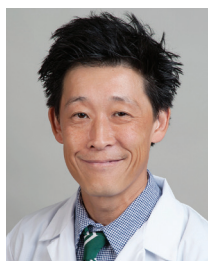


UCLA Radiology Alumni Connections

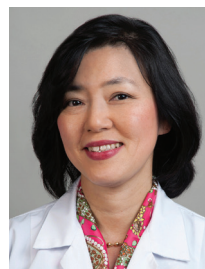


Dear Alumni,

We begin a new chapter at UCLA Radiology with the inaugural issue of *Radiology Alumni Connections*, establishing a communication platform to unify the department's large and ever-growing alumni network. For all of you, I know that UCLA holds a special place, especially since for many, it is where you learned some of how and what you practice today ... and where you made friends, mentors and acquaintances that create the rich fabric of all of our lives. It is brought to mind by the little things throughout the day that evoke smile-filled memories. I am always struck when I run into one of our graduates how much there is to catch up and how many memories of the department and faculty are still so vivid. This newsletter is both about celebrating the past and looking forward — and always knowing that you will always be a part of UCLA Radiology! Here's to all of you. Be proud! Cheers.

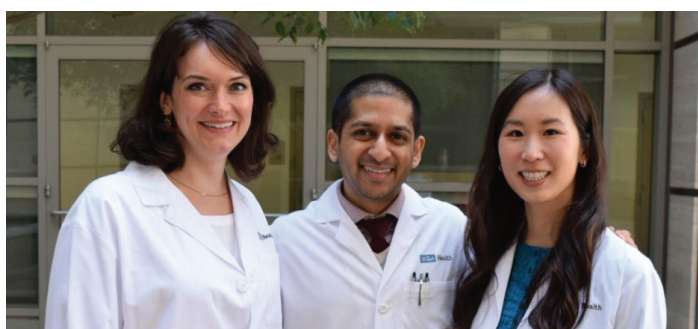
Robert Suh, MD
Vice Chair of Radiology Education

Faculty spotlight Advances in educational leadership



Noriko Salamon, MD, will serve in a new role as Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, where she will lead efforts to streamline the academic advancement process for department faculty. Dr. Salamon has been with UCLA Radiology since 2002 when she completed her fellowship in neuroradiology. Before coming to UCLA, Dr. Salamon was trained at Northwestern University in Chicago, where she finished her residency in radiology and neurology. She also trained in neuroradiology in Marseille, France and interventional neuroradiology in Paris, France and completed a radiology residency at Showa University in Tokyo, Japan.

Welcome 2017-18 chief residents



From left: Laura Leonards, MD; Vishal Patel, MD, PhD; Jennifer Young, MD, MPH

Laura Leonards, MD - Born and raised in Lafayette, LA, Laura received a McDermott Scholarship from the University of Texas at Dallas, and earned her BS in molecular biology. Laura received her MD from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) in New Orleans, where she was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha. She stayed at LSUHSC for her intern year in internal medicine. After residency, she will pursue an IR fellowship.

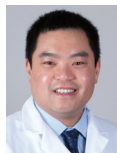
Vishal Patel, MD, PhD - Originally from Houston, TX, Vishal received his bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering with honors from Brown University. In 2005, he earned a PhD in biomedical engineering, and his MD at UCLA. Vishal completed a transitional year internship at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. Following residency, he will pursue sub-specialty training in neuroradiology.

Jennifer Young, MD, MPH - Jenn is a native Angeleno who ventured to the Midwest to attend Northwestern University in Chicago, where she graduated *magna cum laude* in biological sciences and global health. She also earned her medical degree and masters of public health, graduating *cum laude in scientia experimentalis* from Northwestern. Jenn returned to California to complete her transitional year internship at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. After residency, she will pursue a fellowship in breast imaging.

Radiology receives ACGME accreditation for new integrated IR residency program

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education has accredited a new integrated diagnostic radiology-interventional radiology residency program at UCLA. The first applicants were accepted this March through the National Residency Matching Program. Participants will complete a five-year program with the first three years remaining under the purview of the DR program. In years four and five, residents will function much like fellows: rounding with IR attendings; participating in weekly case conferences, didactic lectures, monthly morbidity and mortality conferences; taking part in journal clubs and actively participating in multidisciplinary conferences and tumor boards. We anticipate much success with this new program as it focuses on producing expert caregivers in imaging, image guided procedures and clinical care.

Welcome new faculty



Jonathan Chen, MD – Pediatric Radiology

Residency/Chief Resident: Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
Fellowship: Pediatric Imaging, Children's Hospital Los Angeles



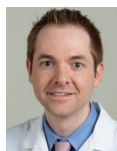
Stephanie Lee-Felker, MD – Breast Imaging

Residency: UCLA
Fellowship: Breast Imaging, UCLA



Ronald Homer, MD – Neuroradiology/Acute Care Imaging

Residency: Stanford University
Fellowship: Neuroradiology, Stanford University



Ely Felker, MD – Abdominal Imaging

Residency: UCLA
Fellowship: Abdominal Imaging, UCLA



Siddharth Padia, MD – Interventional Radiology

Residency: Cleveland Clinic
Fellowship: Vascular & Interventional Radiology, Northwestern University



Adam Plotnik, MD – Interventional Radiology

Residency: Alfred Hospital & Royal Melbourne Hospital
Fellowships: Diagnostic Cardiovascular Imaging & Interventional Radiology, UCLA



Omar Sahagun, MD – Abdominal/Acute Care Imaging

Residency: Massachusetts General Hospital
Fellowship: Musculoskeletal Radiology, Massachusetts General Hospital



Banafsheh Salehi, MD – Neuroradiology/Acute Care Imaging

Residency: Loma Linda University Medical Center
Fellowship: Neuroradiology, UCLA



Sumit Dua, MD, MBA – Neuroradiology/Acute Care Imaging

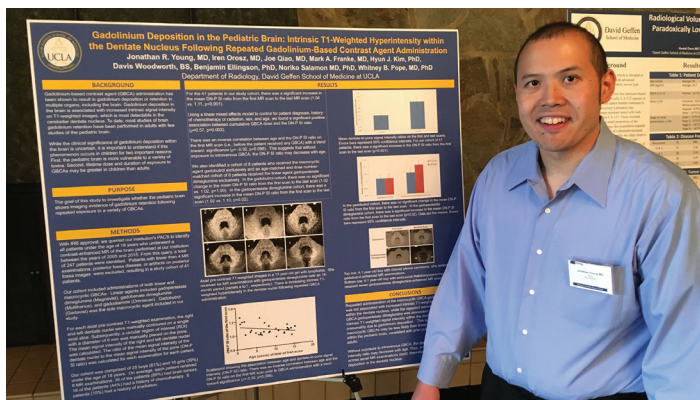
Residency: New York Medical College
Fellowship: Neuroradiology, UCLA

Education & Research 3rd Annual Research Day Exhibit and Awards Dinner



UCLA Radiology fellows and residents presented their research in the annual research day exhibit in March of this year. Attendees voted for the top three posters with winners receiving prize money and an invitation to present their work at a quarterly research dinner held at the UCLA Faculty Center.

Jonathan Young, MD, Neuroradiology fellow, pictured below, took third place with his presentation on gadolinium deposition within the pediatric brain: Intrinsic T1-Weighted Hyperintensity within the Dentate Nucleus Following Repeated Gadolinium-Based Contrast Agent Administration.



Stay in touch!

If you have changed your contact information recently, let us know so we can keep in touch! Are you the recipient of a recent award or distinction? If so, we would like to know about it and post on our newsletter/alumni webpage.

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