

The FANs of **Emory Radiology** Newsletter FANs stands for the Faculty and Alumni Network

September 2025

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This is more than a newsletter - it's your chance to join us in supporting Emory Radiology's current residents and fellows and help us close the education funding gap! In response to federal cuts in graduate medical education funding, Emory Radiology is **GOAL:** facing an unexpected shortfall in its education budget. This threatens continued access to

the very offerings we once may have taken for granted. Emory Radiology played a huge role in launching our careers. Now is our chance, as alumni and faculty, to ensure those same opportunities remain available to our current and future We've set a goal to raise \$50,000 by the end of this year to close the current funding gap. Your tax-deductible gift, no matter the amount, will directly support resident and fellow

education during the 2025 to 2026 academic year. Our FANs board members and departmental leadership have already begun contributing to

get this campaign off the ground, helping us reach 20% of our goal. Now we are asking you to join us.

Let's rally together to sustain the excellence of Emory Radiology and reaffirm the bonds of our Emory Radiology community. Our residents and fellows are counting on you.

Click Now to Support Emory Radiology Residents and Fellows

Message from the Chair Dear Friends, I hope this message finds you well. We've been incredibly busy during this

career, are being adversely affected.

a radiology and imaging sciences career.

extraordinary year, and so I wanted to update you. On the positive side, our department is more than 1,500 faculty, staff, and trainees strong. Indeed, since September 1, 2024, we have hired 59 new faculty members: 32 already have starting working with us, another 9 will onboard by the end of the calendar year, and 18 will join our ranks over the course of 2026 and early 2027. With a faculty retention rate of 94%, we're a great place to grow That's good news, given increasing clinical volumes. Our department provides full radiology coverage for all 11 of Emory's hospitals; dozens of clinical care sites; Winship Cancer Institute, including Winship at Emory Midtown, which opened in 2023; Children's Healthcare of Atlanta with its new 19-story, 2million-square-foot Arthur M. Blank Hospital; and Grady Memorial Hospital with its busy Level I trauma center.

For example, the Global Health Residency Scholars Program has been paused across the School of Medicine, which means our residents cannot hone their clinical and teaching skills in resource-limited communities while advancing radiology care in with our partners like Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Closer to home, our work with the Clarkson Imaging Clinic, established with an Adopt-A-Resident grant by then-residents Charlotte Chung, MD 20MR, and Dean Thongkham, MD 20MR, needs additional funding so our radiology residents can

prompted Emory to implement <u>financial mitigation efforts</u> to significantly reduce operating expenses.

At the same time, we're also facing significant threats to our ability to serve our tripartite mission of clinical care, education, and research. The impact of reduced federal funding for scientific and clinical research, a more than three-fold increase in the tax levied on private university endowments, looming cuts to Medicaid, and other federal changes have

The priority, of course, has been to preserve funding for core training and patient care activities; however, funds for the kinds of activities that set us apart from other training programs and that make us an outstanding place to grow one's

provide ultrasoud imaging to increasing numbers of uninsured patients and deepen their clinical learning through this Global Health Track partnership. Funds for special professional development and team building activities such as our beloved resident and fellows welcome mixer and resident wellness events have been discontinued. Funding for resident projects as part of our special tracks (see

below for some great examples of how those tracks really enrich training) also has been limited. Programs like our Adopt-A-Resident Grant program are constrained for 2026, as is our research minigrants program. This is why we need your support now more than ever. As you read about the accomplishments of our residents, fellows, and faculty, imagine what will happen if we no longer could provide the kinds of supports that make their accomplishments possible. Imagine if we no longer had the funding for their groundbreaking research and clinical innovations. Imagine if we had to cut the number of resident and fellow slots, making it harder for promising young physicians to become

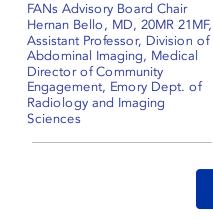
radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and imaging scientists. And then join us by supporting our new Momentum

