

# Radiology Report



**Congratulations! Dr. Bok is Retiring After 19 Years at LSUHSC New Orleans**



Memories from 2009



2025 MATCH Results



Annual SIR  
Conference

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# Letter From the Chair

Greetings Team Members, Alumni, and Friends:

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Writing this particular newsletter is bittersweet. As I explained in our last Newsletter, Ruth and I have decided to retire, so July 1st, 2025 I will be officially retired from LSU. Therefore, this is my last time writing the Chair's Report for the LSU Department of Radiology Newsletter. I will most certainly miss all of my colleagues and all the fine people who work here at LSUHSC and UMC here in New Orleans and at Lallie Kemp in Independence.

Given these circumstances, I have been feeling a bit nostalgic, so I looked at Issue Number 1 of the Radiology Newsletter from September 2009. It announced the opening of the New LSU Radiology Residency. The Residency closed in 2006 due to the damages from Hurricane Katrina. One of those new residents was none other than our current Diagnostic Radiology Program Director Dr. Mignonne Morrell.

Other interesting announcements included the fact that Dr. Robert "Bob" Karl joined the faculty and Dr. Michael Maristany returned to the department having completed his MSK Fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Another gee whiz announcement was that our own Dr. Hector Ferral who was then at Rush in Chicago gave our first guest lecture titled, "What it is to be an Interventional Radiologist." We were practicing at the LSU Interim Hospital at the time and Governor Bobby Jindal held a press conference on the LSUHSC Campus to announce an agreement on governance of the new University Hospital, our current primary practice site.

UMC received and treated the majority of the victims of the mass casualty event that shocked our city the first morning of this most recent New Year. The entire UMC team performed admirably and the radiology team was extremely busy. Since our last News Letter UMC had a code grey lock down for of all things—a SNOWSTORM! You all know—a real snowstorm here in New Orleans. A big thank you goes to all the dedicated faculty and residents who kept things humming at UMC during that freak weather event. It has been quite a year.

It has been my sincerest honor and pleasure to spend the last nineteen years with all of you! Adios!



Dr. Bok will be retiring this June. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Bok went on to earn his Medical degree in 1981 from Wayne State University, completed his residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and was the first Angio-interventional Fellow at Henry Ford Hospital. He completed his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) at the University of South Florida and his Juris Doctorate (JD) at Northwestern University. Dr. Bok has served as Department Head of Radiology since 2006.





# Dr. Bok's Retirement Reception





# Bulletin Board

## Upcoming Events

Radiological Society of Louisiana (RSL) Annual Meeting  
June 21, 2025  
Higgins Hotel, NOLA

Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (SRU) Annual Meeting  
September 27-29, 2025  
Seattle, WA

American Society of Head and Neck Radiology Annual Meeting  
September 24-28, 2025  
Las Vegas, NV

American Society of Emergency Radiology (ASER) Annual Meeting  
October 6-9, 2025  
Denver, CO

Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Annual Meeting  
November 30-December 4, 2025  
Chicago, IL



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



On March 16th we had another successful Bootcamp in the simulation center. The bootcamp is held for all IR residents and first-year DR residents. Drs. Lafaso and Rusnak helped to run the simulations.

# Resident News

We MATCHED!

*Welcome*

Interventional Radiology  
Class of 2031



Jagnoor Benipal  
LSUHSC New Orleans



Bao Nguyen  
University of Central Florida  
College of Medicine

**LSU Health**  
NEW ORLEANS

**MATCH 2025**

LSUHSC New Orleans Diagnostic Radiology



Sayan Chatterjee  
University of California



Indigo Johnson  
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Med



Adrian Parra  
University of Miami



Loren Ugehoke  
Morehouse School of Medicine



Eli Thompson  
University of Arizona



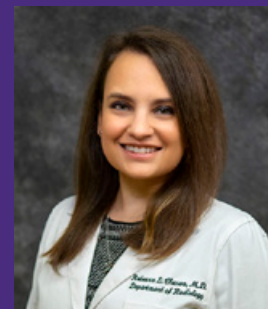
## 2024-2025 Interview Season Match Results!



Claire Holmes and Chikamuche Anyanwu were recognized for the Resident Trainee Appreciation Award at the VA on March 19, 2025, during Resident/Fellow Appreciation Week.



**Congrats!**



Dr. Rebecca Chason was selected for the Society of Interventional Radiology's Giving Circle for the Advancement of Women award for 2024. The Giving Circle's mission is to advance the professional growth and success of women in Interventional Radiology.

