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### Newsletter

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### Chair's Corner

As we welcome new faculty, fellows, and residents to our radiology department, we extend a warm embrace to all the talented individuals who will be joining our team. Your expertise and dedication are invaluable assets to our academic community, and we look forward to witnessing your contributions to the field of radiology.

Our department continues its growth trajectory on all three missions. In the following year, 18 new radiologists (13 incremental and 5 replacement) will join our team. This is a huge accomplishment at a time of nationwide radiologist shortages and an attestation to the excellent reputation of our faculty and department. We expanded north to downtown Chicago and next April, for the first time, we are expanding to Indiana at our new imaging center (CT, PET, MR, US, Mammography, X-ray) in Crown Point.

On the research side, our NIH rankings continue to improve. Our molecular imaging and theranostics program is our rising star. Our new radiochemist faculty with joint appointment with our Cancer Center just started. We are turning our only academic cyclotron in the Chicagoland area to a cGMP facility to support early clinical trials and we are starting a search for a physician scientist in Molecular Imaging to lead the theranostics research at UChicago Medicine.

Our goal is to continue to share these exciting developments with our alumni all over the country through virtual and in-person events. The series that we started last year focusing on the Cyclotron and AI were very well attended and encouraged us to plan for more. It was wonderful to see many of you on the Zoom screen after a long time. We are hopeful that we can at least have one in-person event this year in addition to our traditional RSNA get together.

Let us continue fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive and advance the field of radiology even further. Here's to an inspiring and successful 2023-2024 year here at UChicago!

-Chair of the Department of Radiology, Dr. Aytekin Oto,

# FACULTY NEWS



## **Patrick La Rivière, PhD, elected fellow of SPIE**

Each year, SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, promotes Members as new Fellows of the Society. Fellows are Members of distinction who have made significant scientific and technical contributions in the multidisciplinary fields of optics, photonics, and imaging. They are honored for their technical achievement and for their service to the general optics community and to SPIE in particular. More than 1,700 SPIE members have become Fellows since the Society's inception in 1955.

## **Patrick La Rivière, PhD, published a paper in Nature Biotechnology**

In a new paper in Nature Biotechnology from the Shroff Lab, co-authors Hari Shroff (Senior Group Leader at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Janelia Research Campus) and Patrick La Rivière collaborate in the Marine Biological Laboratory Whitman Center, detailing two practical ways to improve the axial, or z, resolution of 3D structured illumination microscopy, a technique to see inside living cells pioneered by former Janelia Group Leader Mats Gustafsson.



## **Grace Lee published in Radiology with other colleagues in the department**

Grace Lee, MD, with Carla Harmath, MD and Aytekin Oto, MD, authored a Radiology article titled "Comparing Radiologist Performance in Diagnosing Clinically Significant Prostate Cancer with Multiparametric versus Hybrid Multidimensional MRI." The article aims to compare performance, interobserver agreement, and interpretation time of radiologists using mpMRI versus HM-MRI to diagnose clinically significant prostate cancer.



## **Editorial comment from Dr. David Paushter in AJR**

Congratulations to Dr. David Paushter for his editorial comment in AJR: "Imaging of Early-Stage Colon Cancer—Is Chest CT Really Necessary?"



## **Dr. Jonathan Chung to be new section editor of Cardiopulmonary Imaging for AJR**

Congratulation to Dr. Jonathan Chung on being selected as the new section editor of Cardiopulmonary Imaging for AJR. Dr. Chung started this new position in May of 2023.



## **Dr. Kate Feinstein to receive the Distinguished Service Award from the IRS**

The Illinois Radiological Society will present its 2023 Distinguished Service Awards to two local radiologists for their outstanding leadership and many years of dedicated service to radiology. The IRS

Distinguished Service Award or Gold Medal is awarded in recognition of highly notable and distinguished service to radiology and to the Illinois Radiological Society, and will be presented to Kate A. Feinstein, MD for outstanding leadership. Congratulations, Dr. Feinstein!