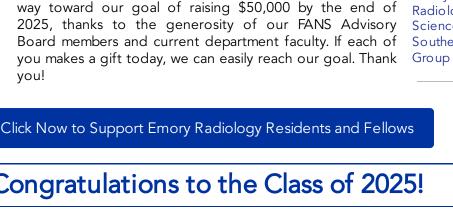
<u>alumni giving campaign</u>. We need you. Sincerely, Amit M. Saindane, MD, MBA William P. Timmie Professor of Radiology Chair, Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences

Emory University School of Medicine Message from the FANs Board Dear Friends, At its heart, Emory FANs is about connection: between generations of Emory radiology trainees, between faculty

and alumni, and between the present and the future. Emory Radiology is where we are a special community. As members of this community, we share a responsibility to protect, nourish and invest in the institution that has played a part in our own professional growth and success so today's trainees can flourish.

Abdominal Imaging, Medical Director of Community Engagement, Emory Dept. of Radiology and Imaging Sciences





Both of us already have made charitable gifts to the

Campaign to Support Emory Radiology Residents and

Fellows. This campaign is personal for us and we invite you

to make it personal to you, too. We're already 20% of the





Martin received the Resident Teacher

of the Year Award, which is based on

voting by all the residents and

teaching as well as guidance at the

workstation. Dr. Martin was lauded not

just for teaching junior residents but

also for enriching learning for senior

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recognizes oustanding

residents.

The award also recognizes Dr. Martin's commitment to

Rebecca Driessen, MD - Completed Integrated Imaging

Mini Fellowship; now Chest Imaging Fellow, University of

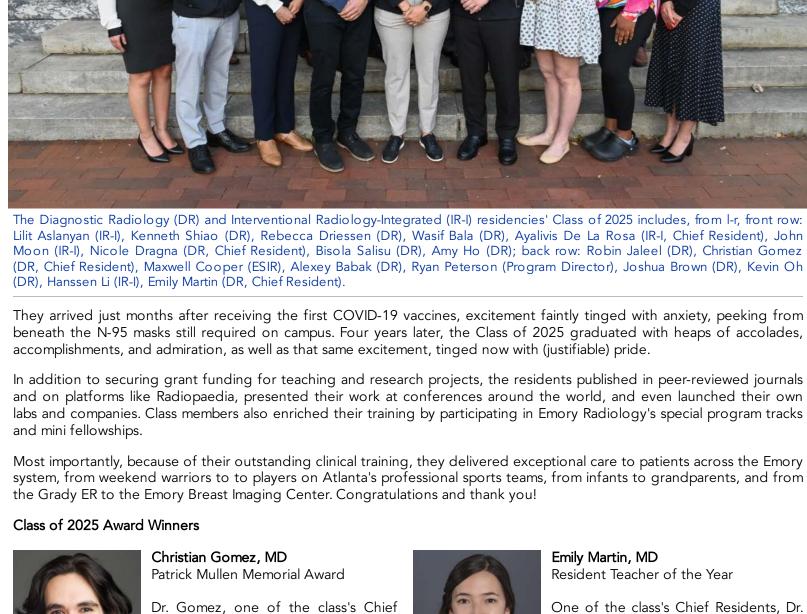
• Bisola Salisu, MD - Completed Emergency and Trauma

Imaging Mini Fellowship; now Breast Imaging Fellow,

• Kenneth Shiao, MD - Completed Molecular Imaging in

Medicine Track; now Breast Imaging Fellow, Emory

Informatics Track and Abdominal Radiology Mini



2025 AAR Whitley Award Joshua Brown, MD, PhD, 25MR, 26MF Dr. Brown received the Whitley Award from the Association of Academic Radiology (AAR) for his paper

Residents, received the Patrick Mullen

Award, named after a former

radiology resident whose time with us

as a resident highlighted what it

means to be a selfless leader and role

model. Chosen by the R3 and R4

classes, Dr. Gomez exemplifies the

highest level of service to his

colleagues, patients, and

to our Emory community. Dr. Gomez completed the Clinical

• Alexey Babak, MD, PhD - Completed Molecular Imaging Fellowship; now Musculoskeletal Imaging Fellow, University of Virginia in Medicine Track; now Assistant Professor, Community • Amy Ho, MD - Completed Abdominal Radiology Mini Radiology Specialists, Emory Radiology Fellowship; now Breast Imaging Fellow, Emory • Wasif Bala, MD - Completed Research Track and Robin Jaleel, MD - Now Abdominal Imaging Fellow, Emory • Hanssen Li, MD - See below • John Moon, MD - See below • Kevin Oh, MD - Completed Cardiothroacic Radiology



Cardiothoracic Mini Fellowship; now Abdominal Imaging

• Nicole Dragna, MD - Chief Resident, completed

completion.