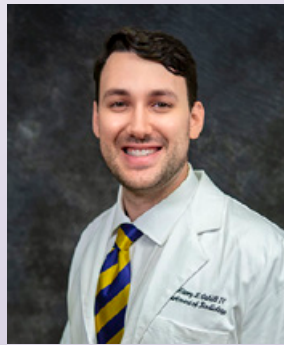


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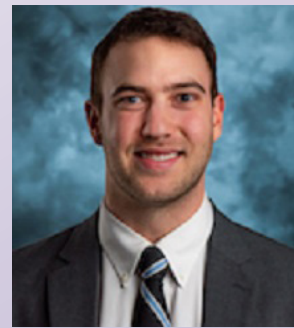
Congratulations to our graduating senior residents! We wish them all the best as they go off to complete their fellowships and start their careers. Rebecca Chason has accepted a one-year position here at LSU New Orleans before she returns to her home state of Texas. Harry Cahill has will be joining Jefferson Radiology Associates. Taylor Bragg will be completing an MSK fellowship at Emory. Chika Anyanwu will be completing an IR-Independent fellowship at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. Colin Rutner will be doing a Neuroradiology fellowship at Mallinckrodt. Jared Lajaunie will be completing a Neuroradiology fellowship at LSU New Orleans. Easton Downs will be doing a Neuroradiology fellowship at the University of Vermont.



Rebecca Chason  
Interventional Radiology



Harry Cahill  
Interventional Radiology



Taylor Bragg  
Diagnostic Radiology



Chikamuche Anyanwu  
Diagnostic Radiology



Colin Rutner  
Diagnostic Radiology



Jared Lajaunie  
Diagnostic Radiology



Easton Downs  
Diagnostic Radiology





# Graduation Night

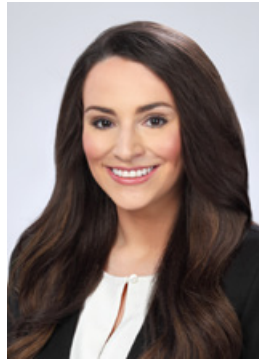


# Incoming Residents and Fellows

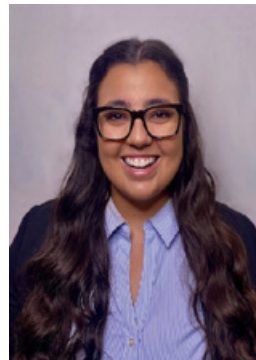
## 2025-2026 Incoming Residents



Peyton Hopkins  
Interventional Radiology



Cayley LeBlanc  
Interventional Radiology



Sierra Voice-Robinson  
Diagnostic Radiology



Jose DeCastroVazquez  
Diagnostic Radiology



Austin Gothe  
Diagnostic Radiology



Mitchell Hsu  
Diagnostic Radiology



Alexander Polski  
Diagnostic Radiology

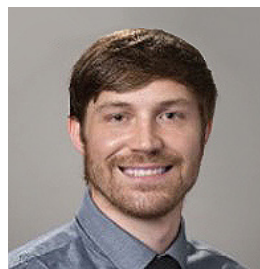
## 2025-2026 Incoming Fellows



Jared Lajaunie  
Neuroradiology Fellowship



Joseph Hanthorn  
Neuroradiology Fellowship



Beren Chandler  
MSK Fellowship



# Research and Presentations



Dr. Hector Ferral served as the keynote speaker at the 2025 Texas Radiological Society annual meeting in Austin, TX. He gave a presentation titled “Role of TIPS in the Management of Variceal Bleeding.”

Dr. Hector Ferral served as faculty for all portal hypertension sessions and a hands-on workshop at the Society of Interventional Radiology EDGE meeting in Denver, CO from October 17-19, 2024.

