

UVA Department of Radiology
and Medical Imaging Alumni Society

KEATS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



We had two remarkable events recently – the annual **Keats Alumni and Friends Reception** at the RSNA, and the semi-annual **Clinical Competency Committee meeting (CCC)** for evaluating the progress of our residents. Both were illuminating and shone a light

on our remarkable department.

The Keats reception was one of the best-attended in the event's history, and there was a lot of life there. It was a pleasure to meet the many former trainees and faculty who stopped by (maybe you were one of them!). Numerous current trainees were also able to attend the event, and the annual dinner hosted by Siemens that followed. We also hosted Catherine Kavishe, an exchange resident from Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, as well as faculty from her program in Tanzania. Her visiting residency is part of a new initiative within our Global Health Leadership Track, which continues to thrive in its 10th year. (Read more about Dr. Kavishe and the GHLT later on in this newsletter.)

The other event was the semi-annual CCC. This year we were able to look at some normative data on workload and turn-around times that helped inform some of our assessment of progress.

I was so struck by how committed our faculty are to the personal development and success of our residents, and how much they appreciate and value each of them. It was such a positive and constructive process, with a great turnout from all divisions. Our leadership does an outstanding job – Juliana Bueno, MD, Joe Donahue, MD, and Carrie Rochman, MD, for our DR residency; and Luke Wilkins, MD, and Amy Taylor, MD, for our IR/DR residency. This program is outstanding, and it is no accident that our trainees go on and accomplish so many great things.

All the best,

Colin Derdeyn, MD
Department Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Derdeyn'.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you're probably aware, there's no rest for the Keats Society! We had a spectacular Alumni and Friends Reception this past December (thank you to all who attended!). We're staying busy in the new year too: providing board prep materials for third-year residents, planning graduation gifts, and even looking ahead to our next Homecoming.

In the meantime, I've been thinking more about the nature of the Keats Society, and the far-reaching vision of the eponymous Ted Keats, MD. When Dr. Keats became chair of our department in 1964, he had high aspirations in mind. Besides his desire to substantially revamp our clinical services and educational programming, he also wanted to establish a departmental research effort — despite not having researchers, equipment, or even the physical space for a lab. These were ambitious undertakings, and not without their countless roadblocks!

Today, the department celebrates Dr. Keats for the changes he made to the department. But we also, I believe, honor him with our bold initiatives aimed towards the future of radiology. Several initiatives, like our DEI Program and Global Health Leadership Track, were both created in the past decade and continue to evolve.

Our department members' research projects offer modern insights into the field. (We've come a long way since 1964!) And the Keats Society continues to find new ways to set trainees and alumni up for success.

It's an exciting time for the department, and I hope you'll read more about it in the next pages. Thank you for your support and for being a part of the Keats Society!



Best Wishes,

Jenni Pierce, MD
Keats Society
President





Department Exhibitors Earn Recognition

At the largest yearly radiology conference in the world, the University of Virginia's Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging shared its research – and took home some awards.

Over **20** UVA trainees and faculty contributed their expertise to the conference as authors, presenters, and panel moderators during the 2024 Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) annual meeting. The conference was held from December 1-5 in Chicago, Ill.

Several department members earned additional distinction for their exceptional work, with three educational exhibits by UVA authors or co-authors receiving the RSNA's Certificate of Merit.

Certificate of Merit Winning Exhibits and UVA Authors:

Breast Imaging Findings of Mesenchymal Masses with Clinical-Radiologic-Pathologic Correlation

Shanna Mayorov, BS, MS* (UVA School of Medicine); Ramapriya Ganti, MD, PhD

Multimodality Diagnostic Imaging and Role of Interventional Radiology for Pancreas Transplant

Hideyuki Torikai, MD*, Eric Fromke, MD, John F. Angle, MD, Klaus D. Hagspiel, MD, Rachita Khot, MD

Beyond the Belly: Imaging of Thoracic Manifestations of Obstetric and Gynecologic Disease

Thomas Battey, MD; Alan Ropp, MD

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Alumni Reception Features Updates on Global Health, DEI Programs

A crackling fire; platters of hors d'ourves; a panoramic view of Chicago through full-height windows.

