

RADIOLOGY REPORT



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On Friday, June 9th, 2023, the department held its 11th graduation ceremony since restarting the LSU Radiology Residency Program in 2009. This year's graduation was held at Lula Restaurant & Distillery. Dr. Julie Allen, Dr. Mae Igi, Dr. Ryan King, Dr. Cody Rigsbee, and Dr. Chandler Van Dyke graduated from the Diagnostic Radiology Residency. Dr. Everardo Flores and Dr. Dan Laney graduated from the Interventional Radiology Residency. Dr. Alisa Tanakit graduated from her Neuroradiology Fellowship and Dr. Jane Ball graduated from her Women's & Breast Imaging Fellowship. Congratulations to the graduates of 2023!



Pictured above: The 2023 graduates.

On Wednesday, July 19th, 2023, the department held its annual Resident Research Symposium. Dr. Andrew Ea gave the keynote presentation, "Pulmonary Artery Pseudoaneurysm". Dr. Claire Holmes presented, "De Garengot Hernia with Perforated Appendicitis and Adjacent Abscess". Dr. Taylor Bragg presented, "Hyperparathyroidism in Musculoskeletal Radiology". Dr. Easton Downs presented, "Fatal Case of Hughes-Stovin Syndrome" and "Pediatric Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor with Multiple Metastatic Sites". Dr. Jacob Schroeder presented, "Removal of a Permanent IVC Filter: Techniques and Case Presentation". Medical student Shivani Jain presented, "Cirrhosis and Sarcopenia".

Pictured below: This year's new R1 class with our Chief Residents.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Radiological Society of North America Annual Meeting

Nov 26-30 2023
Chicago, Illinois

Southern Radiological Conference

January 26-28 2024
Point Clear, AL

ACGME Annual Educational Conference

March 7-9, 2024
Orlando, FL

Match Day

March 15, 2024

Society of Interventional Radiology Annual Meeting

March 23-28, 2024
Salt Lake City, UT

Association of University Radiologists Annual Meeting

April 2-5, 2024
Boston, MA

American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine Annual Conference

April 6-10, 2024
Austin, TX

American College of Radiology Annual Meeting

April 13-17, 2024
Washington D.C.

Society of Abdominal Radiologists Annual Meeting

April 14-19, 2024
Hollywood, FL

American Roentgen Ray Society Annual Meeting

May 5-9, 2024
Boston, MA

DEPARTMENT BULLETIN BOARD

Congratulations to **Dr. David Smith** for being selected as the 2022-23 LSU Radiology Teacher of the Year.

Welcome to our new faculty members! **Dr. Dan Laney** started as an Assistant Professor in the Interventional Radiology department on July 31, 2023, after finishing his integrated IR residency with us at LSUHSC. **Dr. Anandraj Kanwar** started as an Assistant Professor in the Neuroradiology section on September 1, 2023. He attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for his residency and completed his neuroradiology fellowship at Oregon Health and Sciences University.

Promotions effective July 1, 2023:

Dr. B. Morrell: Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology

Dr. Danrad: Professor of Clinical Radiology

Dr. Smith: Professor of Clinical Radiology

Dr. Toshav: Clinical Professor of Radiology

LSU Diagnostic Radiology Program Director **Dr.**

Mignonne Morrell has been recognized for her extraordinary leadership by UMCNO. During leadership rounding, residents in the diagnostic radiology program expressed their appreciation for their residency training experience at UMCNO. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Morrell on a job well done!

Dr. Kurosh Safavi, Dr. Cody Rigsbee, Dr. Claire Holmes, and medical student **Austin Clark** co-authored a case

report titled, "De Garengot Hernia with Appendicitis" that was accepted as an ACR Case in Point submission.

Dr. David Smith presented "Localized Lung Lesions - Beyond Malignancy" at the American College of Chest Physicians annual meeting in Honolulu, HI, on October 10, 2023.

Dr. Anandraj Kanwar presented, "Isolated Intracranial Manifestation of X-linked Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease: A Case" at the Western Neuroradiological Society annual meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, on October 20, 2023.