## **Dr. Divya Kumari made Features Editor of new monthly JVIR feature**

Divya Kumari, MD, is the new Features Editor of "Lessons in IR": a new monthly feature in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (JVIR). This new feature will give JVIR readers useful and pragmatic illustrations that can be applied to the everyday practice of interventional radiology. Congratulations to Dr. Kumari!

# FACULTY NEWS



## **Dr. Kirti Kulkarni receives Illinois Radiological Society Patient and Community Advocacy Award**

Kirti Kulkarni was selected to receive the Inaugural Illinois Radiological Society Patient and Community Advocacy Award to honor her outstanding outreach efforts as an advocate for patient care and for increasing diversity in radiology. She was recognized with a plaque presentation at the Annual Spring Combined Chicago Radiological Society-Illinois Radiological Society Meeting on April 20th at Rush University Medical Center Searle Conference Center. Congratulations, Dr. Kulkarni!

## **Dr. Kirti Kulkarni featured in 19th News article**

Dr. Kirti Kulkarni was featured in a *19th News* article about new FDA regulations involving mammograms. Dr. Kulkarni commented on best medicine practices to ensure women with higher breast density are properly screened for cancer.

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## **Dr. Osman Ahmed serves as invited speaker on DEI panel at SIR 2023**

This year as part of the Society of Interventional Radiology's 2023 planned annual meeting in Phoenix AZ, Dr. Osman Ahmed, co-director of the department's DEI Council, was invited to serve as a speaker during a special DEI session. Our department is proud of the dedication and leadership Dr. Ahmed shows to DEI work and its efforts in IR!

## **Dr. Osman Ahmed Awarded the 2022 AJIR Article of the Year**

The Pan Arab Interventional Radiology Society is pleased to award the 2022 AJIR Article of the Year to Osman Ahmed, MD, for his research entitled "Segmental Yttrium-90 Radioembolization as an Initial Treatment for Solitary Unresectable HCC." Congrats Dr. Ahmed!



## **Dr. Osman Ahmed Receives \$1 Million Investment**

Dr. Osman Ahmed's startup, Flow Medical, received a \$1 million investment. The startup, founded by Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Jonathon Paul (associate professor of medicine at UChicago), is currently developing a multi-function catheter to help diagnose and treat venous thromboembolic disease. This investment will be used to fund device development and testing needed to submit for FDA 510(k) approval in the first quarter of 2025.

## **Dr. Steffen Sammet receives NIH UE5 Grant Award**

Dr. Sammet will receive grant funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center. He is the Principle Investigator of an NIH UE5 multi-institution grant for the research project entitled "Data Science and Medical Image Analysis Training for Improved Health Care Delivery in Nigeria."



## **Ken Bader, PhD receives grant from Focused Ultrasound Foundation and the Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation**

Ken Bader, PhD has received grant funding by the Focused Ultrasound Foundation and the Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation. With this grant, Dr. Bader will research treatment options for neuroblastoma.



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## **Sisters Working it Out hosts two-day Triple Negative Breast Cancer awareness event with UChicago Medicine faculty**

UChicago Medicine's Dr. Funmi Olopade, Dr. Kirti Kulkarni, and Donna Christian, NP, were invited to join with local community partners to present this educational two-day event on March 31 and April 1.





## **Dr. Heather Whitney has been accepted as a Fellow**

Dr. Heather Whitney has been accepted as a fellow in the MacLean Center Clinical Ethics Fellowship at the University of Chicago for the 2023-2024 fellowship year. Dr. Whitney is a Research Assistant Professor in Dr. Maryellen Giger's lab.



## **Dr. Chin Tu Chen promoted to Professor**

It is a pleasure to inform you that Dr. Chin-Tu Chen was promoted to Professor with tenure effective July 1, 2023. Dr. Chen joined our department after completing his PhD in 1986 at UChicago and led our research efforts in molecular imaging since then.

Dr. Chen has been instrumental in our recent efforts to build a translational theranostics program and we look forward to continuing to work with him in the coming years.