It was certainly a pleasant evening for more than 70 attendees at the UVA Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging's Alumni and Friends Reception on December 3. Organized by the department's Keats Alumni Society, the event was a chance to connect different eras of UVA Radiology, including current and former trainees faculty and vendor friends of the Keats Society.

The event was also an opportunity to celebrate the department and its future initiatives. The reception-goers were greeted by Department Chair and Professor of Radiology **Colin Derdeyn, MD**, who officially completed his first full year as chair in January 2025. Before introducing Keats Alumni Society President **Jennifer Pierce, MD**, Dr. Derdeyn took time to reflect on exciting work happening within the department – work to improve not only UVA but also the entire field of radiology. He also noted how many of these initiatives are results of donations that support departmental funds, and he thanked the donors in attendance.



A Cross Continental Collaboration



Catherine Kavishe, MD



Among the special guests was **Dr. Catherine Kavishe**, a visiting radiology resident from the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute in Tanzania who had spent the previous four weeks at UVA.

During the reception, Dr. Kavishe was introduced by **Jennifer Pierce, MD**, who also serves as the director of the Global Health Leadership Track. (Dr. Kavishe trained alongside Dr. Pierce during her time at UVA.) Dr. Pierce also welcomed several special guests: faculty members from Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, who work with the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences' residency program where Dr. Kavishe trains.

Since 2014, the department has partnered with international hospitals as part of its **Global Health Leadership Track (GHLT)**, which is supported by the **Spencer B. Gay Resident International Education Fund**. The program has allowed over a dozen UVA radiology residents to train at foreign medical institutions in Tanzania and Uganda.

Meanwhile, Dr. Kavishe's time in Charlottesville marks the first time a radiologist from a partner institution has trained at UVA as part of the GHLT program, but this is on track to change, according to Dr. Pierce. As part of the GHLT's 10th anniversary, the department aims to regularly host radiology residents from Uganda and Tanzania at UVA. While this plan will rely on increased donor support through the **Spencer B. Gay fund**, the result would be an enduring, true exchange program.

View RSNA
pictures here

A Look Back (and Forward) at Department's DEI Program

The recent alumni reception was also a chance to update the community on the department's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Program.

Created in 2017, the initiative's purpose was (and continues to be) to further promote the values of UVA Radiology, including diversity, compassion, respect, and healing for all. The first seeds of the program were planted by the late former professor Eduard de Lange, MD, through the **Francesca and Eduard de Lange Diversity and Inclusion Fund**. The fund provides a stipend for a resident within each class to support them in their role of diversity and inclusion representative, as they work towards advancing this part of the department's mission.

Vice Chair of Education **Juliana Bueno, MD**, who served as Director of Diversity and Inclusion until November 2024, spoke at the reception. Dr. Bueno recounted how the initiative has grown to encompass education, mentorship, and leadership opportunities, including the **Near-Peer Women's Mentorship Group**, the Fourth-Year Medical Student Scholarship Program, a designated resident curriculum on health disparities, and many more.

Lastly, Dr. Bueno introduced **Carrie Rochman, MD**, associate professor of radiology, as the **newest director of the program**. Dr. Rochman will continue to strengthen current initiatives and will also advocate for more areas of impact for the DEI Program.



Juliana Bueno, MD



Carrie Rochman, MD





Giving for the Future

Throughout the night, Dr. Derdeyn, Dr. Pierce, and Dr. Bueno emphasized how the department relies on donation-driven funds for several of its most innovative initiatives. As part of that, they also emphasized the unique importance of the Keats Alumni Society for UVA Radiology's educational mission. The society serves many important roles: providing educational resources for trainees, funding social events to build camaraderie, and nurturing a community between past and present UVA Radiology members.

To learn about the Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging's funds, and how to donate, **click here**.

Research Faculty Honored as Distinguished Investigators

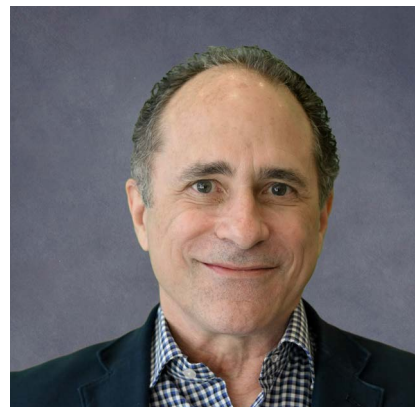
The RSNA conference featured a formal award ceremony for professors **Stuart Berr, PhD**, and **James R. Stone, MD, PhD**, who were recipients of the 2024 Distinguished Investigator Award from the Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research for their outstanding imaging research contributions.

