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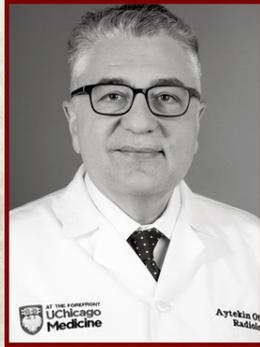
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Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Aytek Oto

Dr. Aytek Oto has accepted an expanded leadership role as Chief Physician of the University of Chicago Physicians, Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University of Chicago, and head of the Faculty Practice Plan. In this role, Dr. Oto will work with clinical department chairs, faculty, and senior leadership to enhance the role of the physician enterprise and support physician practices in critical areas that include strategic planning and partnership development. Dr. Oto's work will be part of the University of Chicago Medicine's broader efforts to expand the health system and provide the highest quality patient care while supporting its education and research missions.

As he begins this new role, Dr. Oto has stepped down as Chair of the Department of Radiology, a position he has held since January 2020 after serving as Interim Chair since 2019. During his tenure, he introduced several important innovations to design enterprise level governance for imaging, improve clinical operations in the department, and increase patient access to advanced imaging techniques. These efforts led to a 47% increase in imaging volumes and 35% increase in clinical faculty between FY18 and FY23. Under his leadership, the radiology department opened its first advanced imaging center in River East and the Dialysis Access Center. The department's federal research expenditures have grown by 30% during his tenure, improving its NIH rankings over the past four years.

Dr. Oto has been a distinguished faculty member since 2007 and has conducted research funded by the NIH on detection and imaging-guided therapy for prostate cancer using MRI. He received the Distinguished Investigator Award from the Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research and has been elected as a fellow at the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering for his innovative contributions to biomedical imaging research.

Congratulations, Dr. Oto, on this new role, and thank you for your work as Department Chair!



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Dress code: business casual attire - no denim



Dr. Steven Montner Named Interim Chair of Department of Radiology

Steven Montner, MD will serve as Interim Chair of the Department of Radiology. Dr. Montner joined the department in 1988. He's also the current elected president of the medical staff organization, chairing the Medical Executive Committee, a Professor of Radiology and as an ex officio member of the UCMC board of trustees.

As a practicing radiologist, Dr. Montner specializes in pulmonary imaging, analyzing and interpreting chest radiographs and CT scans for thoracic diseases, and has an expertise in interstitial lung disease and diseases,

Through his research, he has worked with the section of pulmonary medicine studying how imaging plays a role in the characterization of interstitial lung disease, pulmonary fibrosis, and occupational lung disease. He has authored or co-authored over 45 peer-reviewed articles that have been published in scientific journals and given numerous presentations internationally.

In addition to his clinical work and research efforts, Dr. Montner is active with the Radiological Society of North America and the Society of Thoracic Imaging, having served on several committees primarily concerned with radiology education and physician well-being.

Dr. Montner will serve in an interim role while we conduct an external search for a new department chair. He succeeds Aytekin Oto, MD, who announced that he was stepping down in August to take on an expanded leadership role in the BSD following a three-year tenure as Chair of the Department.

Congratulations, Dr. Montner!



Dr. Chang's Published Article on AI

We're thrilled to feature Dr. Chang's groundbreaking article, "Imaging Informatics: Maturing Beyond Adolescence to Enable the Return of the Doctor's Doctor," in our newsletter this month. Dr. Chang, a pioneer in the field of radiology, provides us with invaluable insights into the evolving landscape of AI and IT technologies in the realm of medicine.

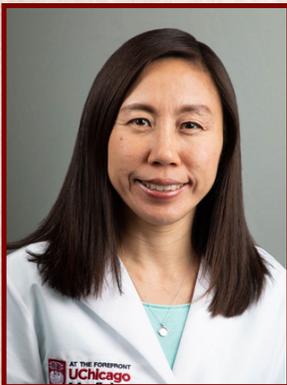
In this thought-provoking piece, Dr. Chang delves into the future of radiology and the indispensable role that AI and IT technologies are set to play. He envisions a harmonious synergy between technology and radiologists, resulting in enhanced efficiency and reduced stress levels. Dr. Chang remains optimistic that the technical challenges posed by AI can be overcome with time and effort.