## **Ingrid Reiser, PhD Elected to be AAPM Board Member-at-Large**

Ingrid Reiser, PhD has been elected to the AAPM (American Association of Physicists in Medicine) Board as a Board Member-at-Large. Her term in this leadership position will begin January 1, 2024. Congratulations, Dr. Reiser!



## **Pamela Carroll Accepted as a Mentor for New GROW Program at UChicago**

Pamela Carroll, Research Nurse Associate for the Radiology Department, has been accepted as a mentor for the new GROW (Guiding Research Professionals in the University of Chicago Workforce) Program.

The program provides the opportunity for early career clinical research staff to interact with and learn from experienced UChicago mentors. The program will pair mentors with mentees as well as include a cohort component where mentees can build relationships with other mentees in their group.



## **New Faculty: Dr. Satish Chitneni**

Dr. Satish Chitneni, a radiochemist, is coming to UChicago from Duke University in North Carolina (NC). After living in the quiet small town of Cary near the Research Triangle Park in NC for over 8 years, he and his family are very excited about the move and life in Chicago. His family includes his spouse who's a pharmacist, their 13-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son.

His hobbies and interests include gardening and traveling – including seasonal visits to the beautiful blue ridge mountains and beaches of North Carolina.

Welcome, Dr. Chitneni!



## **New Faculty: Dr. Tamer Albatineh**

We are very happy to announce that Dr. Tamer Albatineh started as a Clinical Associate working in the section of Trauma Radiology.

Tamer (as he prefers to be called) is married with three young boys. In his spare time, he likes to play basketball, go to the gym, hike, swim, and watch sports.

Please join us in welcoming him to the Department!

## Retirement of Dr. Mario Zaritzky



Dr. Mario Zaritzky has retired after an illustrious career. Dr. Zaritzky graduated as a doctor in 1980 at the University of La Plata in Argentina and obtained certification as a specialist in pediatric surgery in 1987; and in 1998, Pediatric Radiology at the College of Medicine, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina. He worked as a surgeon and later as a medical and interventional radiologist at the Children's Hospital "Sor Maria Ludovica" of the city of La Plata, from 1980 to 2004. From 2004 to 2006, he was an instructor in the Department of Radiology at the University of Chicago and from 2007 to the present, has served as Assistant Professor. Throughout his close to twenty year tenure at our institution, Dr. Zaritzky has earned an exceptional professional reputation. His unwavering dedication, outstanding service, and remarkable contributions to the department have earned him deep respect, admiration, and countless fond memories. As an esteemed pediatric radiologist, Dr. Zaritzky has played a crucial role in providing exceptional care for our youngest patients. His expertise, coupled with his compassion and gentle demeanor, has comforted countless families during what can be a trying time. He has also proven himself as an inventor as he successfully created a device to non-invasively treat congenital esophageal malformations. While we are thrilled for him as he embarks on this new chapter of life, his invaluable presence, warmth, and expertise within our department will be dearly missed. He is now headed to Florida to relax and enjoy the sunshine!

Congratulations and thank you, Dr. Zaritzky!

## UPDATE ON THE CYCLOTRON FACILITY



### **The Cyclotron Facility has been busy with a number of projects, most of which are focused on getting PET imaging drugs into humans for Clinical Trials (INDs):**

- The Cyclotron Facility has an IND for 18F FLT, a PET tracer for imaging of cell proliferation, which was briefly used here at UCM in a small pilot study; Northwestern is submitting a protocol to its IRB for usage of our FLT shipped to them.
- The facility has been producing 11C PIB, an amyloid imaging agent under an IND held by Washington University in St. Louis and we have injected and scanned three patients to date here at UCM.
- In neurology, we have been working with a set of related imaging agents for Alzheimer's Disease. The first images amyloid proteins and the second one images Tau proteins. There are a number of clinical trials that use both agents in their protocols. To date we have manufactured over 240 batches of these drugs and they have been injected in over 300 patients. These trials are taking place not only in the Chicago area but elsewhere in the Midwest. So far, our drugs have been delivered to 10 locations: Rush University, Advocate Lutheran, Northwestern, Amita Health/Alexian Brothers, Swedish Hospital, Indiana University in Indianapolis and in Carmel Indiana, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, and the University of Kansas in Kansas City. We are looking to add a few more sites.
- For pre-clinical (animal) studies, we have worked with and supplied various drugs to UIC, Northwestern, and local UC/UCM researchers.