• Lilit Aslanyan, DO - Now in 5th Year Interventional

Radiology - Integrated fellowship-level year, Emory

Next Steps for the Class of 2025:

Imaging Fellow, Emory

Fellow, Emory

Interventional Radiology & Award-Winning Innovation

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Technology, the pair have been working on an ion-selective, sensor-integrated, central venous catheter for continuous monitoring of critically ill patients. Together with their faculty mentors Dr. Zach Bercu and Dr. Janice Newsome, they grant funding from the Emory School of Medicine and the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) to advance the catheter from idea to a testable Dr. Hanssen Li, left, and Dr. John Moon prototype, leading to an R21 grant award from the National Institutes of Health just this month! At the recent graduation celebration, Dr. Moon received the RSNA Roentgen Research Award. Sponsored by RSNA, the

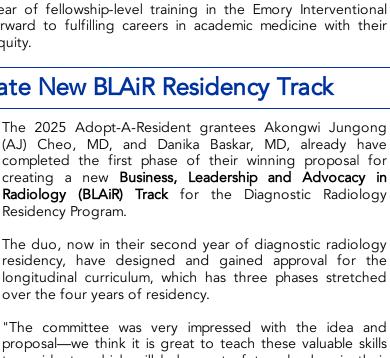
more intentionally and productively across a range of projects from patientcentered informatics and large language models to medical device development.

Through the lab and in collaboration with the Yeo Lab at Georgia Institute of



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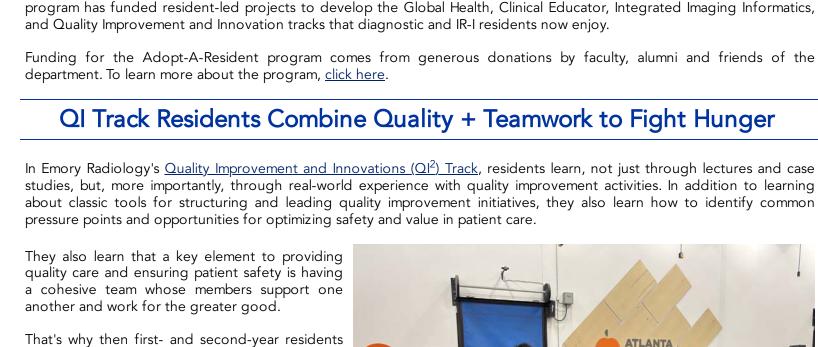
Basker with guidance from their faculty mentors Sumir Patel, MD, MBA, assistant professor and division director, Community Radiology Specialists, and Jennifer Nathan, MD, assistant professor also in the Community Radiology Specialists division. Danika Baskar, BLAiR Track co-creator, says, "Physicians often find themselves in positions where they are called to lead initiatives and teams across complex clinical environments, however, receive little to no formal training in healthcare management, business, leadership, and advocacy. Our motivation to create the integrated BLAiR Track is to expand our

knowledge across these domains while learning about their impact on healthcare practice and the Radiology enterprise."

the monthly journal club, will be open to all residents. To learn more about the BLAiR Track, <u>click here</u>.

