

# RADIOLOGY REPORT



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## MATCH 2024 - DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY



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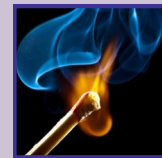
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## INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY- INTEGRATED



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## INCOMING RESIDENTS & FELLOWS 2024-2025



**Johnny Anderson**  
(DR) is completing his prelim year in Internal Medicine at Medical College of Georgia at Augusta



**Gregory Demirjian**  
(DR) is completing his transitional year at Univ. of Kentucky Bowling Green



**Abdul Khan**  
(DR) is completing his transitional year at HCA Florida Oak Hill Hospital



**Robert Power**  
(DR) is completing his transitional year at Merit Health Wesley - Hattiesburg



**Eunice Saint-Victor**  
(DR) is completing her prelim year in Internal Medicine at Univ. of Illinois Chicago



**Jeff Musgrave**  
(IR) is completing his transitional year at the University of Rochester



**Michael McMahon**  
(IR) is completing his prelim year in Surgery at LSUHSC- New Orleans



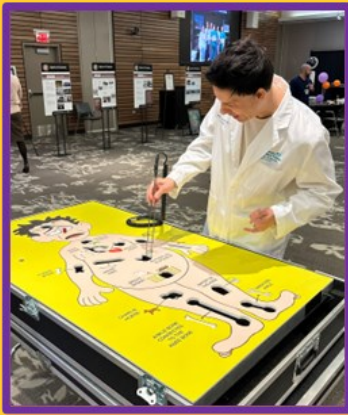
**Marc Moroux**  
(IR) is completing his transitional year at in Surgery at LSUHSC- New Orleans



# DEPARTMENT BULLETIN BOARD



Dr. Smith was selected as Top Teacher for 2024 at UMC's Doctor Day on March 30, 2024



Dr. Spieler at a Spirit of Charity event



Dr. Fairchild in Washington, D. C.

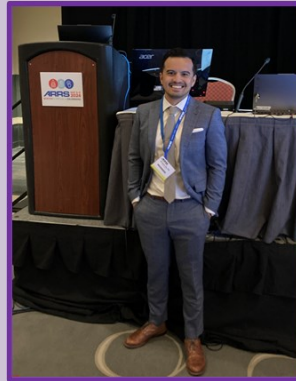
Pictured at right: Dr. Claire Holmes presenting at the 2024 Southern Radiological Conference in Point Clear, Alabama

Congratulations to our graduating senior residents and fellows! We wish them all the best as they go off to complete their fellowships and start their careers. **Dr. Francisco Brito** will be completing a Body MRI fellowship at Johns Hopkins. **Dr. Ricardo Declat** will be completing a MSK fellowship at the University of South Florida Morsani COM-Tampa. **Dr. Miles Dixon** will be completing a Body Imaging fellowship at Stanford. **Dr. Asmar Ghani** will be completing a Body Imaging fellowship at the University of California Irvine. **Dr. Paresh Rangani** will be completing an MSK fellowship at Johns Hopkins. **Dr. Katayoun Samadi** will be completing a Neuroradiology fellowship at Mass General Brigham. **Dr. Andrew Ea** will be going into private practice in Columbus, Ohio. **Dr. Mae Igi, Dr. Mark Rocco, and Dr. Gregory Tobin** have all accepted private practice jobs based out of Baton Rouge, LA.

**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. Charlotte Hornets game on January 17, 2024.



**Dr. Andrew Ea** had a case selected for Oral Presentation at the ARRS annual meeting in Boston, MA on May 7, 2024. (pictured below)



**Dr. Alexandra Fairchild** was selected to attend several events on behalf of the SIR and RBMA. This past December, along with 9 other physicians nationwide who demonstrated interest in advocacy for IR, were flown to Washington D.C., to meet with VIP speakers and members of Congress. In February she attended another meeting in San Diego, CA in regards to her position on the SIR Economics Committee. Lastly, on April 14, 2024, she was selected to speak at the Radiology Business Management Association meeting in Las Vegas, NV, where she gave a presentation titled, "IR Revenue Cycle Management: What Every Practice Should be Addressing Today".

In March 2024, **Dr. Hector Ferral** was recognized with an Editor's Recognition Award for reviewing with Distinction in recognition of outstanding services as a

reviewer of manuscripts submitted for publications in *RadioGraphics* for 2023. He was also recognized at the March 2024, SIR Annual Meeting, with the JVIR People's Choice Award: Articles Most Downloaded in 2023, on an article he co-authored titled, "Endovascular Assessment of Liver Hemodynamics in Patients w/Cirrhosis Complicated by Portal Hypertension."