**For more information about the drugs we produce, our production schedule and other information on the Cyclotron Facility, visit our website at: [voices.uchicago.edu/cyclotron](http://voices.uchicago.edu/cyclotron).**

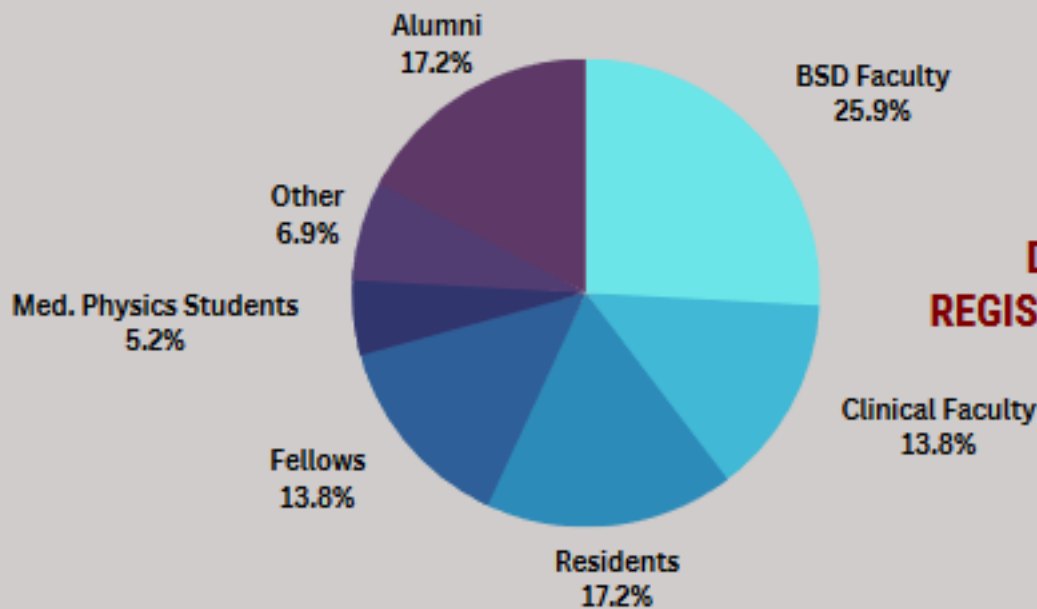
## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING **ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT SESSION 2023** AI IN RADIOLOGY, USE CASES AND TRENDS JUNE 1, 2023



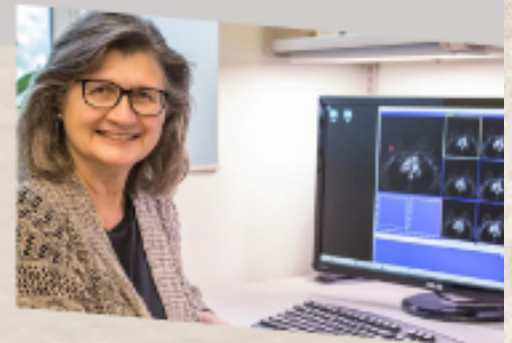
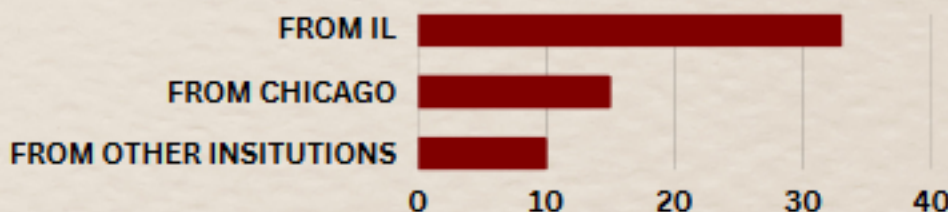
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FOR THE EVENT



OF THOSE REGISTERED  
WHO ATTENDED



### ATTENDEE INFORMATION



SESSION PRESENTED BY:  
**MARYELLEN GIGER, PHD**

## 17<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Breast Imaging

We are pleased to invite you to Chicago for the next edition of the international Workshop on Breast imaging (IWBI) We are proud to present the latest clinical and scientific developments in breast imaging, discussing new opportunities in population screening, new imaging modalities, computer-aided diagnosis, machine learning & AI, big data, multi-omics, pathology, and quality control techniques.