However, Dr. Chang's article doesn't stop at mere optimism; it challenges us to consider the vital question: Are we ready to adapt and evolve our legacy models to embrace these disruptive yet transformative approaches? He asserts that we have no choice but to do so, as our existing informatics solutions are struggling to meet today's demands and will undoubtedly fall short in addressing future requirements.

As we embark on this transformative journey, Dr. Chang emphasizes that a critical driving force will be the dissatisfied yet engaged radiologist. Their perspective and insights will shape the future of radiology, making this transition possible.

Dr. Chang's article is a must-read for anyone interested in the intersection of technology and healthcare. It offers a glimpse into the future of radiology and reminds us that, when harnessed wisely, AI and IT can be powerful tools that usher in a new era of healthcare.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the future of radiology through Dr. Chang's visionary perspective. [Read the full article in RSNA Journals](#) and be part of the conversation that will shape the future of medicine.



Dr. Carina Yang Named Fellow of the Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators

Dr. Carina Yang has been named a Fellow of the Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Fellows of the Academy are selected based on significant contributions to medical education across its continuum, as well as recognized excellence in teaching. Dr. Yang's five-year term will begin February 1st, 2024, and she will be recognized publicly at the Academy's annual Medical Education Day on February 1st, 2024 during the Awards Ceremony at 1:15 pm in the Biological Sciences Learning Center Room 115.

Drs. Yang, Tang, and Telleria-Cano Published in JACR

Starting as a response to an assignment during the UCM Medical Education Research, Innovation, Teaching, and Scholarship (MERITS) Program 2016-2017, project partners Dr. Carina Yang and hospitalist Dr. Joyce Tang piloted an "Imaging Wisely" curriculum, involving teaching ACR Appropriateness Criteria to medical interns, and using the Radiology TEACHES portal created by Dr. Mark Willis in partnership with the ACR. Subsequently, this resulted in a team research project including participation by alumna Dr. Jessica Telleria-Cano and eventual publication in Journal of the American College of Radiology (JACR). Read the article [here](#).

Dr. Jeffrey Leef Departs from Full-time Faculty Position

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news of Dr. Jeff Leef's transition from his role as a full-time faculty member. Dr. Leef, a Vascular Interventional Radiology faculty member, has played a pivotal role in shaping our institution's academic landscape.

One of Dr. Leef's enduring legacies is the initiation of our current Interventional Radiology (IR) program. His vision and dedication have left an indelible mark, providing countless students, residents, fellows, and faculty members with invaluable opportunities for growth and learning.

Although Dr. Leef bids farewell to his full-time faculty role today, we are pleased to announce that he will continue to be an integral part of our community as a clinical associate. In this capacity, he will be involved in occasional work, ensuring that we continue to benefit from his wealth of experience and expertise.

Please join us in expressing gratitude for Dr. Jeff Leef's remarkable contributions and in wishing him continued success in this new chapter of his professional journey.



Dr. Kulkarni Elected Alternate to UC Faculty Practice Board

Dr. Kirti Kulkarni has been elected alternate to the University of Chicago Faculty Practice Board. The University of Chicago Faculty Practice (UCFP) is a group practice of more than 900 faculty physicians, whose clinical vision is to provide superb clinical care to patients, serve as a vehicle for innovation in clinical care and care delivery, provide education and training commensurate with the high standards of the University, and be a valued "citizen of our community."



Appointed Section Chief of Cardiothoracic Imaging

Dr. Luis Landeras has been appointed Section Chief for Cardiothoracic Imaging effective August 1, 2023.



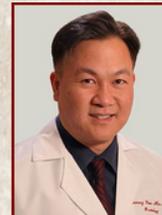
Dr. Steve Zangan Appointed VC for Faculty Affairs

Dr. Steve Zangan has been appointed Vice-Chair for VC for Faculty Affairs. Congratulations, Dr. Zangan!