Dr. Alexandra Fairchild presented, "Application of Interventional Radiology in OB/GYN" at the University of Tennessee annual "Contemporary Issues in OB/GYN" CME course in Destin, FL on July 26, 2023.

Medical student Katelyn Gill, S. Aleman, **Dr. Alexandra Fairchild, Dr. Bahri Ustunsoz,** A.A. Smith, and **Dr. Hector Ferral** co-authored an article titled, "Distal Splenic Artery Embolization Does Not Increase the Incidence of Splenic Abscess Formation" that was presented by Katelyn at the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe annual meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark in September, 2023.

Dr. and Mrs. Bok will once again be hosting the LSUHSC Radiology annual party. This year's event will be taking place in the Warehouse at the Pelicans Vs. Charlotte game on January 17, 2024.

Dr. Bahri Ustunsoz co-authored an article titled, "A multidisciplinary approach for a patient with cardiogenic shock from pulmonary embolism with concomitant impending clot in transit trapped in PFO," which was published online in *Cardiovascular Revascularization Medicine* on October 4, 2023.

Dr. Bradley Spieler was selected to be the new Executive Director of the Spirit of Charity Foundation.

Dr. Robert Nguyen, Dr. Rebecca Chason, Dr. Dan Laney, Chelsea Simon, and **Dr. Alexandra Fairchild** co-authored an abstract titled, "Pelvic Blocks: A Primer for Radiology Residents" that was selected to be presented at the American Roentgen Ray Society Annual Meeting in May 2024.

Dr. Hanna Javan, Dr. Harry Cahill, Dr. Dan Laney, Chelsea Simon, and **Dr. Alexandra Fairchild,** had an abstract titled, "Exploring Imaging Modalities for Penetrating Liver Trauma: A Comprehensive Overview" selected to be presented at the American Roentgen Ray Society Annual Meeting in May 2024.

Dr. Aran Toshav co-authored an article titled, "Dual-Energy Computed Tomography: Integration Into Clinical Practice and Cost Considerations" that was published in the November 2023 edition of *Radiologic Clinics of North America*.

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Dr. Morrell and Dr. Fairchild at the graduation party



Medical student Katelyn Gill, presented at the LSU Student Research day.



Dr. Andrew Ea attended the Cook Vista course in Chicago.



L-R Dr. Deplet, Dr. Spieler, Dr. Safavi, Dr. Rangani, and Dr. Samadi having a post-board exam celebration at the House of Blues

The academic year is off to a great start! Our new residents were welcomed into the fold at our annual Rock N Bowl party and then hit the ground running on each of their rotations. They have the support not only of their upper level residents, but also 4 fellows throughout the department. We also congratulate all of our 4th year residents on their success in attaining wonderful fellowships for next year.

-Dr. Mignonne Morrell MD, Program Director—Diagnostic Radiology

This academic year is off to a great star. We are grateful for our senior IR residents that have joined the IR service this year. Dr. Chason, our IR Chief, and Dr. Cahill are great additions to our team along with graduating resident, Dr. Ea. We also are excited to welcome Dr. Laney as a full-time faculty member. He has made a seamless transition from resident to faculty.

As we continue to grow our program, I am happy to announce that we are awaiting approval from our GME office for an IR Research Fellowship Program. The program will be headed by our own, Dr. Ferral, who is also the Vice Chair of Research for IR. Dr. Ferral's close working relationship with IR industry will help make this a robust research program. This position will also help the IR program to produce more published articles as we continue to contribute to numerous medical journals. Currently, Dr. Fontenot is our Chief Resident of Research and has done a great job with organizing and planning our monthly meetings for our IR Research Committee.

We have not made it half-way through the year, and the IR team has published two articles. Drs. Laney and Ustunsoz, published an article titled: **"A multidisciplinary approach for a patient with cardiogenic shock from pulmonary embolism with concomitant impending clot in transit trapped in PFO"**, in the Cardiovascular Revascularization Medicine Journal. Also Drs. Laney and Ferral published another article titled: **"Portal Hypertension in Patients with Hemophilia"** in the Seminars in Interventional Radiology Journal. I spoke at the UTHSC OBGYN conference in Destin, FL, this past July. I spoke on **"Applications of Interventional Radiology in OBGYN"**. Dr. Ferral was an instructor again for the Cook sponsored "VISTA" course in Chicago, IL, giving instruction on TIPS procedures. Dr. Laney attended a Master Class on "MSK: Interventions in Musculoskeletal Oncology" given by Society of Interventional Oncology in September at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Currently Dr. Ferral and I have both been asked to speak at the upcoming SIR conference next year. We are off to a great start!