By bringing together researchers, clinicians and Industry representatives, we hope to inspire clinically relevant research and development in breast imaging, with the ultimate aim to improve patient care and outcomes

### Location

The David Rubenstein Forum  
at the University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois, USA

### Dates

June 9-12, 2024



Website and more information coming soon!

### Dr. Carina Yang attends Bucksbaum Scholar Dinner



The Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence 2022-2023 Faculty and Student Scholars (including our very own Senior Scholar Dr. Carina Yang) enjoy an award dinner at John and Jacolyn Bucksbaum's home on Wednesday, January 18th, with Institute leadership and Dean Mark Anderson in attendance.

### Now Open: Diagnostic Imaging Center

UChicago Medicine's Diagnostic and Imaging Center at River East celebrated its grand opening on May 25. Imaging options at this center include radiography, ultrasonography, computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging.. The effort to bring the center to River East began in the fall of 2019 and augments the site's mammography, bone density, and breast biopsy services.

"We are very excited about the opening the Imaging Center in River East," said Kim Lenner, MBA, Executive Director, Radiology. "This was a concept that was developed four years ago, but for a variety of reasons, including COVID-19, we had to pause the project. We believe that it's important to make imaging more accessible, and this center allows us to provide care closer to home for many of our patients." The River East location includes primary care, infusion therapy, and more than 20 specialty care services. The diagnostic and imaging center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday



### UChicago wins second place at the Annual Chicago Radiological Society Jeopardy competition!





# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Geoffrey Ronan – John Fennessy Exchange Fellow (March 2023)



Geoffrey's Ronan, a radiology fellow from Ireland, participated as an exchange fellow in the prestigious Fennessy Exchange Scholars Program at The University of Chicago. His four-week immersion in radiology involved exploring how the specialty is practiced in settings with different resources.

"Thanks to all of the staff at UChicago for making the first year of the Fennessy Exchange such a success. I had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed both getting to know you all and observing the fantastic care you provide to your patients. It was great to get residents' perspectives on healthcare and to see that despite some obvious differences there are interesting parallels in the way we practice.

Thank you again, best wishes from one University quad to another." - Geoffrey Ronan

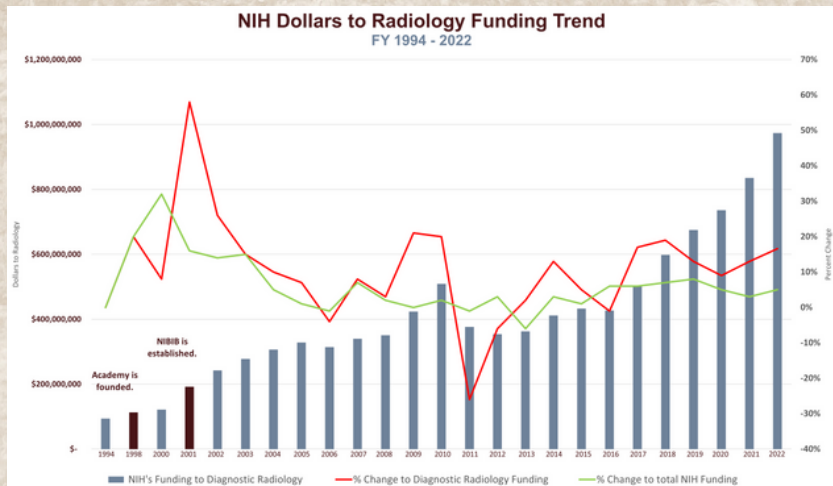
## Y2022 ACADEMY NIHF DATA COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Our department is being recognized as one of the departments with more than 100% increase in funding over FY211 by Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research.

