

# RADIOLOGY REPORT



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On Friday, June 11th, the department held its 9th graduation ceremony since restarting the LSU Radiology Residency Program in 2009. This year's graduation was held in person in the Warehouse District at Bryant Park Nola. Bryant Park Nola also provided a medley of Cajun cuisine buffet-style. The well-attended celebration was highlighted by an impassioned speech delivered by Dr. Bok focusing on the challenges and resilience of residents, faculty, and administration over the last year. Dr. Noah Atwi, Dr. Emma Lindsey, and Dr. Chris Rouse all graduated from Diagnostic Radiology Residency. Congratulations to the graduates of 2021!



Pictured at Right: Dr. Bok, Dr. Lindsey, Dr. Atwi (Zoom), Dr. Morrell, Dr. Rouse, Dr. From

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On Friday, June 25th, the department held its annual "Resident Research Symposium." Dr. Francisco Brito presented, "Traumatic Renal Injuries: Radiologic Evaluation and Outcomes" (co-researched with Dr. Miles Dixon). Dr. Mae Igi presented, "Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography on a Detector Based Spectral CT Platform: An Evaluation of Patients with CAD-RADS score of 3 and Above." Dr. Cody Rigsbee presented "Lead Resorption Following Ballistic Trauma." Dr. John-Paul Grenier presented "Image Based Analysis of Common Pitfalls in Brain CT Perfusion for Stroke." Thanks to Dr. Bradley Spieler for organizing the Research Day.



At Left: Dr. Bradley Spieler, Dr. Mae Igi, Dr. John-Paul Grenier, and Dr. Mignonne Morrell at the Resident Research Symposium. Dr. Igi and Dr. Grenier were recognized for their outstanding contribution to research and scholarly activity.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Team Members, Alumni, and Friends:

Much has transpired since we shared our 2021 Spring Radiology Newsletter. The country and the world continue to live with an ongoing COVID pandemic. The percentage of individuals vaccinated is increasing. We are approaching fall, so flu season will be upon us. Please do not forget to get your flu shot when it becomes available. We recently experienced Hurricane Ida. UMC went on to Code Grey Lockdown. Thanks go out to our A (Code Grey Lockdown) team, and B (recovery) team who all worked selflessly to keep UMC operational. Tropical Depression Nicholas followed on the heels of Ida. Things are slowly getting back to our new normal at UMC and LSUHSC. Hoping those of you affected are also getting back to normal.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Radiological Society of North America Annual Meeting

Nov 28-Dec 2, 2021  
Chicago, Illinois/Virtual

### ACGME Annual Educational Conference

February 24-26, 2022  
Orlando, Florida/Virtual

### Match Day

March 18, 2022

### Society of Abdominal Radiologists Annual Meeting

February 27-March 4, 2022  
Scottsdale, Arizona/Virtual

### American Roentgen Ray Society Annual Meeting

May 1-5, 2022  
New Orleans, LA

### Association of University Radiologists Annual Meeting

March 22-25, 2022  
Phoenix, Arizona

### American College of Radiology Annual Meeting

April 24-28, 2022  
Washington D.C.



First year residents at a welcome night event at Rock 'N' Bowl on July 8, 2021

L-R Dr. Schroeder, Dr. M. Morrell, Dr. Parrotte, Dr. Anyanwu, Dr. Bragg, Dr. Lajaunie, Dr. Froom, Dr. Rutner



Chief Residents and Program Directors at Welcome Night.

L-R Dr. Froom, Dr. Ea, Dr M. Morrell, Dr. Ramirez, Dr. Igi

## DEPARTMENT BULLETIN BOARD

Congratulations to **Dr. Roque Ferreyro** for being selected as the 2020-21 LSU Radiology Teacher of the Year and **Drs. Noah Atwi** and **JP Grenier** for being nominated for UMCNO Resident of the Year!

