

RADIOLOGY REPORT



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RADIOLOGY GRADUATION



On Friday, June 14, 2024, the department held its 12th graduation ceremony since restarting the LSU Radiology Residency Program in 2009. This year's graduation was held at Red Dog Diner. Dr. Francisco Brito Encarnacion, Dr. Ricardo Declet-Bauzo, Dr. Crawford Miles Dixon, Dr. Asmar Ghani, Dr. Paresh Rangani, and Dr. Katayoun Samadi graduated from the Diagnostic Radiology Residency. Dr. Andrew Ea graduated from the Interventional Radiology Residency. Dr. Gregory Tobin graduated from the Musculoskeletal Fellowship, Dr. Mae Igi and Dr. Mark Rocco graduated from the Neuroradiology Fellowship and Dr. Julie Allen graduated from the Women's & Breast Imaging Fellowship.

Congratulations to the graduates of 2024!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Radiological Society of North America Annual Meeting

December 1-5, 2024

Chicago, Illinois

Southern Radiological Conference

January 24-26, 2025

Point Clear, AL

Society of Abdominal Radiology Annual Meeting

February 16-21, 2025

Tucson, AZ

Match Day

March 21, 2025

Society of Interventional Radiology Annual Meeting

March 29-April 2, 2025

Nashville, TN

American Roentgen Ray Society

April 27-May 1, 2025

San Diego, CA

American College of Radiology Annual Meeting

May 3-7, 2025

Washington D.C.

Pictured below: The annual Radiology
Holiday Party on October 23, 2024.



DEPARTMENT BULLETIN BOARD

Congratulations to **Dr. Douglas Casey** for being selected as the 2023-24 LSU Radiology Teacher of the Year.

Promotions effective July 1, 2024:

Dr. Michael Maristany:

Professor of Clinical Radiology

Dr. Alexandra Fairchild:

Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology

Dr. Eric Wallace: Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology

Effective August 1, **Dana Brian** was promoted to Program Administrator 3.

Welcome to our new Residency & Fellowship Program Administrator, **Amariah Rauscher**, who started on October 1, 2024.

Dr. Anandraj Kanwar presented an educational exhibit titled, "Pictorial Review of Olfactory Cleft Lesions," at the American Society of Head & Neck Radiology annual meeting in San Diego, CA in September, 2024.

The special edition book titled, "Pain Management in Interventional Radiology" was published on May 8, 2024. This was a multi-year, multi-authored project with **Dr. Bahri Ustunsoz** serving as editor. **Dr. Alexandra Fairchild, Dr. Hector Ferral, Dr. Dan Laney, Dr. Andrew Ea, Dr. Samantha Parrotte, Dr. John Anderson, Dr. Matthew Givens, Dr. Leonard Bok, Dr. Rebecca Chason, Dr. Michael Maristany, and Dr. Cayley LeBlanc** were all contributing authors.

Dr. Alexandra Fairchild presented, "Uterine Fibroid Embolization (UFE)" at the University of Tennessee annual

"Contemporary Issues in OB/GYN" CME course in Destin, FL on July 22, 2024.

Dr. David Smith was selected to serve as faculty at the inaugural Association of Pulmonary Advanced Practice Providers (APAPP) National Conference in Las Vegas, NV from June 20-22, 2024.

Dr. Alexandra Fairchild was selected to serve as a distinguished faculty member at the Society of Laparoscopic & Robotic Surgeons Minimally Invasive Surgery Week in Lake Buena Vista, FL from September 25-28, 2024. She presented, "An Interventional Radiologist's Role in Treating High Tone Pelvic Floor Dysfunction," on September 27, 2024.

Dr. Hector Ferral presented several exhibits and moderated multiple sessions at The Portal Intervention Symposium in Chicago, IL from September 27-29, 2024. On September 27 he served as a moderator & panelist on, "Diving into Portal Hypertension & Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunts (TIPS)." and "Portal Interventions: Pushing the Envelope," and presented "TIPS through Alternative Accesses (Femoral, Left IJ, Paraumbilical)." On September 28 he served as a moderator/panelist for "Controversies in Hypertension: Let the Debates Begin!" and "Management of Hepatic Encephalopathy," and presented "Liverty: TIPS Kit."

Dr. Anandraj Kanwar moderated a session titled, "Adding Value in Head & Neck Imaging: Clinically Oriented Differentials," at the Western Neuroradiological Society

annual meeting in Kohala Coast, HI on October 17, 2024.