Congratulations to our researchers led by Dr. Maryellen Giger

### TOTALS FOR ENTIRE DATA COLLECTION - FY22

CONTACT PI on GRANT to PRIMARY	\$666,506,794
MPI on GRANT with AWARD to PRIMARY ORG	\$123,034,858
CONTACT PI on GRANT with AWARD to OTHER ORG	\$50,061,795
MPI on GRANT with AWARD to OTHER ORG	\$91,536,019
TOTAL WITHOUT ECOG-ACRIN	\$931,139,466
ECOG-ACRIN FUNDING	\$42,361,745
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$973,501,211</b>



### MIDRC featured in NIH newsletter

The Medical Imaging and Data Resource Center (MIDRC) was recently featured in the NIH newsletter. The article includes an interview of Dr. Maryellen Giger, professor of radiology and lead contact researcher at MIDRC. Read the article [here](#) to learn more from Dr. Giger about the creation of the repository, how its data can be used to develop and evaluate AI algorithms, ways that bias can be introduced--and potentially mitigated--in medical imaging models, and what this means for the future.



# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## NRMP Fellowship Matches 2023

The **NRMP** has announced the results for the 2023 Radiology Fellowship Match. The purpose of the Match is to provide a uniform time for both applicants and programs to make their training selections without pressure. Fellows will start in July 2024.

**Congratulations to the matches below!**

### Neuroradiology:

**Edwin Chenming Wang, MD**  
Cook County Health and Hospital Systems  
Chicago, IL

**Adriana Halene Saldan, DO**  
St. Francis Hospital

**Roger William Rozzi, DO**  
Franciscan Health Olympia Fields

**Saad AliKhan Khan, MD**  
UIC

### Breast:

**Monika Dangeti, MD**  
Oschner Health New Orleans, LA

**Anne Darrow Williams, MD, MA**  
St. Francis Hospital

## Katie Pizer Promoted



Katie Pizer has been named as the new Executive Director of Research and Grants Administration for the Biological Sciences Division, effective July 1. The Executive Director is a new position created to work with BSD executive leadership on building organizational capabilities for grant administration.

While reporting to the BSD Vice Dean of Academic Administration and Finance, Katie will develop division-wide grant administration policies, goals, and operating plans. She will provide leadership and development to pre- and post-award staff across all BSD units, including Basic Science Departments, Clinical Departments, Centers, and Institutes, and build and lead a central pool of pre- and post-award professionals available to units as needed.

## Welcome our new Accelerator Operator/Quality Assurance Specialist Lucas Gonzalez

Lucas Gonzalez has joined the Department of Radiology this week as our new Accelerator Operator / Quality Assurance Specialist. He will be joining the Cyclotron team.

Lucas comes to us from the United States Navy where he recently worked as a Nuclear Electronics Technician. He completed his education at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Chemical and Bio-molecular Engineering.



## Welcome our new Secretary IV, Adrian Gutierrez

Adrian Gutierrez has joined the Department of Radiology this week as our new Secretary. She will support Breast Imaging, Neuroradiology and our Hodges Alumni Society.

Adrian comes to us from the East Chicago Public Library where she served as the Public Relations Administrative Assistant. She is currently attending St. Augustine College where she will graduate this May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.



## Women in Radiology Event



The Diversity and Inclusion Council played a vital role in celebrating women in radiology by actively participating in the 5k - 1-mile walk/run on Saturday, June 17, 2023. Drs. Ingrid Reiser, Carina Yang & family, Emily Marshall, and Patrick La Riviere were in attendance from our department. Embracing the spirit of inclusivity, the department members came together to promote camaraderie and wellness amongst the group.

