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2024 Signature Speaker Series Cohort

Shannon Foster, MD
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Frances Mei Hardin, MD
Nimmi Kapoor, MD
Lindsey Kilgore, MD
Madhuri Rao, MD
Kathryn Rowland, MD
Umut Sarpel, MD
Stephanie Worrell, MD
Shannon Foster, MD

**Institution:** SMF Coverage & Solutions, Director

**Areas of Expertise:** Injury Prevention, Career Training, Communication Training, Advocacy, Trauma and Acute Care Surgery

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Surgeon Advocacy, Optimizing Communication, DEI, Professional Development, Communication Training, injury Prevention, Professional paths/choices, Understanding Your Role in the Business of Medicine

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Erin Garvey, MD

**Institution:** Phoenix Children's Hospital

**Areas of Expertise:** Personal Finance, Physician Disability, Wellness

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Personal Finance, Physician Disability, Wellness, Supporting Lactating Physicians and Trainees

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Christa Grant, MD

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

**Areas of Expertise:** Neuroblastoma, Pediatric Surgical Oncology, Global Surgery, General Pediatric Surgery

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Neuroblastoma, Pediatric Surgical Oncology, Global Surgery, General Pediatric Surgery

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Frances Mei Hardin, MD

**Institution:** Maury Regional Medical Center

**Areas of Expertise:** Sinus and allergy, endocrine surgery, laryngology

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Interpersonal effectiveness skills, distress tolerance for medical trainees, changing the culture of medicine and medical training, ENT topics

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Nimmi Kapoor, MD

**Institution:** UCLA Medical Center - Los Angeles, CA

**Areas of Expertise:** Breast Cancer, Breast Ultrasound, Cryoablation, Resident Education

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Surgical Innovation in Breast Cancer, Unconventional Career Paths, Pregnancy and Breast Cancer Considerations, Granulomatous Mastitis, Breast Cancer Problems for the Primary Care Provider, Ultrasound as a Tool for Surgical Innovation

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Lyndsey Kilgore, MD

**Institution:** The University of Kansas Cancer Center

**Areas of Expertise:** Breast Cancer, Lymphedema, Lymphatic Reconstruction, High risk breast lesions, De-escalation of surgery, Surgical Education Curriculum, Career Development, Life and Career

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Surgical management of breast cancer, Breast basics, Breast cancer related lymphedema, Developing and implementing a breast cancer prevention program, High risk breast lesions: to cut or not, Surgical Education Curriculum, Surgical Residency and Beyond

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Madhuri Rao, MD

**Institution:** U of M Thoracic and Foregut Surgery

**Areas of Expertise:** Lung malignancies, Non small cell and small cell lung cancer, Mesothelioma, Benign and malignant esophageal diseases, Robotic thoracic surgery, Subxiphoid approach to thymectomy and mediastinal tumors

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** New techniques and Innovations in thoracic surgery, Subxiphoid Thymectomy, Robotic thoracic surgery, Non Intubated Thoracoscopic surgery, Women of color in Medicine, Lung cancer screening, My journey

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Kathryn Rowland, MD

**Institution:** University of Chicago

**Areas of Expertise:** Pediatric Surgery, Character Education

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Character Cultivation in Medical Education, Humanism in Surgery, Human Flourishing, Women in Surgery

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Umut Sarpel, MD

**Institution:** Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

**Areas of Expertise:** Surgical Oncology

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** HIPEC, Surgical Education, DEI, Women in Surgery, Robotic Surgery

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Stephanie Worrell, MD

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Areas of Expertise: Thoracic Surgery

AWS Speaker Series Topics: Esophageal cancer, Mentorship, Foregut disease, robotic thoracic surgery

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2023 Signature Speaker Series Cohort

Melissa Chang, MD
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Caitlin Hicks, MD
Kelsey Larson, MD
Kathryn Martin, MD
Maureen O'Shuaghnessy, MD
Chantal Reyna, MD
Sarah Rodriguez, MD
Minerva Romero Arenas, MD
Ming-Li Want, MD
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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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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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 Westerchester 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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Stephanie Bonne, MD

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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Christy Chai, MD

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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Emily Keung, MD

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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Jennifer Plichta, MD

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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Kimberly Lumpkins, MD

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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Joon K. Shim MD

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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Erin E. Stevens, MD

**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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2021 Signature Speaker Series Cohort

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Elizabeth David, MD
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Cassandra Kelleher, MD
Anjali Kumar, MD
Patricia Numann, MD
Heena Santry, MD
NAseen Vohra, MD
Grace Wang, MD
Tanya Zakrison, MD
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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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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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

Institution: University of Chicago

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 General Hospital

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

Institution: Washington State University

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

**Institution:** SUNY Upstate Medical University

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

**AWS Speaker Series Topics:** Wellness

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Heena Santry, MD

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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

Institution: Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

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AWS Speaker Series Topics: Clinical research, wellness

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Tanya Zakrison, MD

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