In response to the strong demand for leadership skills-building opportunities, some elements of the track's curriculum, like

The Adopt-A-Resident Program funds unique projects proposed by residents that both foster their own career development and also improve resident training. Grantees receive financial support and faculty mentorship to bring their ideas to fruition. In addition to supporting residents' efforts to leverage advanced technology to augment training, the



Sixteen Years of Resident-Led Innovation Funded by Alumni and Faculty

From left: Dr. Paul Cronin, professor and Quality Track Program Director, Dr. Weibo Fu to the Atlanta community," says Dr. Arleo. "We 27MR, Dr. Nadja Kadom, professor and Director of Emory Radiology Quality Programs, had a great time working together." Dr. Bernardo Costa Guerra 28MR, Dr. Nishtha Raval 28MR, and Dr. Tim Arleo 27MR. The experience surprisingly connected with Ql² for Class of 2028 resident Dr. Nishtha Raval. "I really enjoyed getting to work with my peers at the Atlanta Food Bank, and give back to our local community. It was a great opportunity to step out of the reading room and see how another organization operates. We found ourselves applying the principles of quality improvement to our experience, and analyzing the operational challenges of the food

bank. It was a refreshing way to study how to streamline a work-flow to increase efficiency, something we all strive to

Joining Tim Arleo, a member of the Class of 2027 and the resident co-director of the QI Track, were classmate Dr. Weibo Fu, Class of 2028 residents Dr. Nishtha Raval and Dr. Bernardo Costa Guerra, Dr. Paul Cronin, professor and Quality Track

Resident Projects at a Glance

The Radiology Residency Tracks combine structured learning with ample opportunities to learn while doing. Here are some

program director, and Dr. Nadja Kadom, professor and director of Emory Radiology Quality programs.

of the projects our residents are working on as part of their specialty tracks.

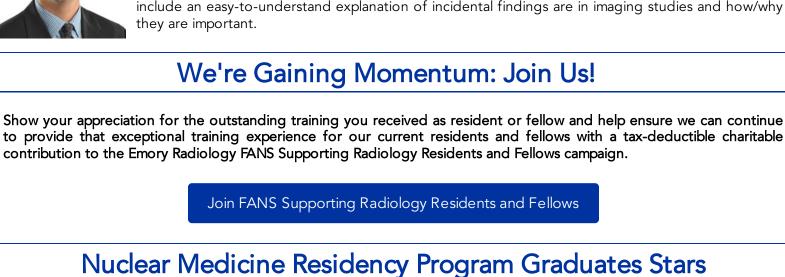
and Elias Kikano.

Quality Improvement & Innovation Track

based platform for health data exchange across the Emory enterprise. The project fit perfectly into their scope of work as part of the 1³ Track. The impressive results appear in the Journal of Imaging Informatics in Medicine, in an article titled, "Utilization of an Electronic Health Record Embedded Enterprise Health Data Exchange: A Single Institute Experience." Dr. Joshua Volin Dr. Vidya Viswanathan

The duo's faculty mentors include Drs. Peter Harri, Colin Segovis, Nabile Safdar,

Second-year resident Bernardo Costa Guerra, MD, is in the early stages of a project to better educate patients about the need for continued follow up with their primary care doctor should their imaging study reveal incidental findings. For example: a thyroid nodule that is incidentally seen on a CT exam may need an ultrasound for better evaluation to rule out a thyroid cancer. The plan starts with updating the standard discharge instructions patients receive after their imaging is completed to



Three other nuclear medicine residents joined Dr. Lawal in graduating from the residency program in June. Their records of accomplishment helped them land faculty positions not only at Emory, but also at Case Western and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Congratulations to the Nuclear Medicine Class of 2028!

Jigyasa Chopra, MBBS

Next Step: Assistant Professor, University

Hospitals, Case Western Reserve University

Teaching Excellence

Teaching excellence abounds across Emory Radiology. In a department full of excellence, some faculty really distinguish themselves.

"I am deeply honored to receive the 2025 Resident/Fellow Research Award from the American College of Nuclear Medicine. This recognition reflects the incredible mentorship and support I've received from the Emory Radiology community," Dr. Lawal says, "I'm excited to continue contributing to the field of nuclear medicine and

Criteria for the award include publishing in peer-reviewed journals, presented work at regional and national meetings, and having

Dr. Lawal will continue to enrich the department's clinical care and research endeavors as an assistant professor in the Division of Nuclear

Congratulations to Dr. Lawal and his classmates on their graduation!

advancing research that improves patient care."

enhanced the departmental research program."

Medicine and Molecular Imaging.