Dr. Thuong Van Ha Appointed VC for Clinical Operations and Quality

Dr. Thuong Van Ha has been appointed Vice-Chair for VC for Clinical Operations and Quality. Congratulations, Dr. Van Ha!



FACULTY NEWS

Heather Whitney's Grant as been selected as an awardee for the 2023-2024 (Year 3) Roswell Park-University of Chicago Ovarian Cancer SPORE Career Enhancement Program



Heather Whitney, a dedicated researcher, has achieved a significant milestone as her grant proposal, titled "Computer-aided diagnosis for pre-operative assessment of adnexal lesions from ultrasound images," has been successfully funded. This outstanding application has been chosen as an awardee for the 2023-2024 (Year 3) Roswell Park-University of Chicago Ovarian Cancer SPORE Career Enhancement Program. Congratulations to Heather for this remarkable accomplishment in advancing diagnostic tools for ovarian cancer assessment.

Heather Whitney Receives Second Scialog Grant

Dr. Heather Whitney has received a second Scialog grant for her research. Each proposal for the award was subject to peer review and only those seen as highly innovative and with the potential to transform their fields of research were selected. Congratulations, Dr. Whitney!

MIDRC Selected for ARPA-H Biomedical Data Fabric Toolbox

The Medical Imaging and Data Resource Center (MIDRC), for which Dr. Maryellen Giger serves as lead contact researcher, was selected in September 2023 as one of several performers for the ARPA-H Biomedical Data Fabric (BDF) Toolbox. The ARPA-H BDF is an initiative to de-risk technologies for an easily deployable, multi-modal, multi-scale, connected data ecosystem for biomedical data. ARPA-H is enlisting multiple performers who are experts in their fields to build components of the ARPA-H BDF Toolbox. The MIDRC was selected because it will provide domain expertise and data commons technology development in medical imaging



Leadership Changes to the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program

Dr. Olga Pasternak-Wise, previously the Associate Program Director of the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program since 2022, is stepping into a pivotal role as the Program Director. Tasked with overseeing recruitment and day-to-day activities, Dr. Pasternak-Wise is set to lead the program.

The program bids farewell to Dr. Ong, who admirably led the residency since September 2012, demonstrating exceptional tenure and prowess in recruiting top-tier medical students and maintaining the program's ACGME accreditation year after year.

Acknowledging the challenge of filling Dr. Ong's influential position, the program expresses confidence in Dr. Pasternak-Wise's capability to guide the residency program. Congratulations to Dr. Olga Pasternak-Wise on her new role and the trust placed in her to carry forward the program's success.



Farewell to Dr. Kevin Little

During his two years at the University of Chicago, Dr. Little, a Clinical Diagnostic Physicist, has contributed significantly to our department, and his hard work has been truly appreciated. His presence and expertise will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt best wishes to Dr. Little for success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors

Dr. Little will take on a faculty role in the Radiology Department at the Ohio State University. Congrats Dr. Little!



Published Work by Dr. Gillian Newstead

Dr. Gillian Newstead, MD., FACR, made significant contributions to the field of radiology with the publication of two papers in 2023.

These papers, systematic reviews encompassing European and US studies, focused on evaluating the performance of supplemental imaging modalities for breast cancer screening among women with dense breasts, considering varying levels of breast cancer risk.

Dr. Newstead's research aims to enhance our understanding of effective screening methods for this specific demographic, providing valuable insights into optimizing breast cancer detection strategies.





New Faculty: Dr. Cameron Kofler

Cameron Kofler, PhD, recently joined the Department as a Clinical Physicist working in the Clinical Physics section.

Dr. Kofler's hobbies include exercising, cooking, socializing with friends, and relaxing with a good book or show. He also loves to travel and try new things, especially good foods. Welcome, Dr. Kofler!



New Faculty: Dr. Emily Sellers

Dr. Emily Sellers recently joined the Department as a Clinical Associate specializing in Breast Imaging.

