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Leadership & Awards

2014 SAR Cannon Medal

At the Society of Abdominal Radiology (SAR) 2014 Annual Meeting, Professor Emeritus and former UAB Department of Radiology Chair, **Robert J. Stanley, M.D., F.A.C.R.**, was named the 2014 SAR Cannon Medalist. The Walter B. Cannon Medal is awarded for outstanding contributions to the field of abdominal radiology, in addition to the society itself. Dr. Stanley served thirty-one years as the Radiology Department Chair before stepping down in September 2002. He retired in June 2013. His commitments, achievements, and leadership continue to inspire all of us. Read [more](#) about Dr. Stanley's remarkable accomplishments and service.

AUR GERRAF Award

A valued member of UAB's Radiology Department, **Heidi R. Umphrey, M.D.**, was awarded the GE Radiology Research Academic Fellowship (GERRAF) Award from the Association of University Radiologists (AUR). Since 1992, the AUR GERRAF Award has been one of the most sought-after awards in academic radiology, as it helps to meet radiology research and scholarly support needs. As Chief of Breast Imaging, Dr. Umphrey effectively demonstrates the value of academic training. On a daily basis, she continues to provide opportunities for upcoming radiologists through her excellent teaching and clinical research. Dr. Umphrey is a true asset to the department, and it is a great pleasure to have her represent us as an AUR GERRAF Fellow.

ACR Board of Chancellors

Lincoln L. Berland, M.D. was [elected](#) by the ACR Council on the 28th of April to serve on the ACR Board of Chancellors as the Chair of the Commission on Body Imaging alongside **Cheri L. Canon, M.D., F.A.C.R.**, who serves as Chair of the Commission on Education.

Capitol Hill Day ACR Members met with Lawmakers



On April 30, 2014, two of our Radiology Residents, Jonathan Hinshelwood, M.D. and Lisa Mabry, M.D., attended the 2014 American College of Radiology (ACR) Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference. Drs. Hinshelwood and Mabry were accompanied by Dr. Lincoln Berland, newly elected member of the ACR Board of Chancellors, where they met with members of Congress and their staff. Specifically, they were able to spend valuable time with U.S. Representatives Martha Roby, Mike Rogers, and Spencer Bachus. We are very proud of the exceptional responses received regarding their participation in these important meetings. In hopes of continued engagements such as Capitol Hill Day, they have set a remarkable standard for their colleagues in representing the profession of Radiology and specifically UAB.

Dr. Sang Yeung Han passed away

at age 85 on May 10, 2014. From the beginning of his medical journey in Birmingham, Alabama in 1968, Dr. Han was an esteemed faculty member for the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital, and eventually for the BVAMC as well. Dr. Han served the Radiology Department for over 30 years as an abdominal radiologist before his retirement in 1998. He retired from BVAMC in September 2008. In addition to the many wonderful Dr. Han stories we all remember, the lasting impact he had on the lives around him and the profession of radiology will never be forgotten.

In Memoriam

Jay J. Listinsky, M.D., Ph.D., a remarkable radiologist, passed away on September 9, 2013 after a long battle with leukemia. Dr. Listinsky joined the Department of Radiology faculty at UAB Hospital in 1988, where he shared gifted views of diagnostic radiology through his innovative teaching methods. His life's work and accomplishments, which led to additional discoveries through a scientific partnership with his wife in glycobiology, will always be remembered. To read more of Jay's *In Memoriam* open the [link](#) to the article published in the Radiology Magazine.



Announcements

NEW DIRECTORS

Janet F. Eary, M.D. was recently hired as Director of the Advanced Imaging Facility.

Robert M. Kessler, M.D. has been hired as Director of Neurochemical Brain Imaging and PET Neurotracer Development.

NEW LOCATION

On April 21, 2014, Radiology Ultrasound moved to the 4th floor of The Kirklin Clinic, allowing for expansion of this service.

CHIEF CHANGEOVER

On June 16, Drs. Jessica Millsap and Ryan Telford will assume responsibility as chief residents. Drs. Manny Patel and Brett Roberts did an outstanding job and continuously displayed extraordinary leadership and professionalism.

Friday, September 12 at 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Jonathan Hinshelwood will present his Capitol Hill Day experience in the Tishler Conference Room (JT N307).

Technological Advances

UAB's T24 Cyclotron

UAB's new T24 cyclotron is an extraordinary machine, the most powerful of any in an academic medical center in the United States. UAB's cyclotron has been strategically positioned on campus, with its 30-ton weight factor, furthering its reputation of being the most powerful cyclotron at any academic medical center in the United States. As distance is key in PET imaging, there are two new state-of-the-art PET-CT scanners located across the hall from the cyclotron, as well as an area in preparation for the new cutting-edge PET/MRI machine.

The proximity of the cyclotron to the PET-CTs is significant when considering PET imaging tracers' (radioisotopes) half-life. While other medical centers may find it nearly impossible to use radioactive tracers with a half-life of 20 minutes (Carbon 11), 10 minutes (Ammonia 13), and particularly 2 minutes (Oxygen 15), the strategically planned location of our cyclotron enables our researchers and radiologists to turn the impossible to reality.

Learn further about UAB's T24 Cyclotron and how it works by watching a 90-second [video](#) and by reading an [article](#) in UAB Magazine.



Advanced Imaging Facility

The only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in the deep south region is located at UAB. Our Comprehensive Cancer Center includes the new Advanced Imaging Facility (AIF), which houses the new cyclotron and cutting-edge positron emission tomography (PET) imaging equipment. The AIF's equipment includes two time-of-flight GE Discovery 710 PET-CT scanners, and the state-of-the-art PET/MR will be installed this winter. This is a transformative project for UAB, Birmingham, and Alabama.



FUNDS

Our Goal: Over the next five years, we hope to raise \$500,000. Please read about our leadership and education funds and consider contributing.

The **Robert J. Stanley, M.D. Leadership Fund** is appropriately named in honor of Dr. Stanley's many decades of leadership. We have begun incorporating a Business & Leadership curriculum for our residents, designed to provide additional opportunities for in depth leadership training. As healthcare is undergoing monumental changes, we must invest in the training of our future leaders in order for the specialty of Radiology to remain viable. Therefore, funds received will provide opportunities for leadership development for trainees and faculty.

The **Robert E. Koehler, M.D. Education Fund** is named in honor of Dr. Koehler's life-long educational accomplishments. The first project will be a new learning laboratory for our trainees. The need to expand our curricular offerings is vital in preparing our residents to be well-rounded radiologists for the future.

To Give A Gift:

By mailing a check written to the "UAB Department of Radiology" and mail it to the following address:

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Or, you may give a gift online by clicking the fund of your choice:

- [Stanley Fund for Leadership](#)
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