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He has published more than 230 peer-reviewed publications, 6 book chapters, and was a 2022 NREF Young Clinician Investigator Award recipient. Christopher is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Neurological Surgery Reports*, leads the AANS Early Career Neurosurgeons Committee as Vice Chair and Chair-Elect, and serves as the Director of Social Media for the North American Skull Base Society. At OU, he is the Medical Student Director for Neurosurgery, supervising the Student Research Forum, as well as both the Selective and Sub-intern courses. His favorite pastimes include skiing, rock climbing, cycling, reading, live music, and hanging out with his wife, Audrey, and their sons, Leif and Hal.

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of head and neck cancer, which has received National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other extramural funding. She has mentored numerous students and residents in her laboratory, many of whom have gone on to distinguished professional careers. She has authored over 220 peer-reviewed scientific articles, 17 book chapters, and 2 textbooks, and presented over 300 abstracts or lectures at meetings all over the world. She is Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Neurological Surgery Reports*, serves on the Editorial Review Boards for *International Forum of Allergy and Rhinology* and *The Laryngoscope*, and is a reviewer for numerous other academic journals. She is on the Board of Directors for the American Rhinologic Society (ARS). She served as Vice President of the Triological Society, Western Section, from 2020 to 2022. She has been named to the Best Doctors of America database, Best Doctors in Southern California, and Best Doctors in Los Angeles. She was Chair of the Awards Committee for the ARS from 2014 to 2017,



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