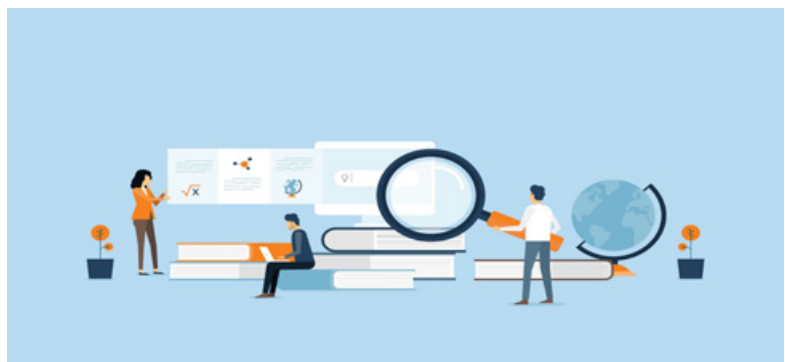
Dr. Dan Laney, Dr. Daniela Medina, Dr. Alexandra Fairchild, Dr. Bahri Ustunsoz, Dr. Alison Smith, and Dr. Hector Ferral co-authored an article titled, “A Synergistic Approach To Acute Liver Trauma: Current Guidelines and the Importance of Collaboration Between Interventional Radiology and Trauma Surgery” that was published in Volume 41 of Seminars in Interventional Radiology, in November 2024.

Dr. Alexandra Fairchild presented, “The who, what, when, and how of capturing E/M services in an IR Practice” and moderated the panel discussion titled, “Coverage Policies for IR: Making Sense of Medicare, Medicaid, and Private Payors” at the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) Revenue Cycle Management course in Atlanta, GA from January 24-25, 2025.

We had several faculty members present at the Southern Radiological Conference in Point Clear, AL from January 24-26, 2025. Dr. Mark Froom presented, “Soft Tissue Injuries in Trauma-Related Musculoskeletal Radiology” on Friday, January 24. Dr. Taylor Bragg assisted Dr. Froom with this project and was responsible for data collection. Dr. Dan Laney presented, “Imaging and Interventions in Acute Trauma” and Dr. Anandraj Kanwar presented, “Sinonasal Tumors for the General Radiologist” on January 24th. Dr. Eric Wallace presented, “Mesenteric Injury in Blunt Trauma” on January 26th.

Dr. Bradley Spieler co-authored an article titled, “Impact of ChatGPT and large language models on radiology education: Association of Academic Radiology – Radiology Research Alliance Task Force White Paper” that was published in Academic Radiology on November 29, 2024.

Dr. Bradley Spieler co-authored an article titled, “Perspectives on lung visualization: Three-dimensional anatomical modeling of computed and micro-computed tomographic data in comparative evolutionary morphology and medicine with applications for COVID-19” that was published in The Anatomical Record on March 8, 2025.





# Society of Interventional Radiology

## 2025 Conference in Nashville, TN



Dr. Alexandra Fairchild was awarded SIR Fellowship (FSIR) on March 31, 2025, at SIR. FSIR is based on outstanding credentials, achievements and community contributions to interventional radiology and SIR and SIR Foundation. Dr. Fairchild is also the Chair of SIR's Carrier Advocacy Workgroup and led an in-person meeting for the committee on March 30, 2025.

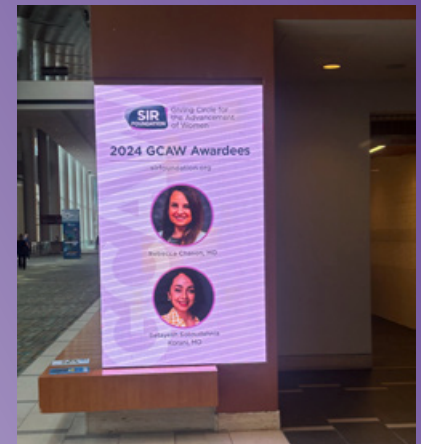
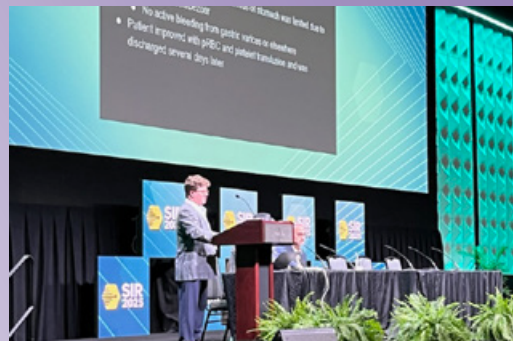


Dr. Hector Ferral was a speaker at the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR). On March 30th he presented "Hidden Gems: Unconventional Toys for Successful Procedure" at Angio Club Workshop session "Breaking the ICE: Mastering TIPS in Portal Hypertension". He also presented "How to Avoid Filter Retrieval Disasters: Lessons Learned!" on April 1, 2025.