Akshay Bedmutha, MBBS

Next Step: Assistant Professor, Nuclear

Medicine and Molecular Imaging Division,

imaging fellowship at Emory. Winner, Faculty Teacher of the Year Siddhartha Kosaraju, MD, 22MF, 21MR Assistant Professor, ETI/Neuro "Sidd is a calm and chill presence, especially in in a division that is super busy all the time. He not only teaches,

but also engages whith the residents

beyond radiology. He is someone we

are not afraid to approach in a public

Finalist, Faculty Teacher of the Year

"He always has cases to show is always

a fun presence in the reading room.

setting."

Sagar Amin, MD

Cardiothoracic Imaging



Muheon Shin, MD

Medical Center, Boston

Fellow of the Year

Neuroradiology Fellow

Next Step: Faculty, Beth Israel Deaconess

Roger Gerard, MD, 24MR, 25 MF

Selected by unanimous vote by the

residents for exceptional dedication,

approachability, and commitment to

teaching, Dr. Gerard's guidance,

clinical excellence, and consistent

impact on the residency program.

Finalist, Faculty Teacher of the Year Janet Chien, MD, 22MF, 21MR

"Janet's strength is in how she is sensitive to residents and constantly

providing affirmations while still

offering constructive and thoughtful

criticism. Every time I work with Janet,

Assistant Professor, ETI/Neuro

support have made a lasting, positive

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Dr. Phillip Wong

Emory Radiology

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Education Track as well as a mini fellowship in cardiothoracic clinical excellence through teaching. radiology. He also completed the Emory Global Health Residency Scholars Program, which included a capstone Dr. Martin completed the Clinical Education Track as well as a experience teaching and providing clinical care at Black Lion mini fellowship in neuroradiology. Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Dr. Martin currently is pursuing an abdominal imaging fellow-Dr. Gomez now is pursuing an abdominal/chest fellowship at ship at the University of California San Francisco. Weill Cornell.

> titled "Progress and Impact of a Radiology Residency Research Track over 12 Years." Each year, the AAR gives one person a certificate and a \$1,000 honorarium for the best paper on education in radiology. As the winner, Dr. Brown presented his paper at the AAR Annual Meeting in early April. Dr.

> Dr. Brown remains at Emory as a neuroradiology fellow and will join the Emory Radiology faculty upon

Brown completed the Research Track of the Diagnostic Radiology Residency program.

Hanssen Li and John Moon are more than classmates. The two Interventional Radiology - Integrated program residents also are award-winning co-creators and collaborators. During their four fruitful years in the Interventional Radiology - Integrated Residency program, the pair created and now co-lead the Biodesign & Innovation of Minimally-Invasive Technologies (BIMIT) Lab at Emory. The lab enables them to work with medical students, other residents and faculty members

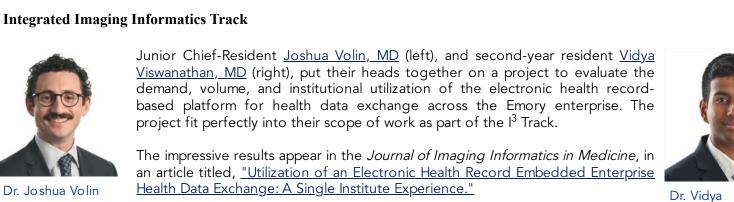
award allows residency program directors and department chairs to select and award one of their outstanding residents who hav advanced radiology research by publishing in peer-reviewed journals, presenting at national and international conferences, and received research funding. Dr. Moon has received funding from Emory School of Medicine, the American