Lastly, the IR program will continue to participate in interviews with the Diagnostic program. We will participate in the 2024 NRMP Main Match again. Next year in January and May, we will have our "IR Boot camp Session 1 and Session 2. The IR program will also be sponsoring another Tiger Course, scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2023. We thank Dr. Bok for his continued support of our needs and wants for our program as we continue to grow. We strive every day to make our program better and we're glad to be a part of such a great department!

-Dr. Alexandra Fairchild, Program Director, Interventional Radiology Residency

Pictured below: New Resident Welcome party at Mid-City Lanes Rock 'N' Bowl on July 7th, 2023.



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Our current Academic year has been going great. We have enjoyed having our MSK fellow, Dr. Tobin on service. He is currently working on a joint research project with the Ortho Surgery residents. We are hopeful that this project will be published and presented nationally this year. Our program finally received our ACGME site visit to obtain our "Continued Accreditation" status from the ACGME. The site visit went well and we are thankful for all the MSK faculty members, Dr. Mignonne Morrell, the leaders of our GME office and Dr. Bok for participating in this event. We hope to have the results of the visit by late January. We are currently accepting applications for the upcoming 2024 NRMP Fellowship Match. We will participate in virtual interviews again as determined by the AAMC and supported by APDR and APDIR. We are also still recruiting to fulfill the vacant fellow position for July 2024. Our program is hopeful that we will fill both of these positions during this current interview cycle.

-Michael Maristany, MD, MBA, Program Director—MSK Fellowship

This year our program is grateful for our new Neuro faculty member Dr. Kanwar. Our two current fellows are off to a great start. Both attended the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology Conference this month in Orlando, FL. Dr. Rocco also recently had another research project accepted to ARRS conference, which he was jointly working with Dr. Gupta at the VA. We will start accepting applicants in ERAS, starting in December and will participate in the 2024 NRMP Fellowship Match. Interview for the fellowship will be virtual again this year as determined by the AAMC and supported by APDR and APDIR. It has been a great start for this current academic year!

-Doug Casey, MD, Program Director—Neuroradiology Fellowship

The 2023-2024 academic year has kicked off to a great start including the welcoming of Dr. Julie Allen as our Women's and Breast imaging fellow this year!. We continue to focus on quality patient care and research efforts in our program. Although we did not match this past interview cycle, we are continuing to accept applications for our July 2024 opening. We are currently accepting applications for the 2024 NRMP Fellowship Match and will start interviews in December. We are hopeful that we will find a great candidate during this interview cycle.

-Brooke Morrell, MD, Program Director—Women's & Breast Imaging Fellowship

I am excited to announce the addition of the non-ACGME accredited Body Imaging Fellowship Program. This fellowship will focus on outpatient and inpatient abdominal imaging, including MRI, CT, and US as well as fluoroscopic procedures. There will also be an additional experience in cardiac imaging and image-guided abdominal procedures as a part of elective rotations. I am happy to join the ranks of the fellowship programs that the department offers. We are currently accepting applications and will start interviews in November. We are hopeful that we will have our first fellow for July 2024.

-Raman Danrad, MD, Program Director—Body Imaging Fellowship

CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Team Members, Alumni, and Friends:



The 2023 LSUHSC Radiology Graduates



Drs. Luis deAlba, Jessica Galandak, Neel Gupta, Reece Newsome, Dennis Kay, Maristany, James Milburn, the Radiological Society of Louisiana delegation in DC at ACR '23.



Dr. Spieler was selected to be a faculty marshal for the Class of 2023 Precommencement Ceremony on Wednesday May 17, 2023

Both of the Neuroradiology Fellows, Mae Igi, MD and Mark Rocco, MD attended and presented at the ASHNR Conference in Orlando, FL.