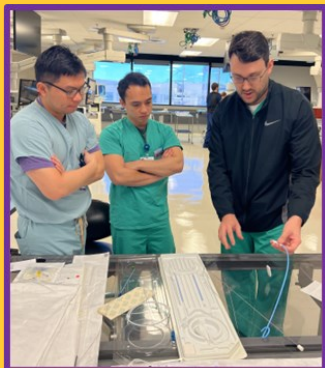
**Dr. David Smith** presented "ILD: The Big Four" at the Southern Radiological Conference in Point Clear, Alabama, on January 17, 2024.

**Dr. Douglas Casey** presented "Tiny Tech, Big Smiles: Toy MRI Scanner Transforms the Pediatric Experience" at the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) annual meeting in Boston, MA, May 5-9, 2024. This exhibit was a collaboration between **Dr. Casey, Dr. Mark Rocco, Dr. Mae Igi, Dr. Neel Gupta, Dr. Jagan Gupta, and Dr. H. Dimmit.**

Pictured below: Dr. Jared Lajaunie accepting a certificate of appreciation from the VA. Also pictured are Dr. Hoang and Dr. Paresh Rangani.



## Photos from Boot Camp & Tiger Course



# INTERVENTIONAL NEWS

## Boot Camp

The Interventional Radiology Residency Program hosted the annual IR Bootcamp for IR and DR residents. This was a joint effort by all training programs within the Department. The Bootcamp included training stations to help residents master skills in the following areas: fluoroscopic procedures, drains, US Guided Biopsies, Line Placement Phantom, suturing skills, and practice US on human subjects. The afternoon portion of the day was dedicated to practicing on devices utilized on the IR services. We had participation from the following Industry Partners, Penumbra, Boston Scientific, Inari, Terumo, and Medtronic. We received great feedback from residents and will continue offering this course to our residents in the future.

## Interventional Radiology Research News

The IR Research Committee has been quite busy. We have had a great year in research this Academic Year. We had three residents that had posters and presentations accepted at ARRS next month in Boston, Massachusetts. Graduating resident Andrew Ea, DO, is presenting a case at the Key Case Challenge. First year residents, Robert Nguyen, MD and Hanna Javan, MD both had posters accepted as well. Dr. Hector Ferral was recognized with an Editor's Recognition Award for reviewing with Distinction in recognition of outstanding services as a reviewer of manuscripts submitted for publications in Radiographics for 2023. Dr. Ferral and Dr. Laney, in collaboration with the Emergency Medicine faculty members had an article published in Clinical Practice and Cases on "When Educational Images Don't Reflect the Population: Phlegmasia Cerulea Dolens, a Case Report" in their January Edition." The IR Research team also applied for a research grant from **Nutrition Obesity Research Center, Pennington Biomedical Research Center**. The committee is looking forward to their response. Our committee has currently four-teen active projects, along with six proposed projects. The committee would like to recognize our Chief Resident of Research, Jake Fontenot, MD for keeping our committee organized on our research efforts. We plan on adding to our efficiency of research this upcoming Academic Year with a Research Fellow. We hope to have that person start on July 1, 2024.

Lastly, we will end with our SIR Conference attendance. Three of our IR faculty members attended this year's conference. We thank Dr. Ustunsoz for holding down the fort while Drs. Fairchild, Ferral and Laney attended this event. Dr. Fairchild had three speaking engagements at this year's Conference, along with her commitments to the IR Economics Committee. Dr. Ferral had six speaking engagements this year as well as coordinating a couple of sessions. He was also recognized at SIR with the JVIR People's Choice Award: Articles Most Downloaded in 2023, on an article he co-authored titled, "Endovascular Assessment of Liver Hemodynamics in Patients w/Cirrhosis Complicated by Portal Hypertension."

## 3rd Annual Tiger Course

The Section of Interventional Radiology held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tiger Course on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the Lion's Bldg. This event continues to educate nurses, technologists, PAs and all individuals that have interests in Interventional Radiology. All IR Faculty participated as well as former LSU IR Faculty, Richard Marshall, MD. We were grateful for our partnerships with Industry leaders who continue to help us grow this event throughout the Interventional Radiology community. Penumbra was a platinum sponsor, along with Inari, Boston Scientific and Terumo sponsoring and attending the event to demonstrate the IR devices that are utilized throughout IR services. The next Tiger Course has been scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2024.

Pictured below:  
Celebrating Hospital Day and  
288 Years of the Spirit of  
Charity!



## PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

After another successful MATCH we prepare to welcome a new class of talented residents. Which also means preparing to send off our amazing 4th years. We'd like to congratulate them all on their accomplishments and know they will represent us well across the country in their fellowships and beyond!