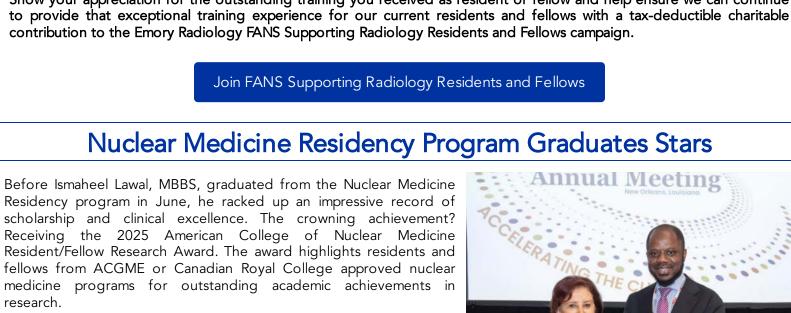
College of Radiology's Neiman Health Policy Institute, the Radiological Society of North America, and the Society for Interventional Radiology. Dr. Li, who also completed the Integrated Imaging Informatics (I3) Track during residency, received an Adopt-A-Resident Award during his first year to support development of a Radiology Analytics Dashboard for Residents (RADAR). His collaborations with engineers at Georgia Tech have led to numerous grant-funded projects advancing groundbreaking medical technologies. Additionally, Dr. Li plays a pivotal role as a clinical lead in various Georgia Tech capstone courses and Both Drs. Li and Moon currently are completing the fifth-year of fellowship-level training in the Emory Interventional Radiology-Integrated Residency Program and are looking forward to fulfilling careers in academic medicine with their





achieve with our QI projects in radiology."







Resident Teacher of the Year

Alex Bode, MD, 24MR, 25IRI

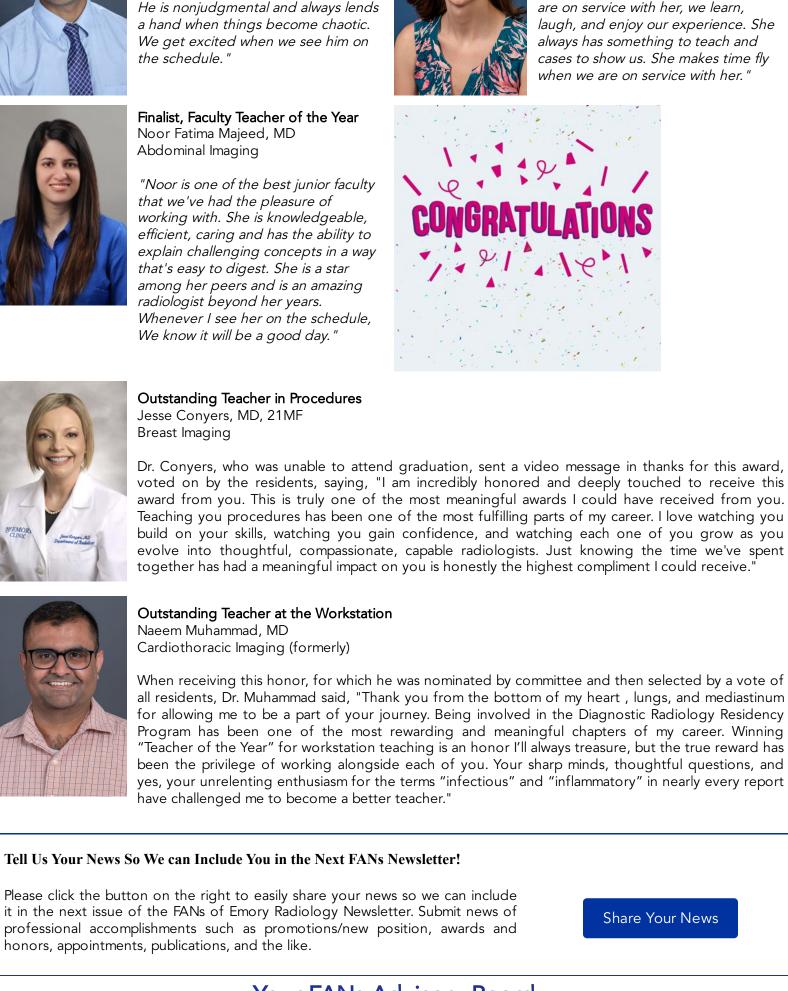




*Emory Editorial Style specifies identifying alumni by their graduation year plus the appropriate school/program suffix. MR is used for medical residency program graduates, MF denotes graduates of medical fellowships, M denotes graduates of the School of Medicine, PH denotes graduates

What do you think of this issue of the FANs Newsletter?





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