### Dr. Carina Yang comments on diversity and inclusion in RSNA News series

Dr. Carina Yang commented on diversity and inclusion in a two-part [RSNA \(Radiological Society of North America\) News series](#) on women in the field of radiology in the United States. [Part 1](#) examines the potential challenges that deter female medical students from selecting radiology as their specialty. [Part 2](#) highlights efforts that are creating a more diverse radiology workforce.



### Spare Time: A Meet and Greet for BSD Faculty and Students of Color

The Biological Sciences Division Office of Diversity & Inclusion hosted a recent event, Spare Time: A Meet and Greet for BSD Faculty and Students of Color on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Dr. Chris Straus (not pictured) and Carina Yang were in attendance from our department, in addition to Iris Romero MD, Dean for Diversity & Inclusion and Tobias Spears PhD, Assistant Dean for Diversity & Inclusion.

Faculty and students enjoyed a wonderful time bowling, enjoying great food, and chatting with fellow BSDers. Given the immense success of the event, the Office looks forward to hosting future intra-divisional opportunities, which we hope other members from the Department of Radiology will join!



## D&I Council Spotlight: Dr. Muhammad Hossain

Interview of Dr. Muhammad Hossain, Second Year Resident, by Dr. Luis de Jesus Sanchez, Third Year Radiology Resident, at the University of Chicago Medicine.



**Tell us a bit about yourself (where you grew up and what influenced your decision to go into medicine).**

I came to America with my family when I was around one and a half years old. My parents wanted to see what the land of opportunity had to offer and within a short period of time, they realized it was a place my brother and I could thrive through the education system. Though they made the intention to stay on our behalf, they fell into a not-so-uncommon immigrant story of losing their professional careers from back home. They were both general physicians working in Iran prior to moving, but the rigors of raising two children while attempting to navigate through the complex process of becoming an established physician in a foreign land was an obstacle they could not overcome. Their background became deeply rooted in my brother and my upbringing as we heard stories of their experiences and saw them help people within our community with the skills they still retained.

As I progressed through my early years of education, I found myself intrigued and generally competent with most of the sciences. When I started undergraduate, I had all intentions of going into medical school and majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology. However, I had also developed an interest in economics through a high school microeconomics course that I decided to further investigate by adding it on as a major. By my senior year, I contemplated switching my professional trajectory towards a career that would utilize my economics background. However, my path realigned with medicine after I took the MCAT for the first time and realized how big of a challenge it was. I wanted to face similar challenges moving forward that I faced with that exam the first time I attempted it. Naturally, medicine would offer this at each and every level of training.

**Why did you choose Radiology?**

My interests in medical school were broad. I enjoyed learning about various pathologies that were not limited to the confines of one specialty. By my clinical years, I felt that IM was broad enough to satisfy my intellectual pursuits. However, I realized how limited IM became in terms of the daily workflow in actually seeing multiple pathologies. There was far more secretarial and social work that took up the majority of the day. I found my passion for Radiology during my medical school rotation where I realized that almost every moment looking at imaging was thinking through the medicine of what was normal and what was pathologic. Also, the scope of Radiology was far greater than IM with nearly every specialty needing the assistance of imaging to guide their management.

**As a URM what are your thoughts on DEI in the medical field and Radiology specifically?**

I think universally it is important to have a diverse background of individuals at the workplace, whether it's in the medical field or Radiology specifically. With diversity, you have a melting pot of unique perspectives built on individual life experiences. By sharing these perspectives, it fosters an atmosphere of open-mindedness and collaboration that boosts organizational/departmental employee morale.

**How do you think UCM can improve recruitment of URM into the medical field?**

I think the best way to improve recruitment is to first foster an environment of welcome and appreciation for residents. It becomes quickly well known by word of mouth how a program is towards its residents. Once that has been achieved, interest in the program naturally increases, including URM.

**As a future Radiologist training at a prestigious institution, what advice would you give to other URM (or PR students) to boost their academic and professional opportunities?**

Life is a lot of luck and a bit of hard work. The hard work increases your odds of being successful in whatever you plan to accomplish. As for myself, I've always tried to put great effort into work and education. I essentially worked a number of jobs throughout the years while balancing my academics. I think the best thing that anyone can do is to discipline themselves into putting in as much effort as they can into activities, they feel is beneficial for them or they just generally enjoy. For me, it was mainly working multiple jobs. For others, it may be volunteering, research, shadowing, playing a sport, etc. Of course, this does require being self-motivated and taking the initiative to find these opportunities.

