

UCLA Radiology Residency Program

Congratulate Chief Residents for AY 2023-2024!



2023-2024 Chief Residents:

Tracie Kong, MD, Phoebe Ann, MD, Christopher Yu, MD, PhD, David Reilly, MD, and Naomi Walker, MD

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Phoebe Ann, MD

Phoebe is from Irvine, California. She studied at Caltech where she developed a passion for analytical problem solving, math and physics. She completed medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago, after which she immediately returned back to the warm weather of LA. One of her life's biggest accomplishments is adopting and loving her dog Toto, who has transformed from a scared abused shadow to the sassy queen of the household. Phoebe hopes to facilitate academic growth and learning within this residency she loves, as well as foster opportunities for social networking and camaraderie.

Tracie Kong, MD

Tracie was born in Beijing, China and then grew up in Plainsboro, New Jersey. She studied molecular biology at Princeton University and received the Sigma Xi Book Award. She decided to trade fruit flies (as model organisms, not pets) for a white coat, and attended Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where she was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. Tracie continued her westward migration and completed an internship year at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego before starting radiology residency at UCLA. Since moving to LA, she has enjoyed the food scene and also fulfilled her dream of getting an adorable puppy. Tracie looks forward to working with her wonderful cochiefs and supporting the personal and professional growths of UCLA residents. After residency, she plans to pursue a pediatric radiology and pediatric neuroradiology fellowship.

David Reilly, MD

Dave was born and raised in Long Valley, NJ. He attended Bucknell University for undergraduate where he majored in Neuroscience and Studio Art followed by a year of research at Columbia University. Dave attended medical school at Thomas Jefferson Medical College, after which he accepted a commission to Lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the US Navy. His internship was spent at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He was then sent to flight school where he trained at the Naval Aviation Medical Institute and was designed a Naval Flight Surgeon. His time

in the Navy was served with the 12th Marine Air Group in Iwakuni, Japan, and Carrier Air Group Eleven aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt. It was with great excitement that he joined UCLA as an Integrated Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology resident and is honored to be able to serve alongside Tracie, Naomi, Phoebe and Chris as chief. When not working Dave enjoys painting, tinkering at his workbench or playing with his dog, Toad. Dave is grateful for the hard work of the outgoing chiefs and is excited by the opportunity to work with his co-chiefs to contribute to an already excellent program.

Naomi Walker, MD

Naomi is a Southern California native who grew up basking in the sunny warmth of the Inland Empire. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of California, Irvine. She then earned her medical degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, where she was a recipient of the David Geffen Medical Scholarship. Naomi was overjoyed to continue her training as a radiology resident at UCLA, working alongside inspiring mentors and friends who continue to support her every step of the way. Following residency, she plans to continue her training with a fellowship in neuroradiology. In her free time, Naomi loves spoiling her two dogs (Tobi & Tessa), practicing yoga, and exploring the diverse culture of Los Angeles. As a chief resident, Naomi is committed to advocating for her peers and enhancing their residency experience at UCLA.

Christopher Yu, MD, PhD

Chris was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Before coming to UCLA, he was at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia where he earned his medical degree and doctoral degree in Bioengineering. He does miss the Philly cheesesteaks, roast pork sandwiches and scrapple, but thinks LA street tacos are an adequate replacement. In-N-Out is also adequate. Chris and his wife spend most of their spare time watching YouTube videos suggested by the omniscient algorithm and sending each other Reddit links. He enjoys cooking various types of food and tries to keep his many house plants alive as practice for their future child. He's honored to be a chief alongside Dave, Naomi, Phoebe and Tracie, and aims to support all residents in the program and help maximize their training experience.

