Christopher Straus and Mandy Velligan
Recipients of Awards at AUR

Dr. Christopher Straus, Associate Professor and Director of Medical Student Education in the Department of Radiology received the Excellence in Education Award from the Alliance of Medical Student Educators in Radiology (AMSER) at this year’s annual meeting of the Association of University Radiologists (AUR) in Baltimore in early April. The award is bestowed annually and honors the educator who has made outstanding contributions to medical student radiology education in the United States. It is a testament to Dr. Straus’ hard work and dedication.

Congratulations are also in order for Ms. Mandy Velligan, who was awarded the 2013 Outstanding Coordinator of the Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology (APCR) at the AUR Meeting. Ms. Velligan is well known to dozens of current and former physicians who have trained in the department of radiology for her unsurpassed excellence in administration of the residency and fellowship programs.

Resident Eric Blaschke Wins
Chicago Radiological Society Lasky Award

Congratulations to third year radiology resident Eric Blaschke for winning the Chicago Radiological Society's Lasky Foundation Breast Cancer Fund Resident Award. The award is given to a resident or fellow "for a meritorious project on the subject of breast cancer diagnosis, prevention or treatment that is presented at the CRS Resident Scientific Poster Session". The award is named for Dr. Harold Lasky, "who played a pivotal role in developing the national quality assurance program that resulted in the Mammography Quality Standardization Act (MQSA) of 1994."

Blaschke received the award for his joint research effort with Dr. Hiroyuki Abe, and describes his research dealing "with the use of quantitative magnetic resonance breast imaging, a type of MRI which allows measurement of actual underlying biological tumor properties and can help characterize disease even prior to biopsy. We show how quantitative contrast enhanced MRI can predict the molecular subtype of breast cancer, specifically differentiating the more common Luminal A/B breast cancer types from HER2+ disease. Our hope is to define imaging phenotypes that compliment traditional histopathologic characterization of disease for diagnostic and treatment planning."
Several University of Chicago Faculty Recognized as Top Radiologists in Chicago

_Chicago Magazine_ has identified several University of Chicago faculty members as Chicago’s Top Radiologists, comprising nearly half of their list. The list is based on an annual survey available to all licensed physicians nationwide which takes into account such factors as education, hospital appointment, board certifications, and bedside manner. Honored radiologists include:

**Diagnostic Radiology**

- **Abraham Dachman**: Gastrointestinal imaging; abdominal imaging; pancreatic cancer; colon cancer
- **Robert Edelman** (affiliate at NorthShore University Health): MRI; cardiac CT angiography; cardiac MRI
- **Heber MacMahon**: Thoracic radiology; lung cancer; thoracic imaging; mediastinal tears

**Neuroradiology**

- **Gregory Christoforidis**: Interventional neuroradiology; stroke; aneurysm; vascular lesions; angioplasty
- **Seon-Kyu Lee**: Interventional neuroradiology; neuroendovascular surgery; stroke; aneurysm

**Nuclear Medicine**

- **Daniel Appelbaum**: PET imaging; nuclear cardiology; CT; nuclear medicine; neurology

**Vascular & Interventional Radiology**

- **Brian Funaki**: Interventional oncology; embolization; vascular intervention; noninvasive vascular imaging