In her free time, she loves wandering outdoors, whether its running, biking, or daydreaming by the lakefront. She also loves plants--her apartment has grown into a lush jungle with more plants than she can count. In addition, Dr. Sellers is an avid traveler. Most recently she embarked on a solo backpacking adventure in Indonesia this summer, followed by an exciting hiking and camping expedition through Banff and Jasper National Parks in Canada.

Welcome, Dr. Sellers!



New Faculty: Dr. Joseph Wilson

Dr. Joseph Wilson has joined the Neuroradiology section as an Assistant Professor. Hailing from West Virginia, he completed his radiology residency at UIC in 2022. He recently completed his Fellowship at UChicago.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Wilson is an avid cyclist, commuting year-round by bike. He also enjoys skiing, hiking, and immersing himself in the great outdoors. His passion for photography, especially capturing breathtaking landscapes, keeps him engaged in creative pursuits. He eagerly anticipates honing his photography skills during extra weekend adventures and professional growth opportunities.

Welcome, Dr. Wilson!



New Faculty: Dr. Iclal Ocak

Dr. Iclal Ocak joined the Department of Radiology on November 1st as an Associate Professor working in the Chest Imaging section. Originally from Turkey, Dr. Ocak earned her medical degree at Hacettepe University School of

Medicine and went on to complete her residency at the same institution. She moved to the USA in 2005, where she worked for two years at the NIH as a clinical fellow. She then joined the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, working there from 2007-2023.

In her free time, Dr. Ocak enjoys cooking, reading, and spending time with her daughter, especially hiking in the beautiful city parks of Pittsburgh. One of their recent hikes through Schenley Park is pictured above.

Welcome, Dr. Ocak!

New Faculty: Dr. Angela Whittington

Dr. Angela Whittington, a proud Chicago native, recently joined the Department as a Breast Imaging Radiologist and Assistant Professor. Dr. Whittington recently completed her Fellowship here at UChicago.

Dr. Whittington and her husband, Adam, have two delightful children: four-year-old Ada and one-year-old Aiden. Outside of work, Dr. Whittington enjoys spending time with her family exploring parks, visiting zoos and museums, and basking in the sun at the beach. This past summer was a whirlwind of excitement as they embarked on thrilling adventures, from navigating a slime museum to conquering towering bounce houses, and making their inaugural journey to the vibrant city of San Diego. As her children continue to grow, Dr. Whittington looks forward to revisiting her beloved hobbies including video games and discovering new foods at restaurants.

Welcome, Dr. Whittington!



New Faculty: Dr. Edward Michals

Dr. Ed Michals recently joined the Neuroradiology section as an Associate Professor.

Dr. Michals comes to the department from the University of Illinois - Chicago.

Dr. Michals is married to Sheryl Bury-Michals.

Outside of work, he is passionate about running, cycling, rugby, triathlons, and exploring the world through travel. He also enjoys indulging in fondue with friends.

Welcome to the Department, Dr. Michals!





New Faculty: Dr. Matthew Gayed

Dr. Matthew Gayed recently joined the Department's Abdominal Imaging and Musculoskeletal Imaging sections as a Clinical Associate. He has been a long-term Midwesterner, finishing his Radiology Residency here with the Department in June, 2022, then completing his Fellowship at

NorthShore. When he's not working, Dr. Gayed enjoys watching professional football, working out, golfing, and hanging out with friends and family.

Welcome, Dr. Gayed!



New Faculty: Dr. Ahmed Hamimi

Dr. Ahmed Hamimi recently joined the Department as an Abdominal Imaging Radiologist and Associate Professor. Dr. Hamimi holds a PhD/MD in Radiology from Egypt and an FRCR from the UK. He served as a professor at Alexandria University in Egypt before moving to the U.S. in 2015, where he

worked at the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland. Aside from his professional achievements, Dr. Hamimi is a dedicated family man with two college-bound children. He finds immense joy in his family and achieving success through teamwork. He also loves dogs and long morning walks, and is a passionate movie enthusiast

Welcome to the Department, Dr. Hamimi!



