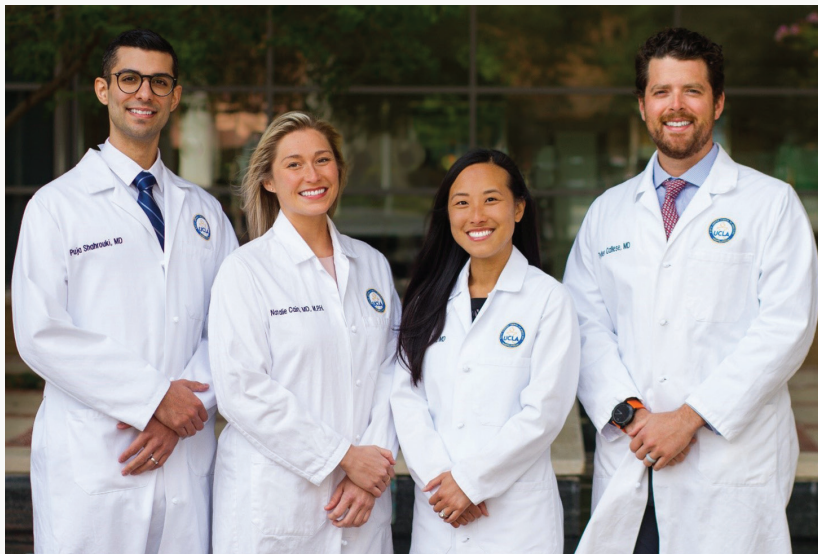


UCLA Radiology Alumni Connections

Chief Residents 2022-2023

This year's chief residents have piloted a Wellness Event series that promotes collaboration among residents. The chiefs have worked to organize bimonthly events at local establishments to get together and share a meal. The goal is for residents to get to know each other outside of work. With the increase in remote and hybrid worksites, the Wellness Event series provides residents opportunities to gather in person in more casual settings.



(Left to Right: Puja Shahrouki, Natalie Cain, Tiffany Yu, Tyler Callese – Chief Residents 22-23)

Natalie Cain, MD, MPH

Natalie is from the greatest city on Earth (Chicago). Prior to starting residency at UCLA, she lived in Miami for nine years, enjoying the tropical lifestyle from college to internship year. It was then that she realized she could never return to the greatest and coldest city on Earth. Before starting medical school at the University of Miami, she lived in Ecuador for one year, carrying out epidemiologic research on Chagas disease. She also learned how to salsa dance and ate the best coastal ceviche anyone could ask for (sorry, Peruvian-cuisine lovers)! Currently, her life revolves around her two cats, blossom and buttercup, and her yoga mat (preferably oceanside). She is very excited to work alongside Tiffany, Puja and Tyler, and to have the opportunity to be an advocate for her peers. She hopes to continue to improve the already excellent residency program in order to keep up with today's evolving world. Her goals as chief are to provide a healthy outlet for mindfulness and work-life balance among her co-residents through safe social gatherings, beach outings, resident and faculty happy hours and group wellness activities. Happy residents, happy program director!

Tyler Callese, MD

Tyler is from Chicago. He attended Middlebury College, where he rowed on the crew team and studied biochemistry and economics. He attended medical school at Wake Forest School of Medicine, where he was active in research and medical education. He completed his surgery internship at UCLA and is currently an integrated interventional radiology resident. Tyler lives in Hermosa Beach with his wife, Olivia, who is an OB/GYN, and their two boxers, Bruce and Tallulah. Tyler is an avid skier, taking every opportunity possible to head to the mountains. He is a cyclist, triathlete and a lifelong beginner surfer. Tyler is honored to have the opportunity to serve as chief resident and to continue to promote the clinical and learning environment at UCLA.

Puja Shahrouki, MD

Puja was born and raised in Gothenburg, Sweden. He attended University of Gothenburg for medical school, where he was awarded the Swedish Society of Medicine's Best Medical Thesis Award and an Anders Wall Scholarship for Sweden's Young Scientist of the Year. After graduating, Puja spent a year working on cardiovascular imaging research at UCLA. Following a transitional year internship at MetroWest Medical Center, a teaching hospital of Tufts, Puja returned to UCLA as a diagnostic radiology resident. Following residency, he plans to pursue a fellowship in neuroradiology. Puja is deeply honored to accept his role as chief resident, and looks forward to working with Natalie, Tiffany, and Tyler as co-chiefs. As chief, he hopes to support resident education and facilitate resident participation in research.

Tiffany Yu, MD

Tiffany was born and raised in the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area. She studied finance at University of Maryland, and then worked as a management consultant for (too many) years before deciding to change careers to pursue medicine. She completed a one-year career-changer post-baccalaureate premedical program at Johns Hopkins, and then attended the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where she was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha and Gold Humanism honor societies. After living within a 50-mile radius of DC her entire life, she decided to see what the craze over Southern California was all about, and is so grateful that UCLA gave her the opportunity to train as a radiology resident. She and her husband love living in LA and she is looking forward to spending her last year of residency as chief resident. Tiffany is humbled to have been chosen as chief resident and will try very hard to keep up with her amazing co-chiefs and support the residents the best that she can. After residency, she is looking forward to completing her last year of training as a breast imaging fellow.

Recent Radiology Events



UCLA radiology residents and fellows enjoying a Wellness Social Hour at Rocco's.



Resident Wellness dinner at Wolfsglenn in Westwood.



Trainee holiday dinner hosted in Carnesale Commons on the UCLA campus.

Fellows 2022-2023

Abdominal Imaging

David Ban, MD
Tucker Burr, MD
Madhvi Deol, MD
Adam Kinzel, MD
Raj Mehta, MD
Tyler Sevco, MD

Breast Imaging

Jaspreet Batra, MD
Aileen Chang, MD
Jessica Moon, MD
Steven R. Plimpton, MD, MS
Janis Yee, MD

Cardiothoracic Imaging

Soheil Kooraki, MD
Amir Ali Rahsepar, MD

Interventional Neuroradiology

Charles Beaman, MD, PhD
David Kimball, MD
Jose Morales, MD

Interventional Radiology

Shenise Gilyard, MD
Sipan Mathevosian, MD

Musculoskeletal Imaging

Jeremy Middleton, MD
Jonathan Barclay, MD
Fadi Nemeh, MD

Neuroradiology

Stephen Cai, MD
Ross Frederick, MD
Raffi Ourfalian, DO
Tam Vu, DO

Oncology Imaging

Karen Mendez, MD

Residents: Diagnostic Radiology Class of 2026

Michelle Bondero, MD

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Daniella Boros, MD

University of Arizona College of Medicine

Irvin Calderon, MD

University of California, Riverside School of Medicine

Kathryn Champ, MD

University of Maryland School of Medicine

Julia Gerras, MD

Wayne State University School of Medicine

Annie Huang, MD

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Logan Hubbard, MD

University of California, Irvine School of Medicine

Keon Mahmoudi, MD

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Alan Shan, MD

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Justin Sun, MD

Temple University School of Medicine

Ethan Zaccagnino, MD

University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine

Amy Zhang, MD

Yale University School of Medicine

Residents: Interventional Radiology Class of 2027

Jason Ni, MD

Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine

Hiro Sparks, MD

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Ashley Yearwood, MD

St. George's University

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