

Emory Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences
Radiology Faculty Awards
PAST WINNERS

** the highlighted names are ineligible to win in this category, as they won in the past 3 years.*

Outstanding Patient Care Award – Junior & Senior Faculty Categories

Purpose: To recognize Radiology and Imaging Sciences department faculty who have demonstrated outstanding clinical care. Two categories will be considered: **Outstanding Junior Faculty** and **Outstanding Senior Faculty**. *In 2024 this award was changed to the **Outstanding Clinical Radiologist Award**.

Past Outstanding Patient Care Award

recipients: 2012: Junior Award: None

2013: Junior Award: Nilesh Desai, MD

2014: Junior Award: Aarti Sekhar, MD

2015: Junior Award: Raymond Higginbotham,

MD 2016: Junior Award: Charles Gilliland, MD

2017: Junior Award: Anne Gill, MD

2018: Junior Award: Michael Hoch, MD

2019: Junior Award: Maria Piraner, MD

2020: Junior Award: Judy Gichoya, MD

2021: Junior Award: Sumir Patel, MD

2022: Junior Award: Andres Su, MD

2023: Joseph Graves, MD

2024: Ryan Christie, *

Senior Award: Pardeep Mittal, MD

Senior Award: Walter Carpenter, PhD, MD

Senior Award: Mimi Newell, MD

Senior Award: Deb Baumgarten, MD

Senior Award: Kelley Marshall, MD

Senior Award: Matthew Zygmunt, MD

Senior Award: Jean Kunjummen, DO

Senior Award: Ashley Aiken, MD

Senior Award: Adina Alazraki, MD

Senior Award: Sean Dariushnia, MD

Senior Award: Aarti Sekhar, MD

Rebecca Seidel, MD

Senior Award: Eugene Berkowitz, MD

Outstanding Mentor Award

Purpose: To recognize Radiology and Imaging Sciences department faculty who have demonstrated outstanding mentoring to early faculty and fellows within the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences during the past year

Past Outstanding Mentor Award recipients:

2012: Deborah Baumgarten, MD; Hui Mao, PhD

2013: John Votaw, PhD

2014: None

2015: Richard Duszak, MD

2016: Elizabeth Krupinski, PhD

2017: Pardeep Mittal and Mark Mullins (tie)

2018: Jonathon A. Nye, PhD

2019: Nima Kokabi, MD

2020: Jason Allen, MD

2021: Felix Gonzalez, MD

2022: Christopher Ho, MD

2023: Kush Singh, MD

2024: Judy Gichoya, MD, MS

Outstanding Contributions to Research Award – Junior & Senior Faculty Categories

Purpose: To recognize Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences faculty who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to scientific research. Two categories will be considered: Outstanding Junior Faculty and Outstanding Senior Faculty. In 2024, this award was **replaced with Outstanding Clinical Research Awarded (Junior and Senior categories) and Outstanding Scientific Research Award.**

Past Award Recipients:

2012: Young Investigator: None	Scientific Contribution: Hui Mao, PhD
2013: Young Investigator: Baowei Fei, PhD	Scientific Contribution: None
2014: Young Investigator: Faisal Khosa, MD	Scientific Contribution: None
2015: Junior Faculty: Courtney Moreno, MD	Senior Faculty: None
2016: Junior Faculty: Deqiang Qiu, PhD	Senior Faculty: Mark Goodman,
2017: Junior Faculty: Tarek Hanna, MD	Senior Faculty: David Schuster, MD
2018: Junior Faculty: None	Senior Faculty: John Oshinski, MD
2019: Junior Faculty: Brent Weinberg, MD	Senior Faculty: Xiangyang Tang, PhD
2020: Junior Faculty: Nima Kokabi, MD	Senior Faculty: Richard Duszak, MD
2021: Junior Faculty: Gelareh Sadigh, MD	Senior Faculty: David Schuster, MD
2022: Junior Faculty: Candace Fleischer, PhD	Senior Faculty: Jason Allen, MD
2023: Junior Faculty: Marly van Assen, PhD	Senior Faculty: Carlo De Cecco, MD, PhD
2024: Scientific: Hui Mao, PhD	
2024 Clinical Jr: Patricia Balthazar, MD	Clinical Senior: Jinsuh Kim, MD

Outstanding Service Award – Junior & Senior Faculty Categories

Purpose: To recognize Radiology and Imaging Sciences Department faculty who have demonstrated outstanding citizenship and service to the Department, Hospital, and/or the patient and community we serve. Two categories will be considered: Outstanding Junior Faculty and Outstanding Senior Faculty.