**Dr. Lillian Murphy** joined the department as an Assistant Professor working in the Neuroradiology and ER divisions on August 1, 2021. Dr. Murphy completed medical school at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and did her Diagnostic Radiology Residency at LSUHSC. She completed a fellowship in Neuroradiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania before returning to New Orleans.

**Dr. Kurosh Safavi** joined the department as an Assistant Professor in the Body Imaging section on September 7, 2021. Dr. Safavi completed medical school at the Drexel College of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA and did his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Ochsner. He also completed a Cross-sectional Body Imaging Body MRI - Ultrasound fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ.

**Dr. Mae Igi** had an educational exhibit and quality improvement project, "Sinonasal Tumors and Tumor Mimics" accepted to the American Society of Head & Neck Radiology virtual annual meeting in September 2021.

Thank you to our Visiting Professors for stopping by our department. **Dr. William Lea** for his topic, "MSK Procedures in IR" on May 26, 2021 and **Dr. Richard Fremaux** for his topic, "Projectiles and Gunshot Wounds" on August 24, 2021.

**Dr. Mae Igi, Dr. Joe Park Catherine Batte, and Dr. Bradley Spieler** co-authored an article titled, "A Characteristic Chest Radiographic Pattern in the Setting of COVID-19 Pandemic" which was published in the Summer 2021 issue of the *Ochsner Journal*.

**Dr. Leonard R. and Ruth A. Bok** recently donated artist Lory Lockwood's 2007 painting, "Opening Play" (pictured below) to the LSU Health Foundation New Orleans to be displayed in an appropriate space. The donation was made in honor of the long history of the LSU Radiology Department and the resilience of the LSU Radiology Department in the years following Hurricane Katrina.



**Dr. Brooke Morrell** was selected to join the inaugural cohort of the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program in recognition of her outstanding professional achievements and promise as a community-oriented clinical researcher.

**Dr. Aran Toshav** lectured at the SAR Duel Energy course on September 17, 2021.

It is with deep sadness, but warm memories that we inform you that long time faculty member and Professor Emeritus, **Dr. Hugh Robertson** passed away June 1, 2021. Dr. Robertson was a true renaissance man—an accomplished Neuroradiologist, an opera singer, and quite often a Ninja Turtle. Hugh initially joined the LSU Faculty in 1978 and spent the latter part of his academic career here practicing, teaching and writing. Dr. Robertson had countless academic accomplishments. He was the inspiration behind the book *LSU Radiology created: Simulation in Radiology*, Robertson, H.J., Paige, J. and Bok, L.R., Editors, Oxford University Press, 2012. Never one to rest on his laurels, Hugh obtained a Masters in Public Health and Tropical Medicine after his retirement. Dr. Robertson will be missed. His obituary can be viewed [here](#).

**Dr. Bradley Spieler** co-authored an article titled, "Evolution of the Interventional Radiology (IR) Pathway- Various Changes and Interrelation to Diagnostic Radiology (DR)" which was published in the September 2021 issue of *Academic Radiology*. This is the product of a multi-institutional collective effort within the AUR RRA Task force for 2020-2021. Moreover, this work was inspired by the LSU Radiology Department's Joint Advising Committee for Medical Students Pursuing a Career in Radiology, comprised of **Dr. Leonard Bok, Dr. Alexandra Fairchild, and Dr. Bradley Spieler**, which was initiated and cultivated by **Dr. Janis Letourneau**. This paper will serve as a resource for students, trainees, and radiology career advisors.

**Dr. Bradley Spieler** was selected as an Aunt Minnie semifinalist for Most Effective Radiology Educator and Paper of the Year for the paper titled, "Evolution of the interventional radiology (IR) pathway – various changes and interrelation to diagnostic radiology (DR)" that was published in the April 2021 issue of *Academic Radiology*.

**Dr. Carol Becker** and former LSU faculty and radiology residency alums **Dr. Cynthia Hanemann** and **Dr. Vanessa Zayas-Colon** were inducted as Fellows of the American College of Radiology (FACR) on May 16, 2021 at the virtual ACR meeting.