New Faculty: Dr. Lisa Kang

Dr. Lisa Kang recently joined the Section of Pediatric Imaging as an Associate Professor. Many may remember Dr. Kang as she completed her Radiology Residency with us in June 2013. She then went to pursue a Pediatric Radiology Fellowship at Ann

& Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, followed by a return to UChicago for a Vascular & Interventional Radiology Fellowship which she completed in 2015.

Dr. Kang's interests are Peds and Interventional Radiology, K-dramas, Jeju Island & Global Health. She is married to Dr. Colin Brown and has three children: Nora (9), Nicholas (7), and Michael (5 months). Her hobbies include minhwa and other arts and crafts like drawing and crochet, eating (especially sushi and Korean food), drinking coffee, and daydreaming.

Welcome, Dr. Kang!



New Faculty: Dr. Ibrahim Karademir

Dr. Ibrahim Karademir recently joined the Section of Musculoskeletal Imaging as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Karademir recently completed his Musculoskeletal Imaging Fellowship with us in June 2022. He is married to Suela Nikolla and has two boys: Enes

(11) and Ermir (8). His hobbies & interests include cycling, reading and traveling.

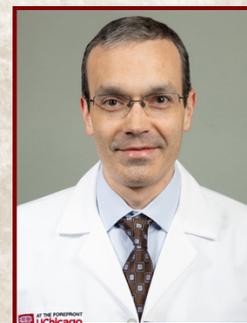
Welcome, Dr. Karademir!

New Faculty: Dr. Colin Brown

Dr. Colin Brown recently joined the Section of Pediatric Imaging as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Brown completed his Radiology Residency with the Department 2012 followed by a Musculoskeletal and Body MRI Fellowship at NorthShore University.

He is married to Dr. Lisa Kang and has three children: Nora (9), Nicholas (7), and Michael (5 months). His hobbies include doing things with the kids, fixing things around the house, and traveling.

Welcome, Dr. Brown!



New Faculty: Dr. Bora Kalaycioglu

Dr. Kalaycioglu recently relocated from Upper East Side Manhattan with his family, which includes his wife and their lively eight-year-old twins. Alongside their vibrant household, they have a beloved three-year-old Scottish Fold cat.

Outside of his professional commitments, Dr. Kalaycioglu finds solace and joy in nature through hiking and biking. He passionately pursues hobbies such as playing the keyboard and capturing breathtaking views through aerial photography. These interests offer him a well-rounded balance to his career, allowing him to immerse himself in both creative and outdoor pursuits

Welcome, Dr. Bora!



FACULTY NEWS

New Faculty: Dr. Raymond Mark De Guzman



Dr. Mark De Guzman recently joined the Neuroradiology section of the Department as a Clinical Associate. Dr. De Guzman is a recent graduate of UChicago.

When he's not at work, Dr. De Guzman enjoys exploring the city, trying out new restaurants, and attending live music concerts with his partner, Faye. His love for adventure extends beyond the city limits, as he's an avid traveler who recently visited the Philippines, Japan, and Indonesia. Interestingly, medical expertise runs in Dr. De Guzman's family--his father is a radiologist living with his wife, a retired OB/GYN, in Minnesota. Dr. De Guzman also has a twin brother practicing internal medicine in Ohio, as well as a younger brother pursuing his medical education in the Philippines.

Welcome, Dr. De Guzman!

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Welcome Veronika Salas!



Veronika Salas recently joined the Department as the new GME Program Administrator. Veronika will support the IR/DR Residency, Clinical Physics Residency, Abdominal Imaging and Neuroradiology Fellowships and our medical student courses. Veronika comes to us from Rush University where she served as the Program Coordinator for the Urology residency program, Andrology Fellowship, and the Minimally Invasive and Bariatrics Fellowship programs. She also held positions at Oak Streat Health where she served as a Patient Engagement Coordinator and a Clinical Coordinator for the Call Center. Veronika holds a Bachelor of Science (Health Sciences) from DePaul University. Veronika is also a dog owner (pircuted with one of them named Zero).

Veronika's office is in Q200. She can be reached by email (veronika.salas@bsd.uchicago.edu) or by phone (2-9662).

Welcome, Veronika!