# RESIDENT NEWS

## Radiology Faculty and Residents Receive 2023 Awards



Neuroradiology Section Award  
Junior Winner:  
**Dr. Ravi Chintapalli**



Neuroradiology Section Award  
Senior Winner:  
**Dr. Connor Tierney**



Neuroradiology Section Award  
Senior Winner:  
**Dr. Shaif Yusufshaq**



Dr. Richard L. Baron Excellence in  
Abdominal Imaging Award:  
**Dr. Joshua Brooks**



Charlene Sennett Breast Imaging  
Award:  
**Dr. Anderson Webb**



Diversity and Inclusion Award:  
**Dr. Lindsay Yang**



Marc Ronald Tetelman Memorial  
Award Teacher of the Year:  
**Dr. Lydia Chelala**



Senior Class Teacher of the Year  
Award for Board Preparation:  
**Dr. Luis Landeras**



Musculoskeletal Imaging Section  
"Big Bone Award":  
**Dr. Joshua Brooks**



Chief Resident Award:  
**Dr. Karan Nijhawan**



Chief Resident Award:  
**Steve Lu**



Chien Tai Lu Award:  
**Dr. Tushar Kesavadas**



RSNA Award:  
**Dr. Qian (Clark) Yu**



The John F. Fennessy Award for  
Academic Achievement in Thoracic  
Radiology:  
**Dr. Muhammad Hossain**



Excellence in Resident Instruction by  
a Fellow:  
**Dr. Oyinlolu Adeyanju**

**Congrats to all 2023 award recipients!**

# ALUMNI UPDATES



## Dr. Morlie Wang appointed Interim Chair!

Morlie Wang has been appointed interim chair of radiology at Cook County Hospital. She also received a grant from the American College of Radiology with Dr. Anne Darrow (Breast Imaging Fellow at UChicago) and Dr. Kirti Kulkarni, educating LGBTQ+ members about careers in Radiology.

University of Chicago  
Breast Imaging Fellow, 2014



## Noam Alperin's Lab Published Paper

The lab of Noam Alperin (1996 graduate of the medical physics program) published a paper that reveals what comes first in aging-related cognitive decline: reduction in cerebral blood flow or brain tissue loss.

University of Chicago  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1994

## Dr. Cathrine E. Keller Update

Lake Medical Imaging in the Villages and Leesburg, FL became an active site for the CMIST trial on 5/31/2023 with the first patient enrolled and imaged on 6/23/2023.

CMIST is the ACR and Breast Cancer Research Foundation's Contrast Mammography Imaging Screening Trial for the Comparison of Breast Cancer Screening with Dual-Energy Contrast-Enhanced Spectral Mammography to Digital Breast Tomosynthesis in Women with Dense Breasts.

The Research Aims are:

- To compare the cancer detection rate (CDR) (at the participant level) between the initial (Year 0) CESM and DBT
- To compare the recall rate between the Year 1 CESM and DBT

The study will enroll approximately 2000 patients from 12-14 sites in the US and Canada.

The primary research investigator is Christopher Comstock, MD FACR.

I am the principal investigator at the LMI site.



The University of Chicago  
RAD Medical Student, 1983



## Dr. Herwig Imhof Update

Dr. Herwig Imhof has an impressive long and active career in the medical field, serving as the Director of Erasmus courses - a well known program throughout Europe, and being scientifically active until 2020. Turning 80 in February 2023 is a remarkable milestone. He has contributed significantly to medical education and research throughout his career.

The University of Chicago  
Assistant Professor 1975-1976

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This Hodges Society newsletter is for you, and about you—so please forward content ideas such as interesting cases, awards, accomplishments, and announcements.

We like to share good news. And please, if you move or change your email, let us know so we can update your contact information and stay in touch.

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