

You are cordially
invited to attend the

Yale Obstetrical and Gynecological Society

FIFTH ALUMNI REUNION EVENT



Saturday, May 12, 2012, 11:00 am

at

The Anlyan Center (TAC)

300 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT 06520

This Year's Alumni Reunion Event Will Honor
Mary Lake Polan, MD, PhD, MPH

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DR. MARY LAKE POLAN



Mary Lake Polan, MD, PhD, MPH

Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
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Health care for women changed dramatically in the early 1970s. Revolutionary changes to our profession, including fetal monitoring, ultrasound, radioimmunoassays and chemotherapy, were pioneered here at Yale. Equally profound changes affected the practitioners of our profession. This year at YOGS we are celebrating the most profound of these changes: the choice of the first woman resident at Yale. We are delighted to celebrate the career of **Dr. Mary Lake Polan**.

Mary Lake was no stranger to Yale when she started her residency here in 1975. She already had earned her PhD in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale in 1970, and had already done an NIH-sponsored postdoctoral fellowship with Dr. Joseph Gall when she started medical school here in 1972. Upon finishing her residency, she stayed on to complete her fellowship in Gynecologic Endocrinology and Infertility. What most of you don't know is that Mary Lake also served for six months as the Gynecologic Oncology fellow. (Peter Schwartz wanted to remind you all of how much Mary Lake likes to cut!) She remained on faculty here until 1990, when the lovely weather in Palo Alto (and perhaps the school there) encouraged her to move to Stanford, where she became Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Mary Lake's interests continued to expand. She earned an MPH degree in the Maternal and Child Health Program at the University of California, Berkeley. Those interests then led her to organize a team to travel to East Africa to treat fistulas and other obstetrical complications. She continues these activities to this day; her request to all of our speakers at our YOGS event was to comment on the international consequences of their work.

While at Stanford, Mary Lake was elected to the Institute of Medicine. She has advised the NIH on Opportunities for Research on Women's Health. She has also served as an advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Of course, as a renowned bench researcher, she has hundreds of publications on many exciting topics, including ovarian function, steroidogenesis and endometriosis. Research interests currently include the interaction of the immune and endocrine systems.

Being an East Coast person at heart, Mary Lake finally left sunny California for New York, where she is now Visiting Professor at Columbia.

When asked to comment on her biggest obstacle, she replied to one interviewer, "Trying to raise a family and having a career are difficult to blend." But she has accomplished both admirably, although her very talented daughter who attended our medical school could not be persuaded to become an Ob/Gyn!

Among Mary Lake's other talents, which many of you do not know, is that she published an adventure novel in 1987, revolving around in vitro fertilization!

So please join us in New Haven on May 12 to celebrate a true pioneer in our profession, Dr. Mary Lake Polan.

– Mary Jane Minkin, MD

GUEST SPEAKERS

Roberto Romero, MD

Chief, Perinatology Research Branch
Program Director for Perinatal Research and Obstetrics
Intramural Division, NICHD, NIH, DHHS
Wayne State University Physician Group

Florence Haseltine, PhD, MD

Founder, Society for the Advancement of
Women's Health Research

Jamie Grifo, MD, PhD

Program Director of the NYU Fertility Center
Director, Division of REI
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
NYU Langone Medical Center

Stephanie S. Spangler, MD

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 12, 2012

- 11:00 – 12:00 **Registration & Lunch**
- 12:15 – 12:25 **Opening Remarks**
Peter E. Schwartz, MD
- 12:30 – 12:45 **Welcome & Introductions**
Mary Jane Minkin, MD
- 12:45 – 1:30 **Roberto Romero, MD**
Cervical Length and Vaginal
Progesterone to Prevent Preterm Birth
- 1:30 - 2:15 **Florence Haseltine, PhD, MD**
A Presentation by Dr. Haseltine
- 2:15 – 2:30 **Break**
- 2:30 – 3:15 **Jamie Grifo, MD, PhD**
Live from NY! What's New at NYU
Fertility Center
- 3:15 – 4:00 **Stephanie S. Spangler, MD**
Yale Beyond the Ivy
- 4:00 – 4:45 **Mary Lake Polan, MD, PhD, MPH**
Reducing Obstetric Fistulas in Eritrea:
Building a Successful Program in Africa
- 4:45 – 5:00 **Closing Remarks**
Peter E. Schwartz, MD
- 6:00 **Dinner, The Peabody Museum**
The Great Hall of Dinosaurs
170 Whitney Avenue

This event is sponsored by Cooper Surgical.

RSVP

If you are already a YOGS member, this event is complimentary.

For nonmembers and guests of members, the fee for dinner is \$100 per person.*

Attending the Saturday Program _____
Attending Dinner _____
Fees enclosed (\$100 per nonmember) _____

* If you are a nonmember and you decide to join YOGS at the event on Saturday, the \$100 fee will be deducted from your membership fee.

RSVP by March 23, 2012 to:

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NewHavenYale.aspx](http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/NewHavenYale.aspx)

For directions to the Peabody Museum, visit:

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