**Francisco Brito-Encarnacion - Johns Hopkins Body Imaging**  
**Ricardo Declet-Bauzo - USF Tampa MSK Imaging**  
**Crawford Miles Dixon - Stanford Body Imaging**  
**Asmar Ghani - UC Irvine Body Imaging**  
**Paresh Rangani - Johns Hopkins MSK Imaging**  
**Katyoun Samadi - Mass General Neuroradiology**

The rest of our residents are certainly ready to step into this next year with energy and engagement on their training journey.

Onward and Upward!

**-Dr. Mignonne Morrell, Program Director-Diagnostic Radiology**

This has been a very productive year for the IR program. We had another successful Interview season along with the Diagnostic Program. We are very pleased with our two new IR residents that will join us in July 2025. Our program is excited to welcome our very first ESIR resident, Chikamuche Anyanwu, MD, from our DR program, this July 2024. Also joining us will be Jeff Musgrave, MD, as a R2 resident this July as well. Dr. Musgrave will be taking Dr. Hanna Javan's spot, who has been accepted into another IR program in her home state of California. We wish her well in her future endeavors. Speaking of goodbyes, Dr. Andrew Ea will complete his training with us in June. He and his wife will be moving to Columbus, OH, where he has accepted a job in private practice. We have enjoyed his time with us as a Chief Resident and we wish him well at his new position. We would like to thank Dr. Rebecca Chason for serving our program as the Administrative Chief resident this year, she will be replaced by Dr. Samantha Parrotte, starting in July 2024 and remain as a Chief on the service. We would also like to recognize our newly appointed Jr. IR Chief Resident, Jeff Thekkekara. Congratulations to all and we look forward to a smooth transition.

This summer we will start our second session of IR Oral Board Prep sessions for our Senior residents as well as our past graduates who will be taking their boards this fall. We are grateful for our IR faculty and their continued dedication to educating trainees. Not only have they been tremendous teachers for our residents, they have also shared their love of IR with medical students and Dr. Ferral has built a new relationship with the PA school, which has resulted in a new PA rotation. I'm glad that our team's efforts have grown interest in the minds of new learners. We are happy to share our passion for IR with others.

**-Dr. Alexandra Fairchild, Program Director—Interventional Radiology**

## Upcoming Events

**Radiological Society of Louisiana (RSL) Annual Meeting**  
 May 25, 2024  
 Higgins Hotel  
 New Orleans, LA

**American Society of Head and Neck Radiology Annual Meeting**  
 September 4-8, 2024  
 San Diego, CA

**American Society of Emergency Radiology (ASER) Annual Meeting**  
 September 11-14, 2024  
 Washington, D.C.

**Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (SRU) Annual Meeting**  
 September 27 - 29, 2024  
 Seattle, WA

**Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Annual Meeting**  
 December 1 - 5, 2024



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## CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Team Members, Alumni, and Friends

We hope this newsletter finds you well. In our last newsletter, I shared a little bit about the history of LSU Radiology Leadership. Today I am going to share a little bit about the recent events at our primary practice site—UMCNO. First, Dr. Emily Sedgwick is no longer our CEO. UMC's new CEO is John Nickens, IV. We are most excited to have John as our new CEO given the incredible transformation he led in his time as CEO of Children's Hospital of New Orleans. Tom Patrias is our new COO. Tom previously served as COO and then CEO of Tulane Hospital and Tulane Lakeside Hospital prior to its closure in January of this year. Allison Guste is UMC's new CNO. Among other key positions, Allison previously served as COO at the LSU Health Care Network. On another note, from December 7th through December 9th UMC's Nurses voted per NLRB Guidelines to join the National Nurses Organizing Committee, an affiliate of National Nurses United. The first bargaining sessions began recently.

On a festive note, Friday May 10 marked the 288th Anniversary of Charity Hospital. On Hospital Day, Friday May 17th, an unveiling of the new Spirit of Charity (Commemorative) Wall (see photos) was held outside the Conference Center complete with Mardi Gras Indians, a Brass Band and Second Line, and plenty of "Charity Babies." (see photos) Dignitaries spoke, including New Orleans Councilwoman Helena Moreno. Immediately following the Second Line and the Unveiling, a Crawfish Boil (including crawfish, hamburgers, and salads) was held in the courtyard between towers 1 and 2. Here at UMC, LSU Radiology is celebrating its past, its present and its future. This is a bittersweet time of year—we will be graduating our current class of talented Residents and Fellows who have become colleagues and friends, and we will soon be welcoming, and getting to know our incoming class of Residents and Fellows.

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 below). 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**

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