UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
LAS VEGAS MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

FACULTY

Chirisse Taylor, MD, MPH—GYN Surgery
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Carrie Bedient, MD—REI
Leslie Browder, MD—Colorectal Surgery

TWO YEAR PROGRAM
### 2-Year Program

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#### Residency Program Affiliation:
- Yes
- No

#### Computer Simulation Center:
- Yes
- No

#### Training Labs

- Cadaver lab
- Animal Lab
- None
- Dry Lab
- Robotics

#### Office Surgery:
- Yes
- No

#### Contract/Agreement Letter:
- Yes
- No

- Stipend PGY-5 or 6:
- Yes
- No

- Resident Teaching:
- Yes
- No

- Benefit Package:
- Yes
- No

- OB obligation:
- Yes
- No

- Junior Faculty:
- Yes
- No

- Attending Privileges:
- Yes
- No

- Moonlighting:
- Yes
- No

- Non-compete clause:
- Yes
- No

- Malpractice:
- Yes
- No

- Meeting support:
- Yes
- No

- Malpractice tail coverage:
- Yes
- No

- Other coverage obligations- specify:

#### Accept J1 & H1Visa applicants
- Yes
- No

#### Dedicated Research Hours:
- Hours/week: 4-Every Friday
- Hours/month: 16

#### Protected Academic:
- Hours/week: 4-Every Friday
- Hours/month: 16

#### Clinical Focus/Special Interest

- Reproductive Surgery
- Oncology
- Endometriosis/Pelvic Pain
- Pelvic Reconstruction
- Robotic Surgery
- Pediatric/Adolescent
- Hysteroscopic Surgery
- Other:
Description of Program:

Nestled in the one of the nation’s most dynamic cities, the AAGL-accredited FMIGS Program at Las Vegas Minimally Invasive Surgery (LVMIS) is attracting international attention.

Our program specializes in the latest minimally invasive surgical and non-surgical treatments for gynecologic and uro-gynecologic issues. Each faculty member of LVMIS has specialized skills that contribute to the overall fellowship learning experience, ranging from vaginal surgery, straight-stick laparoscopy, hysteroscopy, pelvic reconstruction, and robotics, to minimally invasive office-based procedures. Through strategic collaboration with the Women’s Division of HealthCare Partners, a Intermountain Health Company, residency programs including University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine, Sunrise Health, and local hospitals, our fellows are able to operate with local expert surgeons in multiple disciplines, with the latest and greatest technology, in the most cutting edge surgical suites. Additionally, through referrals to the Women’s Pelvic Health Center, which generates an average of 5,000 surgeries on an annual basis, the LVMIS fellowship program is able to offer fellows a high volume and variety of cases.

K. Warren Volker, MD, PhD, FACOG, is the director of the LVMIS FMIGS Program. Dr. Volker serves as CCO of Intermountain Health Company, Assistant Professor at the University of Nevada, School of Medicine (UNSOM) and Harbor-UCLA, President and Medical Director of Volker Medical Research Foundation, and immediate-past Chief of Staff at Centennial Hills Hospital. Dr. Volker is internationally recognized for his contributions to minimally invasive surgery in women’s health and has a proven record of providing professional surgical education for post-graduate GYN surgeons for over 19 years.

Jasmine Pedroso, MD MPH, FACOG, serves as Associate Fellowship Director, Clinical Director of the Women’s Pelvic Health Center, core faculty for the Sunrise Health Ob/Gyn Residency Program, and is a former graduate of the LVMIS FMIGS program. After completing her master’s degree at the Harvard School of Public Health, she attended medical school at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, then completed her residency training at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Pedroso has a special interest in minimally-invasive, cosmetic, and fertility-preserving approaches to chronic pelvic pain, endometriosis, female sexual dysfunction, incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse. She is also especially passionate about increasing access to minimally invasive surgery for the underserved, patient and fellow education, both nationally and internationally.

Nadia Gomez, MD, MBA, FACOG, serves as Associate Fellowship Director, Director of UNLV Division of Minimally Invasive Gynecology Surgery, and Assistant Professor for the UNLV OB/GYN residency program. She is a graduate of Cleveland Clinic Florida FMIGS program and received her master’s in business administration from the University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Gomez has a special interest in minimally invasive approaches to surgery, simulation, and resident and fellow education.

Erica Stockwell, DO, MBA, serves as Assistant Fellowship Director, Director of Simulation for the Sunrise Health OB/GYN residency program, Director of Innovation and Business Education, Assistant Professor for University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine, and Assistant Professor for Sunrise Health OB/GYN residency program. Dr. Stockwell received her medical degree from Midwestern University-Chicago
College of Osteopathic Medicine, completed her residency at the University of Minnesota, and is a recent graduate of the LVMIS Fellowship program during which she obtained her MBA from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. She has built a curriculum that takes fellows and residents through the process of innovation from concept to market and inspires them to further innovation in medical and surgical technology in their careers. She developed a business curriculum for the residents and fellows with regards to various aspects of the business of medicine. She also developed a simulation curriculum for the OB/GYN residency program through Sunrise Health. Lastly, Erica heads networking and innovation events with professionals and businesses in different specialties around Las Vegas.

David Howard, MD, PhD, is the Director of Research. He obtained his medical degree and PhD in Epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University, and completed his Ob/Gyn Residency at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Under his guidance, LVMIS has published and presented numerous abstracts and manuscripts, and will continue to push our research toward best practices and better outcomes for our patients. Dr. Howard has also developed a new and innovative research methods course entitled “How to do a research project” which is currently being reviewed by the AAGL education committee for possible inclusion into the academic curriculum for FMIGS fellows.

As a graduate from the LVMIS program, you will have the confidence and skill to perform advanced pelvic surgery, as well as the knowledge and preparation for the ever-changing business side of medicine. As a physician for HealthCare Partners, a Intermountain Health, the state’s largest multispecialty medical group, our fellows learn about the nuances of running a private practice, hospital administration, entrepreneurship and furthermore become involved in community outreach and patient advocacy. Whether you choose to practice in an academic, hospital-based, large private group, or open your own MIS practice, LVMIS will provide you with the tools necessary to become not only a highly skilled surgeon, but also a genuine trailblazer in the field of women’s health.

To apply for the LVMIS Fellowship, you must have completed a four-year residency program and are in good standing from an accredited facility to apply.