Dr. Maristany and Dr. Tobin during the ACGME Site visit.

I would like to share a little bit of Charity Hospital and LSU Radiology History* with you. Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen produced the first human radiograph in 1895. Remarkably, Charity Hospital installed its first Roentgen ray device in 1896. I would say, that suggests the Medical Staff were “early adopters” in current “business speak.” Furthermore, Charity Hospital announced its first Radiology Fellowship in 1929. Any Radiology training programs prior to 1976 would likely have been “Charity Hospital” Programs. The Radiologists at Charity included employees of the hospital, Tulane Faculty and after 1931, LSU Faculty. LSU Medical School opened in 1931, and was formally dedicated in 1932. The LSU Medical School and the LSU Radiology Department have always been closely associated with Charity Hospital through its various organizational forms including the current University Medical Center, a public-private partnership between the state of Louisiana and LCMC Health.

In 1969 Dr. Erich Lang, a Uroradiologist and procedural radiologist started the LSU Radiology Residency in Shreveport. Dr. Lang was recruited to New Orleans to start the LSU Radiology Residency in New Orleans in 1976. Dr. Lang was Chair of LSU Radiology and Charity from 1976 through 1991, when he stepped down. The LSU Residency was on probation with the ACGME at that time. Dr. Lang left Charity and LSU Radiology in the mid-1990's. Dr. Lang passed away February 5, 2019. Dr. Jane Clayton was acting Chair in the 1991-92 timeframe and Dr. Jesse Belseiro as Acting Chair in the 1992-93 timeframe.

Dr. Wilfrido Castaneda, a world renowned Interventional Radiologist was recruited to rebuild the Department, the Residency and start Fellowships in 1993. Dr. Castaneda came from the University of Minnesota (UM). He recruited multiple new radiologists, many from UM, including Dr. Janis Letourneau, who held many positions in the LSU Radiology Department and who spent many years in the Dean's Office in a number of key positions. Dr. Castaneda served as Chair from 1993 to 2005. He retired following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and the permanent closure of “Big Charity,” the art deco hospital building that had opened on Tulane Avenue in 1941. This brought about the closure of the LSU Radiology Residency due to a lack of facilities, faculty, and financing. In the 2005-2006 timeframe Dr. David Graham and Dr. Frank Opelka sequentially served as Acting Chairs.

I (Dr. Leonard Bok) was recruited after Katrina. My wife Ruth and I came back to New Orleans and LSU in the fall of 2006. I was previously with LSU Radiology from 1995 through 1999, part of that time in New Orleans and part as Radiology Department Head at UMC in Lafayette, Louisiana. By 2009 our LSU Radiology team began re-opening GME programs and starting new programs and continued over the next several years with the help of Dr. Mike Maristany and many, many others. There are a few Fellowships that we still consider works-in-progress. We moved from the Interim LSU Hospital (ILH) to the current University Medical Center (UMC) in August of 2015. LSU's Radiology Residencies and Fellowships are thriving.

*If there are any errors in this history—I apologize—I have done my best to research the facts.

Our LSU Radiology Department strives to maintain a supportive, cooperative, determined culture. LSU Radiology encourages a culture of charity and a habit of giving back regularly. Giving to the LSU Health Foundation can be accomplished easily online or over the phone—be sure donations are designated for “Medicine—Radiology” (see guidance below). Every dollar makes a difference. LSU Radiology is dedicated to teaching, clinical care, and scholarship. Funds support resident graduation, recruitment activities, and resident travel. I encourage you to give today—right now. I strongly encourage you to consider LSU Radiology for Annual Giving, Planned & Estate Gifts, Memorials or Honorariums. I encourage you to consider Endowed Giving designated for the purpose of your choice such as a permanent source of flexible funding for department needs, Professorships or Chairs to help recruit the best faculty, or Lectureships to advance the educational and scholarly activities of the department. Please contact Winter Jeanfreau or me and we can work with the appropriate personnel at the LSU Health Foundation to make sure you accomplish your charitable goals. Every dollar makes a difference—Please Give.

-Dr. Leonard Bok, Department Head—LSU Radiology