The Council on Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia continues to work on improving and fostering education, research and clinical care of patients undergoing cardiovascular surgery. Although November may seem long away, preparation for this year’s Scientific Sessions is well underway. Dr. Joseph Woo is spearheading our Council’s effort along with other members of the CVSA Program Committee. Dr. John Ikonomidis is directing the Young Leadership Committee, giving future stars in cardiovascular surgery and anesthesia the opportunity to become more actively involved in the Council at an earlier stage. We would like to encourage all cardiovascular surgeons, anesthesiologists, perfusionists, nurses caring for surgical patients, or anyone else with an interest in cardiovascular surgery or anesthesia to get actively involved with our Council. The AHA is the only organization where cardiovascular clinicians of all specialties, scientists and allied health personnel have the opportunity to work together. Whether attending Scientific Sessions in November, participating in writing scientific statements or guidelines, or getting involved in “You’re the Cure” or AHA advocacy efforts, we hope you will join our Council in its efforts.

CVSA Announcements

The CVSA Council welcomes our newest members!

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**Jeffrey Lawson, MD, PhD**
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Associate Professor of Pathology
Duke University Medical Center

**Jennifer Lawton, MD**
Associate Professor of Surgery
Washington University School of Medicine

**Linda Shore-Lesserson, MD**
Professor of Anesthesiology
Chief, Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
Albert Einstein College of Medicine

**Mark Slaughter, MD**
Professor of Surgery
Chief, Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
University of Louisville

**Vinod Thourani, MD**
Associate Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Associate Director of CT Surgery Residency Program; Structural Heart Program and CT Surgery Clinical Research Unit
Emory University Hospital Midtown

**Elaine Tseng, MD**
Associate Professor of Surgery
University of California at San Francisco Medical Center

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