Thank you to **Dr. David Jewell** for his generous donation to the LSU Radiology Department.

Thank you to **Drs. Dane Mackey, Raman Danrad, Joe Park, Eric Wallace, Mark Froom, Jane Clayton, Lillian Murphy, Ricky Miller, Brooke Morrell, and Mignonne Morrell** for donating to the our Resident account through the LSU Foundation.

Photos below are from the graduation ceremony on June 11, 2021



After several set-backs with COVID ups and downs and hurricanes, the Karen T. Stall Research and Breast Institute's 2021: Pretty in Pink Fundraiser has been rescheduled for March 19th, 2022.

## PROGRAM DIRECTORS' REPORT

Our Diagnostic Radiology residency welcomed another 5 residents into the program in July bringing the total number of residents to 17. Our 3 senior residents successfully matched into fellowships with both Dr. Alejandra Ramirez (Chief resident) and Dr. John-Paul Grenier going into Neuroradiology at Mt.Sinai in New York and Dr. Jane Ball joining the Women's and Breast Imaging Program here at LSU. This resident complement also saw their way through Hurricane Ida and the corresponding Code Grey with communication and teamwork. A special thank you to our residents Asmar Ghani (IR), Rebecca Chason (IR), Cody Rigsbee, Paul Rangani, Ricky Deplet, Francisco Brito, Julie Allen, Mae Igi, and JP Grenier for their hard work in-house during recovery; and to Chief Alejandra Ramirez for her leadership and communication while evacuated.

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

The Interventional Radiology Residency Program has had many changes this past Academic Year. I am happy to have stepped into the role of Program Director after my predecessor Richard Marshall, MD, has chosen to leave the LSUHSC Department of Radiology. The program is grateful for his leadership during the inception of this program and we wish him the best. Next, I am happy to say that our Site Visit went very well and that the program has received it's "Continued Accreditation" status from the ACGME, which was wonderful news. As the program embarks on new horizons, I would like to acknowledge a few of the residents that have participated in outside training during this current Academic Year. Dr. Rebecca Chason attended the RISQCS Hands-On Device Bootcamp and Clinical Simulation Course, which took place in Boston, MA. Also Drs. Everardo Flores and Dan Laney attended the Cook Medical Vista Course - TIPS and Embolization along with Dr. Hector Ferral. We were excited for their participation and welcomed their new found knowledge of IR skills to integrate into our program. The IR Program again will host the Tiger Course for Technologists, Nurses and PAs on January 22, 2022. Stay tuned for more details. Lastly, we are excited for this upcoming interview season, which will be virtual again due to COVID-19 restrictions. Dr. Ferral will interview candidates this interview season along with me. We appreciate his participation in this process. We will again participate in the 2022 NRMP Main Residency Match."

**-Dr. Alexandra Fairchild, MD, Program Director—Interventional Radiology**

The Musculoskeletal Radiology Fellowship Program is still recruiting for to fill the MSK Fellow position for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. We have already started receiving applications for the 2023-2024 Academic Year, and will start interviewing candidates virtually in November. We will again participate in the 2022 NRMP Fellowship Match.

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

The Neuroradiology Fellowship Program is happy to welcome Dr. Christopher Rouse to the program as our first Fellow. We are happy to announce that we filled one of our two spots in the 2021 NRMP Fellowship Match. Dr. Alisa Tanakit will join our program next year in July 2022. We are still recruiting for the remaining spot not filled in the match. We have already started receiving applications for the 2023-2024 Academic Year, and will start interviewing candidates virtually in January. We will again participate in the 2022 NRMP Fellowship Match.

**-Doug Casey, MD, Program Director—Neuroradiology**

The Women's and Breast Imaging Fellowship is happy to announce that Dr. Jane Ball will be the next fellow starting in July 2022. We are currently reviewing applications for the 2023-2024 Academic Year and will participate in virtual interviews due to the effects of COVID-19. Our program will participate in the 2022 Fellowship Match .

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

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