2012: Junior Award: Amit Saindane, MD	Senior Award: Stephen Simoneaux, MD
2013: Junior Award: Ashley Aiken, MD	Senior Award: William Torres, MD
2014: Junior Award: None	Senior Award: None
2015: Junior Award: Darren Kies, MD	Senior Award: Phuong-Anh Duong, MD
2016: Junior Award: Aarti Sekhar, MD	Senior Award: James Galt, PhD
2017: Junior Award: Gayatri Joshi, MD	Senior Award: Deb Baumgarten, MD
2018: Junior Award: Krystal Archer- Arroyo, MD	Senior Award: Raghuveer Halkar, MD
2019: Junior Award: Ryan Peterson, MD	Senior Award: Mark Mullins, MD, PhD
	Senior Award: John Aarsvold, PhD
2020: Junior Award: Peter Harri, MD	Senior Award: Jamlik-Omari Johnson, MD
2021: Junior Award: Puneet Sharma, PhD	Senior Award: Anne Gill, MD
2022: Junior Award: Carrie Hoff, MD	Senior Award: Ashley Aiken, MD
2023: Junior Award: Saima Muzahir, MD	Senior Award: David Brandon, MD
2024: Junior Award: Ninad Salastekar, MD	Senior Award: Kristen Baugnon, MD

“Rising (Radiology) Star” Award

Purpose: To recognize Radiology and Imaging Sciences Department junior faculty who have started to demonstrate outstanding administration, citizenship, clinical practice, leadership, research, service, and/or teaching to the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences, Emory Hospital and Clinic systems, and/or the patient and community we serve

Past Rising Star Award recipients:

2012: Brent Little, MD
2013: Adina Alazraki, MD
2014: Falgun Chokshi, MD
2015: Jason Allen, MD PhD
2016: C. Matthew Hawkins, MD
2017: Peter Harri, MD
2018: Tarek Hanna, MD
2019: Felix Gonzalez, MD
2020: Erica Riedesel, MD
Erin Grady, MD
2021: Brent Weinberg, MD
2022: Ron Hu, MD
2023: Patricia Balthazar, MD
2024: Junjian Huang, MD

Lifetime Achievement Award*

Purpose: To recognize Radiology and Imaging Sciences Department senior faculty who have demonstrated outstanding administration, citizenship, clinical practice, leadership, research, service, and/or teaching to the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences, Emory Hospital and Clinic systems, and/or the patient and community we serve.

**In this category, the awardees are not eligible for subsequent nomination.*

Past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients:

2017: Louis Martin, MD
2018: William Torres, MD
2019: Ernest Garcia, PhD
2020: Raghuveer Halkar, MD
2021: None
2022: William Small, MD, PhD and James Galt, MD
2023: John Oshinski, PhD
2024: Stephen Simoneaux, MD

2024 New Faculty and Staff Awards Winners

The following were added as new awards in 2024

Staff Awards

Compassionate Care Beacon Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences nurses who provide excellence in nursing care, compassion, and commitment to quality for the patients we serve

Winner: Brenda Thompson

Ultrasound Echoes of Excellence Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences nurses who provide excellence in nursing care, compassion, and commitment to quality for the patients we serve.

Winner: Annie Goodwin

Spiral of Success CT Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill in CT imaging, a nod to the spiral scanning technique that revolutionized the field.

Winner: Fatima Foresta

Luminous Discovery X-Ray Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill working with x-ray technology and who bring to light groundbreaking diagnostic insights.

Winner: Emily Fraser

Harmonic Precision MRI Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill recognizing the intricate balance of magnetic and radio waves that are harnessed to create detailed images.

Winner: Deborah Painter

Isotope Innovator Nuclear Medicine Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill in pioneering uses of radioactive isotopes in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

Winner: George Allen

Vision for Early Detection Mammography Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill in utilizing mammography to play a critical role in the early detection and care of breast cancer.

Winner: Mary Ann McDonough

Pathfinder Interventional Radiology Imaging Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences technologists who demonstrate innovation and exceptional skill in navigating the complexities of the human body to perform minimally invasive, targeted treatments.

Winner: None

Rising Radiology Leader Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences junior staff leaders who demonstrate exceptional potential, initiative and commitment to advancing one or more pillars of the department's tripartite mission (clinical service, research, education).

Winner: Nikki Shelton

360 Champion Award

Nominated by Radiology and Imaging Sciences faculty, this award honors staff members who demonstrate dedication and a collaborative team spirit while working closely with faculty, embodying the values of teamwork, mutual support, and a dedication to shared excellence.

Winner: Amy Fioramonte and Kathy Vaughn

Hidden Gem Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences staff members who consistently demonstrate exceptional qualities and make significant contributions behind the scenes, embodying the spirit of dedication, integrity, and service excellence.

Winner: Gary F. Wilson

Faculty Awards

Outstanding Service and Patient Advocacy Award (junior and senior)

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences faculty who demonstrate outstanding clinical service through excellent communication, empathy, work ethic, and patient advocacy.

Winners:

Junior Faculty: Ninad Salastekar

Senior Faculty: Kristen Baugnon

Excellence in DEI Award

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences faculty who demonstrate excellence in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion to the benefit of the department and/or the patients we serve.

Winner: Krystal Archer-Arroyo, MD

Outstanding Service in Support of the Mission (Junior and Senior)

To honor Radiology and Imaging Sciences faculty who demonstrate exceptional dedication to the promotion of health, discovery and innovation, and educating the future healthcare workforce.

Junior Faculty: Taejin Min

Senior Faculty: Brent Weinberg