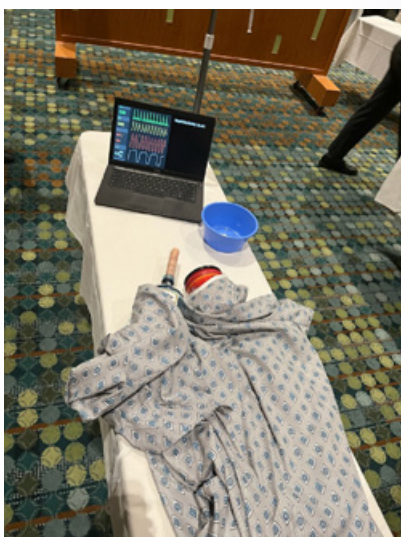


# 2025 SIR Conference Continued

Dr. Dan Laney gave a talk at SIR titled Extreme IR: An Extreme Failure on March 29th.



Dr. Peyton Hopkins presented “Percutaneous versus Transjugular Random Renal Biopsy in High-Risk Patients: Comparison of Outcomes” on March 31, 2025, at the SIR annual meeting.



Dr. Hopkins created and facilitated a SIR Escape Room. This was a popular event! Participants had to solve puzzles as they walked through helping the “patient.”



# Report from Dr. Mignonne Morrell



This time of year has always been my favorite. Preparing to welcome a brand-new class of residents, while watching each residency class step into their next level. For our 4th year Residents, of course that means walking into their fellowships as full-fledged competent diagnostic radiologists. This class holds a special place for me. They are the first class I welcomed in as Program Director, and they will be the last I see out. They are an exemplary group, and we all wish them the very best as they move forward!

Diagnostic:

Taylor Bragg, MD - MSK Emory University

Easton Downs, DO - Neuroradiology University of Vermont

Jared Lajaunie, MD - Neuroradiology LSU New Orleans

Colin Rutner, MD - Neuroradiology Mallinckrodt WashU

ESIR:

Chika Anyanwu, MD - IR Miami Cardiac & Vascular Institute

I would also like to welcome Dr. Froom as our rising Program Director in the coming year. He has already been a significant part of the department leadership, initially as Chief Resident and then as Assistant Program Director. His dedication to the program and residents is irrefutable. I know the program will be in excellent hands.

As always...Onward and Upward!





# Report from Dr. Alexandra Fairchild

## **Congratulations to Our Graduating IR Residents**

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Interventional Radiology residents graduating this June: Rebecca Chason and Harry Cahill. Rebecca will be joining the faculty at LSU, contributing her expertise to our academic community. Harry will not go far away. He has accepted a position with Jefferson Radiology Associates, where he will continue to excel in his professional journey.

## **Welcome to Our Incoming IR Residents**

We are thrilled to announce the successful conclusion of the 2024–2025 interview season and to welcome our two new matches to the Interventional Radiology program:

Jagnoor Benipal, who completed medical school at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans.

Bao Nguyen, joining us from the University of Central Florida College of Medicine.

Both residents will begin their Interventional Radiology training in 2026 following their preliminary surgery year at LSU New Orleans. We look forward to the energy and dedication they will bring to our program.



## **Thank You for a Successful IR Bootcamp**

We appreciate everyone who participated in the IR Bootcamp this March. This program is designed for all Interventional Radiology residents and first-year Diagnostic Radiology residents, providing them with essential skills and knowledge. Special thanks to Drs. Rusnak and Lofaso for their dedication in running the simulation labs, enhancing the hands-on experience for our residents.

## **Celebrating the Retirement of Dr. Leonard Bok**

A significant milestone approaches as we prepare to bid farewell to Dr. Leonard Bok, who will be retiring this June. Dr. Bok has been a cornerstone of our department, serving as Department Head since 2006. He joined LSU Health New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, playing a pivotal role in rebuilding and advancing the Department of Radiology.

Dr. Bok's academic journey began with a medical degree from Wayne State University in 1981, followed by a residency and the inaugural Angio-Interventional Fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital. His commitment to continuous learning led him to earn both an MBA from the University of South Florida and a JD from Northwestern University. Under his leadership, the department has flourished, embracing innovation and excellence in radiological education and patient care.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Bok is known for his unwavering dedication to mentorship, his collaborative spirit, and his profound impact on colleagues and trainees alike. His presence will be deeply missed, but his legacy will continue to inspire future generations.

# Please Give Your Support

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