Dr. and Mrs. Bok once again hosted the LSUHSC Radiology annual party. This year's event took place in the Warehouse at the Pelicans vs. Bulls game on October 23, 2024.

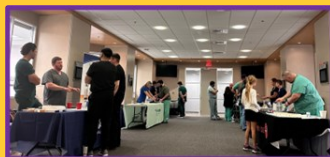
Medical student **Katelyn Gill** in collaboration with the LSU trauma and IR teams authored a manuscript titled, "Splenic Artery Embolization in the Treatment of Blunt Splenic Injury. Single Trauma-1 Level Center Experience," that was published in the *Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology Journal* on June 24, 2024.

Dr. Aran Toshav co-authored an article titled, "Photon counting CT clinical adoption, integration, and workflow," that was published in *Abdominal Radiology* on July 25, 2024.

Dr. Hector Ferral co-authored an article titled, "Endovascular Assessment of Liver Hemodynamics in Patients with Cirrhosis Complicated by Portal Hypertension," in the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology* that was given an JVIR editors award for Most Downloaded Articles in 2023.

Dr. Abdul Khan presented an exhibit titled, "An Interesting Case of Bilateral Carotid Body Tumors," that was presented at the Radiological Society of Louisiana Fall Meeting in Shreveport, LA on November 2, 2024.

Below: Photos from Bootcamp on
September 21st, 2024.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

The new academic year is off to a fantastic start! Our annual Rock 'N Bowl party was a great time to welcome the new class of residents into the fold and celebrate the successful CORE passage and fellowship placements of our senior residents. Our department remains committed to advancing excellence in education and patient care. We are excited to build on the momentum of past successes while embracing new opportunities for growth and collaboration. Together, we look forward to a year of discovery, learning and impactful contributions to the community we serve.

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

I would like to welcome Peyton Hopkins as our first IR Research Fellow. The program is headed by Dr. Ferral, who is also the Vice Chair of Research for IR. Dr. Hopkins attended Davidson College for two years before transferring to and graduating from Tulane with a degree in Neuroscience. He then completed his MD and intern year here at LSUHSC New Orleans where he served as the Student Government Association President.



Our Tiger Course (pictures below) on November 2nd was a wonderful success. Thank you to all who attended, including the nurses and nursing students who joined us. Also, a special thank you to our sponsors Penumbra, Inari, Terumo, Argon, and Boston Scientific.



Our next Interventional Radiology Bootcamp is to be held on January 11, 2025. We will meet on the 6th floor of the Lions building in the Simulation labs. All IR Residents and R1 DR Residents will attend. We will be joined by Dr. Lofaso and Dr. Rusnak.

Lastly, the IR program will continue to participate in interviews with the Diagnostic program. We are conducting interviews with applicants from November 2024 until January 2025. I am looking forward to meeting potential residents for our program.

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

CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Team Members, Alumni, and Friends

We hope this newsletter finds you well. In our last two newsletters, I shared a little bit about the history of LSU Radiology Leadership and then a little bit about the recent events at our primary practice site—UMCNO. Today I will share a little bit about the current-state and future-state of the LSU Radiology Department.

Dr. Casey accepting his Teacher of the Year Award at the 2024 graduation celebration.

Pictured below: New Resident Welcome party at Mid-City Lanes Rock 'N' Bowl on July 10th, 2024.



After much discussion with my wife Ruth, I have decided to retire at the end of June, next year, 2025. For the record, I joined the LSU Radiology Department the first time on July 1, 1995. Thus, there seems to be some symmetry in this decision. Holding the position of LSU Radiology Chair for the last 18 years has been the honor of my lifetime. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire team and in particular thank Dr. Michael Maristany for his work as Vice-Chair throughout this time and through thick and thin. Mike knows this department inside and out. There will now be a national search for a replacement. Dr. Love, Chair of Pathology will chair the search committee. Dr. Stephanie Taylor from the Dean's Office will be meeting with our department to explain the process and hear from members of the department.

Currently LSU Radiology has a Diagnostic Radiology Residency with 20 Residents, an Interventional Radiology-Diagnostic Radiology Residency with 10 Residents, a Women's and Breast Imaging Fellowship, an MSK Fellowship, a Neuroradiology Fellowship, and a Body Imaging Fellowship. The Radiology job market is very, very strong, making it challenging to fill all the Fellowships. Other Chairs at the recent Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD) fall meeting confirmed this national trend. Nationally and locally the number of imaging exams is going up and the number of radiologists is stable or decreasing. This is a challenging situation for the Department. We are actively recruiting for four positions and need several more.

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 on Page 1). 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