Dr. Gonzales's Work to Raise Breast Health Awareness in Chicago

Dr. Brenda Gonzalez, the Department's Clinical Research Coordinator, has been working to raise breast health awareness in Hyde Park and beyond. Some of her recent efforts have included partnering with the UChicago Medicine (UCM) marketing team to advocate at the Hyde Park and Orland Park campuses, convincing employees to get their mammograms. Dr. Gonzalez even dressed up as the "Mammogram Police" to convince employees to care of themselves by getting their mammogram.

Dr. Gonzalez, Dr. Kulkarni, and other members of the UCM breast and marketing teams also volunteered at the American Cancer Society Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk at Soldier Field on Saturday October 14th. There was a great turnout, and the team handed out 1500 UCM pink drawstring bags.

Thank you to Dr. Gonzalez for all her efforts to raise breast health awareness! Please reach out to her if you would like to volunteer for future events.



Women in Radiology Event



In our latest event, held on Thursday, September 28, 2023, Dr. Laura Heacock, an esteemed Associate Professor of Radiology and Director of Breast MRI at NYU Langone Health, took center stage to deliver an engaging talk. Dr. Heacock's presentation delved into the fascinating realm of AI-based quantitative imaging findings.

Key Takeaways:

- **Population-Level Insights:** Dr. Heacock emphasized how AI-driven quantitative imaging can offer crucial population-level insights, providing a broader understanding of diagnostic data.
- **Efficient Measurements:** New AI-based methods highlighted in the talk enable efficient and reproducible measurements, validated across large datasets. This opens avenues for enhanced precision in medical imaging.
- **Challenges and Considerations:** The discussion extended beyond the possibilities, addressing the necessary considerations. Dr. Heacock stressed the importance of addressing workflow, regulatory, and cost-effectiveness concerns before the widespread clinical adoption of opportunistic screening methods.

The event drew the participation of numerous radiologists, trainees, and scientists from our community, reflecting the shared interest and commitment to staying at the forefront of advancements in medical imaging. We extend our gratitude to Dr. Laura Heacock for sharing her valuable insights and sparking meaningful discussions on the intersection of AI and radiology!

Radiology Staff and Faculty Participated in the 21st Annual Day of Service and Reflection (DOSAR)



On June 24, 2023, a group of radiology staff and faculty participated in the 21st annual Day of Service and Reflection (DOSAR) by volunteering at the Olive Branch Mission - from giving a paint refresh to a worn recreation room, to assembling toiletry kits to welcome new residents, to gardening to spruce up the entry way. Watch the [video](#) for a recap of the day, where the Radiology team is proudly featured, along with Mark Anderson, MD, PhD, Dean and Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs, in serving the community together.

Thank you to the Urban Health Initiative for their leadership in organizing another successful DOSAR event - we are already planning for next year!

2nd Annual South Side Science Festival



The Department of Radiology was well represented at the UChicago second annual South Side Science Festival, held on Saturday, September 30th, 2023, with some 4,500 attendees. Spearheaded by the Graduate Program in Medical Physics (led by Gia Jadick) and the Diversity and Inclusion Council (led by Dr. Grace Lee), our department members including faculty, graduate and medical students, and residents, provided learners of all ages a variety of interactive, fun demonstrations of concepts of medical imaging:

- Daniela Olivera Velarde and Christopher Valdes exhibited an interactive model of multi-leaf collimators and a 3D-printed model of a LINAC radiation therapy machine (which Dr. Erik Pearson and Hadley DeBrosse helped make).
- Senthoran Kalidoss showed a puzzle-like, life-sized model of human organs, with the option to handle a preserved human brain, which fascinated all visitors.
- Drs. Grace Lee, Clark Yu, Luis de Jesus Sanchez, and Spencer Martens used a liver phantom to simulate ultrasonography.
- Dr. Carina Yang scrolled through an interactive CT scan of appendicitis, while pointing out major organs.
- Sagada Penano searched for Doppler ultrasonic signals from visitors' brachial artery.
- Gia Jadick demonstrated 1D sound waves using real-time audio spectrograms of chords our younger visitors played on a ukulele to illustrate how MR images are formed from 2D plane waves.
- Tabitha Welch and Dr. Kevin Little showed how lead sheets block low level radiation, as evidenced by a Geiger counter.
- Lucas Berens, Geneva Schlafly, and Dr. Yulei Jiang displayed a "cloud chamber," which let visitors literally "see" radiation from a fiestaware saucer as falling alcohol vapor chilled by dry ice condensed around ionization trail made by alpha particles, revealing the radiation.

