

UCLA Radiology Alumni Connections

Faculty Spotlight



Born in Los Angeles, Ashley Prosper, MD, stayed close to home for college, attending the University of Southern California as a member of the baccalaureate/MD program. While at USC, she studied biology and business administration while running an

education and mentoring program for local elementary schools called Going for the Goal. An active member of the student body, Ashley served as Miss USC during her senior

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year. Continuing in the eight-year program, Ashley attended USC for medical school and stayed on for her diagnostic radiology residency with an enfolded fellowship in nuclear medicine. During residency, she completed numerous half-marathons and two full marathons. Following residency, Ashley completed a fellowship in cardiothoracic imaging and intervention during which she developed research interests in the early detection of lung cancer and the implementation of coronary artery CTA programs in underserved populations. After spending 14 years at USC, Ashley joined the faculty of UCLA where she works in the Thoracic Imaging Section. During her first two years on faculty, Ashley has participated in the CTSI translational science training program. Her current research projects include the early detection of lung cancer and imaging biomarkers in Duchenne's muscular dystrophy. When not at work, Ashley enjoys staying active, trying new restaurants and recreating recipes at home for her friends and family.

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? We would like to know about it and announce it in our newsletter and alumni web page. Visit us at: www.uclahealth.org/radiology/alumni

5th Annual Research Day



Radiology fellows, residents, postdocs and department researchers presented their research posters at the 5th Annual Research Day held on May 16th, 2019. Faculty, trainees, staff and even those passing by enjoyed viewing and hearing about the latest research in the field of radiology. With all votes counted, the following presenters were recognized and awarded prize money for their entries:

First Place:

Roholloah Nasiri — *Characterization of Force Generated in 3D Cardiac Tissues Using PDMS Platform*

Second Place:

Melina Hosseiny — *Machine Learning Based Texture Analysis of CT Images in Small Renal Masses: How We Can Differentiate Angiomyolipoma Without Visible Fat from Different Types of Renal Cell Carcinomas*

Third Place:

Cedric Pluguez-Turull, MD — *The Breast Tomography-Detected Architectural Distortion: Imaging and Clinical Predictors of Pathologic Outcome, and The Breast Tomography-Detected Architectural Distortion: Tumor Characteristics, Upgrades and Biopsy Methods*

Welcome New Faculty

**Tiffany Chan, MD — Breast Imaging**

Residency: Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Diagnostic Radiology

Fellowship: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Breast Imaging

**Lucy Chow, MD — Breast Imaging**

Residency: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Diagnostic Radiology

Fellowship: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Breast Imaging

**Rohit Dewan, MD — Oncology Imaging**

Residency: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Diagnostic Radiology

Fellowship: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Abdominal Imaging

**Matthew Quirk, MD — Interventional Radiology/ Abdominal Imaging**

Residency: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Diagnostic Radiology

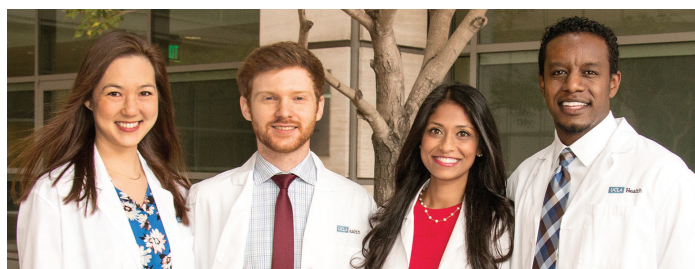
Fellowship: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Interventional Radiology and Abdominal and Thoracic Imaging

Resident News

**Henrik Ullman, MD — Recipient of ARRALD Leadership Development Program Award**

Henrik Ullman was one of 35 PGY3 residents across the country to receive the AARALD program award, which aims to prepare residents for a career in academic radiology through lectures and discussions with peers. Sessions took place in conjunction with the 2019 AUR conference held in Baltimore, MD. Henrik explains, "I felt fortunate to participate in the program and get the opportunity to learn about and practice leadership skills; a topic that is often overlooked in radiology education in favor of the vast amount of factual knowledge that our specialty requires." Lecture topics varied from general business leadership topics to more specific discussions around anecdotes of leadership in academic radiology departments. Participants brought proposed quality improvement or clinical research projects for discussion. Henrik's project involved designing more accurate outcome predictions in stroke imaging. "My goal in participating was to develop a recipe on how to succeed as an academic radiologist. The number of different answers I got to this question was roughly equal to the number of senior people I talked with. "My interpretation — in a rapidly changing and multi-faceted field such as radiology, success is not about following a defined recipe to perfection, but is more about finding your own recipe that brings out the your best and gives you an edge."

Chief Residents for AY 2019-2020



Regan Ferraro, MD, Brian Weston, MD, Iram Dubin, MD, and Osama Elbuluk, MD

Iram Dubin, MD

Iram was born and raised in Staten Island, New York. She moved to Chicago in 2005 to attend Northwestern University, where she received a bachelor's degree in anthropology and graduated with honors. Prior to medical school, Iram worked as a health and science policy quality improvement coordinator for the American College of Chest Physicians in Chicago. She then attended Chicago Medical School and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. After graduating, Iram moved to California to complete her internship in internal medicine at Olive View UCLA Medical Center. Following residency, she will pursue a fellowship in breast imaging. Iram is excited and honored to represent UCLA as a chief resident. She looks forward to promoting interdepartmental collaboration, supporting resident and medical student education, and taking an active role in new resident recruitment.

Osama Elbuluk, MD

Osama was raised in sunny, majestic Akron, Ohio, where he attended the University of Akron and majored in mechanical engineering and minored in chemistry. He then left the friendly confines of the Midwest for the rigorous climate of Southern California, where he attended the David Geffen School of Medicine. While at UCLA, Osama completed a year of research in the Molecular Imaging branch at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He then completed his intern year in internal medicine at Eisenhower Medical Center. Upon completion of residency, he plans to pursue a fellowship in neuroradiology. In addition to hitting his turnaround times and RVU benchmarks next year, Osama looks forward to planning an amazing retreat with a possible appearance from his longtime friend and fellow Akron transplant, LeBron James.

Regan Ferraro, MD

Regan Ferraro was born and raised in Washington, DC. She completed her undergraduate education at Northwestern University, where she majored in biology and psychology. She then worked as a medical assistant prior to attending Boston University School of Medicine. Having had enough of the snow, and lured by the promise of endless hiking and avocado toast, Regan moved to the West Coast and completed her internship in general surgery at UCLA. After completing her radiology residency, she intends to pursue a fellowship in women's breast imaging. Regan is honored to work alongside Brian, Iram and Osama to support resident education and hopes to help cultivate a rewarding and memorable experience for all radiology trainees.

Brian Weston, MD

Brian Weston was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed his undergraduate education at Boston College and graduated with degrees in chemistry and economics. He then attended Temple University School of Medicine, where he was president of the Alpha Omega Alpha honors society. After graduating medical school, Brian completed an intern year in internal medicine at Crozer-Chester Medical Center. Following residency, he intends to continue his training with a fellowship in neuroradiology. Brian is honored and excited for the opportunity to work with Regan, Osama and Iram as a chief resident. He looks forwards to supporting resident education and camaraderie, with an emphasis on taking photos of people with the therapy dogs.