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Hey Alums - We want to hear from YOU! Do you have any accomplishments or achievements that you would like to share? E-mail Mandy at mvelligan@radiology.bsd.uchicago.edu and give us an update that we can share in our next newsletter!
Dr. Richard Baron, MD, FACR, and Professor of Radiology at the University of Chicago was the 2013 recipient of the Paul C. Hodges Excellence Award. Dr. Baron served as Chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of Chicago from 2002 until 2011, after which he was appointed as Dean for Clinical Practice. During his appointment as Chairman, the Department saw a nearly twofold growth in procedural volume, recruitment of several nationally and internationally renowned faculty members, installation of state-of-the-art equipment, and application of quality improvement practices that placed the Department in the highest possible esteem within the Medical Center; furthermore Dr. Baron was active in key roles focusing on hospital- and BSD-wide physician practice issues. Prior to his appointment at the University of Chicago, Dr. Baron applied his administrative talents as the founding president and CEO of the University of Pittsburgh Physicians Practice Plan and as the Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Pittsburgh. He is a pioneer in abdominal imaging and in the gastrointestinal applications of magnetic resonance and computed tomographic imaging, and is particularly well known for his research on diagnostic imaging of liver disease. Dr. Baron is the author of over 100 articles in scientific journals, has published over 40 book chapters and review articles, has presented over 100 invited lectures nationally and internationally, and has served as visiting professor at nearly 50 institutions worldwide. He has received several honorary memberships and numerous awards for his achievements, including a Distinguished Service Award from the American Board of Radiology. He has served in leadership roles for several national radiology societies, including as President of the Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance, and as President of the Society of Gastrointestinal Radiology. He is a currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Radiological Society of North America. Dr. Baron has served as an editorial consultant or reviewer for over a dozen medical-specialty journals, including as associate editor for Radiology. He continues to play an active role as a teacher at the University of Chicago and at numerous radiology specialty societies.
We are pleased to announce that Dr. Karin Dill, Assistant Professor of Radiology and Medicine and Co-Director of Cardiac MRI and CT, has been appointed to the Cardiac Subcommittee of RSNA's Scientific Program Committee. During this three-year appointment, Dr. Dill will be part of the team responsible for reviewing and selecting all scientific papers in Cardiac Radiology proffered for the Annual Meeting and the organization of special symposia.

We are also pleased to announce that Dr. David Paushter, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Radiology, has been appointed as Chair of the Multisystem/Special Interest Subcommittee of RSNA's Education Exhibits Committee. During this three-year appointment, Dr. Paushter will lead the team responsible for reviewing and selecting all education exhibits in Multisystem/Special Interest proffered for the Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to Drs. Dill and Paushter for this recognition of their valuable contributions to and leadership in radiology education.

Dr. Armato Elected AAPM Fellow

We would like to congratulate Samuel Armato III, PhD on being elected as a Fellow of the AAPM, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine! An AAPM Fellowship is a recognition of Dr. Armato's distinguished contributions to medical physics over the course of his career.

Dr. Giger Accepted as Drexel University ELATE Fellow

Congratulations to Maryellen Giger, PhD on being accepted as a 2014-2015 Fellow in the Executive Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering (ELATE) program at Drexel University. The program aims to "advance senior women faculty in academic engineering, computer science, and related fields into effective institutional leadership roles within their schools and universities" by providing individual and collective learning and growth opportunities. We look forward to Dr. Giger’s continued leadership in the Department of Radiology and the University of Chicago at large.

Welcome New Chief Residents!

Each January new Chief residents take office for the year. We would first like to thank our outgoing Chief residents Rina Patel and Piotr Obara for all their hard work. They did an excellent job!

Our 2014-2015 Chief Residents are:

Lingyun Xiong & Ryan Lo

Rina Patel, MD  Piotr Obara, MD

Lingyun Xiong, MD  Ryan Lo, MD
Newly Matched Residents!

Our program did exceptionally well in the Match again this year. Below are residents who will begin their residency with us in July 2015.

Ashley Altman
Drexel University

Comeron Ghobadi
University of Louisville

Edwina Chang
University of Illinois

Ariyan Javadi
University of Cincinnati

Danial Jilani
Wright State University

Andrea Price
Rush Medical College

Arun Nagaraju
University of Michigan

Margaret Mulligan
University of Cincinnati

Residents Receive Hodges Support

One of the missions of the Hodges Society is to provide annual philanthropic support for the research and academic activities of those in training. With that said, several residents have benefitted from the generous support of our Society. Below is a list of residents this academic year who received funding to present at the following meetings:

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