

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**Stephanie Bonne, MD, FACS**

**Institution:** Hackensack University Medical Center

**Areas of Expertise:** Trauma Prevention, Trauma Systems, Gun Violence Prevention, Violence Intervention

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Women in surgery, Public Health Careers, Trauma Informed Care

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**Emily Keung, MD, AM, FACS, FSSO**

**Institution:** The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

**Areas of Expertise:** Surgical oncology, soft tissue sarcoma, immunotherapy, cancer epigenomics, cutaneous malignancies

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Soft tissue sarcoma, immunotherapy, translational research, clinical research

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**Kimberly Lumpkins MD MBA  
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**Institution:** University of Maryland School of Maryland

**Areas of Expertise:** Pediatric surgery, personal development

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Personal mission statement, time management, interviewing and hiring

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**Erin E. Stevens, MD,  
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**Institution:** Prevea Health, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, HSHS St Vincent Cancer Center

**Areas of Expertise:** Surgical oncology, women's health

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Gynecologic Oncology, Women's Health, Rural Cancer Care, End of Life, Collaborating Across Specialties, Cancer Myths

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**Christy Chai, MD, FACS**

**Institution:** Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E DeBakey Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology

**Areas of Expertise:** Surgical Oncology, Robotic Surgery, Clinical Research

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Wellness & Burnout, Diversity/Equity/Inclusion, Robotic Surgery, Cancer prevention & Survivorship

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**Joon K. Shim MD, MPH,  
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**Institution:** Bassett  
Healthcare Network

**Areas of Expertise:**  
Bariatric/Foregut Surgery,  
Surgical Education, Surgical  
Humanities, Leadership  
Curriculum, Rural Surgery,  
Combat Surgery

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Development of  
surgical education  
curricula, rural surgery,  
surgical humanities,  
innovation, leadership  
curriculum, combat  
surgery, bariatrics/foregut

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## 2021 Signature Speakers:



**Tania Arora, MD, FACS**

**Institution:** Augusta University

**Areas of Expertise:** Surgical Oncology, Surgical Education

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Diversity and inclusion in surgical departments and institutions, development of surgical education curricula, clinical outcomes research

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**Letitia Bradford MD, FAAOS**

**Institution:** University of Nevada School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

**Areas of Expertise:** Orthopedic surgery, disparities research, diversity

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:**

Wellness, basic sciences, mentorship and eGaming/eSports

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**Elizabeth A. David, MD, MAS, FACS**

**Institution:** University of Southern California

**Areas of Expertise:** Thoracic surgery, disparities research

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Clinical research, wellness, women in surgery, health services research

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**Marion Henry, MD, MPH,  
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**Areas of Expertise:**

Pediatric surgery,  
surgical education,  
surgical advocacy

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Clinical  
research, translational  
research, wellness

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**Cassandra Kelleher, MD**

**Institution:** Massachusetts  
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**Areas of Expertise:** Pediatric  
surgery, clinical outcome  
research

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:**

Clinical research, surgical  
disparities, surgical  
appropriateness

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**Anjali Kumar, MD, MPH,  
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**Areas of Expertise:**

Colon and rectal surgery,  
clinical research

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Young  
surgeon/young  
investigator issues,  
leadership, clinical  
research, wellness,  
career transitions  
(starting a new practice,  
transitioning practice,  
taking a leave of  
absence, termination,  
working part-time, re-  
entry pathways)

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**Patricia Numann MD, DSc[Hon], FACS, FRCSGlas[Hon], FRCS[Edin[Hon], FRCSThailand[Hon], FASl[Hon], Famms[Hon]**

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**Areas of Expertise:** General surgery, surgical education

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Wellness

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**Heena Santry, MD, MS**

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**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Clinical research, translational research

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**Nasreen Vohra, MD, FACS**

**Institution:** Brody School of Medicine East Carolina University

**Areas of Expertise:** General Surgery, complex surgical oncology (gastrointestinal malignancies, peritoneal surface malignancies, melanoma, Merkel cell carcinoma), translational Research

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Clinical research, wellness, translational research, gastrointestinal and cutaneous malignancies, regional therapy, disparities

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**Grace Wang, MD, MSCE, FACS**

**Institution:** Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

**Areas of Expertise:** Vascular surgery, clinical outcome research

**AWS Speaker Series**

**Topics:** Clinical research, wellness

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**Tanya Zakrison, MD, MHSc, MPH, FACS, FRCSC**

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## Questions:

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