They were among the **42** investigators receiving the honor, which recognizes individuals for their outstanding contributions to medical imaging.

As part of the award, Dr. Berr and Dr. Stone have also been inducted into the Academy's Council of Distinguished Investigators, where they joined several current UVA Radiology colleagues who are members of this council. These professors include **Christopher Kramer, MD**, who was inducted in 2015; **John P. Mugler, PhD**, inducted in 2016; **Frederick H. Epstein, PhD, MS**, inducted in 2020; and **Jiang He, PhD**, inducted in 2023.



James R. Stone, MD, PhD



Stuart Berr, PhD

DR Residency Once Again a Top Ranked Program

The University of Virginia's Diagnostic Radiology Residency has once again been recognized as a top program in the nation: ranking #19 in clinical training in Doximity's 2024-25 Residency Program Navigator!

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Alumni Lecture



Jean-Martin Gingras, MD, and Paul Kuperman, MD

On December 9, 2024, former UVA Radiology trainees **Jean-Martin Gingras, MD**, and **Paul Kuperman, MD**, joined current residents as part of the Alumni Lecture Series, sponsored by the Keats Society.

The presentation, titled "What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up," offered residents advice about navigating jobs after training. Thank you, Dr. Gingras and Dr. Kuperman!

Alumni who are interested in delivering a resident lecture should email:

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Resident Corner



New Roles

In November 1, 2024, Associate Professor **Carrie Rochman, MD** assumed her role as the newest director of UVA Radiology's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program. Created in 2017, the program is founded upon the belief that diversity, equity, and inclusion are essential values for improving healthcare across all levels. Dr. Rochman will oversee DEI initiatives across realms of education, mentorship, and leadership opportunities; including the Francesca and Eduard de Lange Diversity and Inclusion Fund, the Near-Peer Women's Mentorship Group, and the Fourth-Year Medical Student Scholarship Program. She takes over for Juliana Bueno, MD, who was the program's director since its inception.



Carrie Rochman, MD

Professor **Cree Gaskin, MD** took on an important new role as UVA Health's chief medical imaging information officer in October. In this new position, Dr. Gaskin offers strategic insight into imaging information technology across the health system. He also oversees the operation of information technology for the acquisition, manipulation, analysis, and distribution of medical image and related data — all to help integrate and improve quality of medical imaging for the entirety of UVA Health.



Cree Gaskin, MD

New Faculty

***Star denotes former trainee.**

Assistant Professor, Anthony Higinbotham, MD (Neuroradiology)

Assistant Professor, Anson Chen, MD* (Breast Imaging)

Associate Professor, Shelly Crescenzi, PhD (Research)

Assistant Professor, Thomas Battey, MD* (NICV/Thoracic Imaging)

Research



Jiang He, PhD

Associate Professor **Jiang He, PhD** and his colleagues were awarded a five-year, \$3.4 million NIH-NIC R01 grant titled “Targeting tumor-specific epitope for imaging and therapy for mesothelioma.” The grant will support development of a molecularly targeted radiation technology known as radiotheranostics, a transformative “see-and-treat” approach to cancer therapy.



Arun Krishnaraj, MD, MPH

Associate Professor **Arun Krishnaraj, MD, MPH** is among the researchers for a study that found MRI can help rectal cancer patients by predicting patient outcomes and the risk of the tumor recurring or spreading for patients who have undergone chemotherapy and radiation.

The findings could help determine the best course of treatment, and whether patients would benefit from surgery or a “watch and wait” approach.



The University of Virginia's Office of Research Core Administration has selected the **Radiochemistry Imaging Core** as their Core of the Year for 2024. Associate Professor **Shivashankar Khanapur, PhD** serves as the core's director, and Professor **Stuart Berr, PhD** serves as the core's faculty advisor.

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