The demonstrations and models sparked great curiosity in the visitors. We look forward to again engaging with our community members next year!

Wellness Committee and D&I Council Host Boba Tea Event

On September 19, the Wellness Committee and D&I Council held a Boba Tea Event together. Trainees and fellows were invited to enjoy boba tea together as well as learn about its taste, history, and how it is made. The event was organized by the Vice Chairs Drs. Osman Ahmed (Wellness) and Carina Yang (D&I), with boba tea provided by Mycha.



Women in Radiology Attend Yoga and Pilates in Millennium Park

On Saturday August 12th, women in the Radiology Department were invited to attend free yoga and pilates in Millennium Park, followed by a brunch at Avli on the Park.

Thank you to all who attended the event. We look forward to more Women in Radiology events in the future!



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION NEWS

Dr. Pasternak-Wise Represents UChicago Radiology at SNMA Conference

Dr. Olga Pasternak-Wise, Assistant Professor of Radiology, represented the Radiology Department at the 2023 SNMA (Student National Medical Association) Annual Medical Education Conference (AMEC). The conference--which aims to provide networking opportunities for underrepresented minority medical students, residents, and fellows--took place in Hartford, Connecticut from April 5th through April 9th.

Dr. Pasternak-Wise was one of many exhibitors representing different departments and levels of education within the University of Chicago and Pritzker School of Medicine. As an exhibitor, she answered questions regarding the Radiology Department's programs and application processes as well as formed connections with attendees. In addition to meeting with exhibitors from various institutions including UChicago, attendees were afforded additional networking opportunities including meals and presentations.



RESIDENT NEWS

Clark Yu, MD won the 2023 Clinical Interventional Oncology Young Investigator Award

Dr. Clark Yu, MD, achieved the prestigious 2023 Clinical Interventional Oncology Young Investigator Award. This esteemed recognition was conferred upon him during the September meeting held in Miami, Florida. Dr. Yu's exemplary work in the field of clinical interventional oncology has garnered this significant accolade, highlighting his dedication and promising contributions to the field.



Dr. Qian (Clark) Yu Receives Awards from the Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

Dr. Qian (Clark) Yu has received multiple recognitions from the Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology. He was named Reviewer of the Month for March 2023 and recently received a Certificate of Appointment for his work as a peer reviewer. Dr. Yu was selected for these awards because of his outstanding contributions to the peer review process. Congratulations, Dr. Yu!

Drs. Salman Islam and Dan Kwak Made Chief Residents

Drs. Salman Islam and Dan Kwak were voted this year's Chief Residents.

As Chiefs, they will be responsible for making the yearly schedule for all residents, optimizing daily schedules, acting as liaisons between faculty and trainees, and helping the resident leadership/core faculty organize orientation for incoming residents. Furthermore, they will be instrumental in recruitment season participating in interviews, setting up pre-interview dinners and representing the Department to all applicants, organizing second-looks and providing tours, and acting as constant resources to the PD/APD and faculty during selection months. They will also organize the moonlighting schedule, handle all vacation and conference requests, and serve on the ACGME committees for education.



Thank you to Drs. Spencer Marten and Lindsay Yang for their hard work as Chief Residents, and congratulations to Drs. Islam and Kwak as they begin their new roles!



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We are thrilled to announce that our highly anticipated Hodges Alumni Reception is officially on the books! We can hardly wait for the day when we gather together to celebrate and reconnect.

This event is not just about reminiscing; it's an opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for your ongoing support and contributions to the Hodges community.

It's also a chance to forge new connections with fellow alumni while rekindling old friendships. See you there!



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