

THE VIRGINIA KNEELAND FRANTZ SOCIETY
LECTURE SERIES

**“1001 Cuts” Film Screening and
Discussion with director, Dr. Sarah
Temkin**

1001
CUTS

Monday, March 16, 2026 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Alumni Auditorium

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Virginia Kneeland Frantz, MD, VP&S Class of 1922



Dr. Frantz, a 1922 graduate of VP&S, was the first woman to pursue a surgery internship at what is now NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, and to become president of the American Thyroid Association. She was considered a giant in surgical pathology at VP&S and elsewhere and remained at Columbia despite an offer in the middle of her career to become president of Bryn Mawr College, her undergraduate alma mater. She made several scientific and clinical contributions during her career.

With an interest in the thyroid, she founded a multidisciplinary thyroid clinic at Columbia. She made a series of discoveries related to the diagnosis and treatment of thyroid, breast and pancreatic tumors, and she published an account of pancreatic tumors for the Armed Forces Atlas of Tumor Pathology that soon became the standard text on the subject. She was also one of the first to prove the usefulness of radioactive iodine in the diagnosis and treatment of metastatic thyroid cancer.

She made a mark as a member of the surgical pathology team at Columbia. Dr. Frantz and famed surgeon Allen O. Whipple were the first to describe the insulin-secretion of pancreatic tumors. During World War II, she studied the control of bleeding during surgery with Dr. Raffaele Lattes, leading to the discovery of oxidized cellulose as an aid to wound healing that could be absorbed by the body. For this work, she received the Army-Navy Certificate of Appreciation for Civilian Service. Dr. Frantz retired from VP&S in 1962.

The Virginia Kneeland Frantz Society

The Virginia Kneeland Frantz Society is open to faculty of all ranks in the health sciences at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center. The society is named after Dr. Virginia Kneeland Frantz, a VP&S alumna (Class of 1922), recognized academic surgical pathologist, researcher and educator. Dr. Frantz was the first woman to pursue an internship in surgery at Presbyterian Hospital (now NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital) and the first woman to become president of a major national medical organization, the American Thyroid Society. The Virginia Kneeland Frantz Society aims to serve, support, and celebrate the careers of women in science and medicine at CUIMC. For more information, please visit: cuimc.columbia.edu/vkfs.

About "1001 Cuts"



"1001 Cuts" provides a compelling aview of the challenges women face in the high-stakes professional world of surgery. Drawing on two decades in the operating room—from everyday sexism to discrimination—persist and accumulate. "1001 Cuts" highlights the skill and determination required to succeed within workplaces designed for and still controlled by men.

Through candid, personal accounts, “1001 Cuts” illustrates how addressing these unseen barriers benefits not just surgeons, but the entire healthcare system. The film celebrates the grit, expertise, and resilience of women helping share a stronger, more inclusive future for medicine.

About Dr. Sarah Temkin



Director and producer Sarah Temkin, MD, was trained as a gynecological oncologist and spent over two decades providing surgical care for women with cancer. She was inspired to make this film, informed by her lived experience, after leaving surgical practice in 2020. She is widely published in medical literature and has contributed throughout her career to conversations about health equity, including gender equity within the physician workforce.

Panelists



Christine H. Rohde, MD, MPH (Moderator)

Executive Vice Chair of External Affairs, Department of Surgery
Herbert and Florence Irving Professor of Surgery at the Columbia University Medical Center



Meghan Brooks Lane-Fall, MD, MSHP

Chair, Department of Anesthesiology
E.M. Papper Professor of Anesthesiology at the Columbia University Medical Center



Wakenda K. Tyler, MD

Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the Columbia University Medical Center

About The VKFS Excellence in Mentorship Awards



The VKFS Excellence in Mentorship Awards recognizes faculty and all faculty who exemplify outstanding mentorship, sponsorship, and advocacy of faculty, students, and/or trainees at CUIMC. For more information, [please visit the webpage](#).

The VKFS Excellence in Mentorship Awards Inaugural Recipients

The Ignite Award: For Early- Career faculty who ignite growth and collaboration

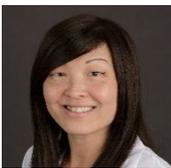


Allison A. Norful, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, FAAN
Presented by: Clara Lapiner, MPH, MEd



Jordan Gabriela Nestor, MD, MS, FASN
Presented by: Clara Lapiner, MPH, MEd

The Catalyst for Change Award: For Mid-Career mentors and sponsors transforming careers and academic culture



Penelope Lema, MD
Presented by: Clara Lapiner, MPH, MEd

The VKFS Dr. Anne L. Taylor Legacy of Excellence in Mentorship Award: For Senior leaders whose mentorship has shaped generations



Christine H. Rohde, MD, MPH
Presented by: Anne L. Taylor, MD