Emory at SNM

Emory Radiology was well represented at the 2008 Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA. With over 3,900 in attendance, this is the world’s largest event focused exclusively on the latest developments in molecular imaging and nuclear medicine.

SNM accepted abstracts and posters from all of the Emory Radiology divisions that touch Nuclear Medicine, which include: Division of Nuclear Medicine, MR Research, Medical Physics & Engineering, Nuclear Cardiology R&D, Physics & Computing, Radiopharmaceutical Discovery, and Radioligand and Expert Systems. During the week of SNM, many of the selected abstracts and posters are displayed with a designated time for the Principal Investigator (PI) to be available to answer questions from the attendees. A select number of abstract authors are invited to give a presentation during the assembly. This year, Drs. Fabio Esteves, James Galt and Jonathan Nye were selected to participate by leading Scientific Paper Oral Sessions.

The theme of the 55th Annual meeting was “Molecular Imaging: Build on the Past, Define the Future”. Through our presentations, Emory properly represented our ability to stay at the leading-edge of technology and help to define the future of Molecular Imaging.

One development over the week of SNM was a license agreement between Emory University and Syntermed. Technology developed by Drs. Ernest Garcia and Jing Chen that allows physicians to more accurately diagnose and treat heart failure patients. The software uses multiharmonic phase analysis (MHPA) to quickly and accurately determine which heart failure patients will benefit from cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT). This new “SyncTool” will be added to the Emory Cardiac Toolbox, which has been in use for over 20 years by more than 10,000 clinicians worldwide.

Over the course of the annual meeting, awards were presented by SNM for various achievements. Dr. David Schuster received the award for one of three Best Clinical Investigation Papers for his manuscript entitled, Initial Experience with the Radiotracer anti-l- amino-3-[18F]fluorocyclobutane-1-carboxylic acid (anti-[18F]FACBC) with PET/CT in Prostate Carcinoma. Dr. Fabio Esteves achieved the second highest score on a clinical abstract on Prompt gamma compensation in adenosine stress Rb-82 myocardial perfusion 3D PET/CT - Impact on specificity and normalcy rate.

Congratulations to all who contributed to the Emory successes at SNM 2008. The dedication to advancing the quality of healthcare is evident through many accepted abstracts and poster presentations. The discoveries recognized in this international forum bring Emory Radiology one step closer to being identified as a world-class leader.

- Monica Salama
Communications Specialist
Dear Colleagues,

Kudos to Dr. Mimi Newell for planning a terrific annual meeting of the Georgia Radiological Society. At this year’s meeting, held on Hilton Head Island, there were talks by state officials, American College of Radiology (ACR) representatives and several distinguished colleagues. Topics covered included the status of legislation governing self-referral and drivers of imaging overutilization, reimbursement trends, and scope of practice matters related to nurse practitioners, physician assistants, chiropractors and radiology assistants. Another important milestone of the meeting was that the GRS officially voted to form a Resident and Fellow Section. This action was initiated by the efforts of Emory resident, Greg Frey, MD. As a result, the GRS is supporting the participation of several trainees in the annual ACR meeting in Washington, D.C. and in the GRS board meetings and annual conferences.

There are many new faces in the department this summer. Dr. Kevin Kim brings his visionary leadership to the rebranded Division of Interventional Radiology and Image-Guided Medicine. Dr. Kim and his family moved to Atlanta from Baltimore, where he was on faculty at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Nuclear Medicine has expanded services into Emory Crawford Long Hospital with the welcome addition of Dr. Bruce Barron. Dr. Jaime Montilla will oversee PET services throughout the Emory Healthcare system, and Dr. David Brandon will be based primarily at the VA Medical Center. Two young clinician-investigators from New York University, Scott Hwang, MD, PhD (who is dually trained in neuroradiology and neurology) and Amit Saindane, MD, have joined the Division of Neuroradiology. Our Division of Pediatric Radiology has two new faculty members: Dr. Jonathan Loewen and Dr. Adina Alazraki. Bobby Kalb, MD, who just completed a Body MRI fellowship under the mentorship of Diego Martin, MD, PhD, has joined the Abdominal Imaging division faculty within the Body MRI Program.

We also welcome our new residents and fellows and look forward to their time with us!

Best to all,

Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD, FACR
Chair of Radiology

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The Division Formerly Known as...

The Emory Department of Radiology continues to grow at a rapid pace, while striving to lead the ever-changing landscape of the field of radiology. Our growth is evident through the addition of faculty members; our evolution is clear through the addition of services and divisional title shifts. The division formerly known as Interventional Vascular Radiology (IVR), will now be entitled Interventional Radiology and Image-Guided Medicine, or IR for short, to accurately describe the clinical and academic pursuits of the division.

The Division of Interventional Radiology and Image-Guided Medicine will continue to provide advanced oncologic, transplant, trauma, vascular and pediatric IR services. Specifically, patients will continue to benefit from traditional and new IR procedures, such as chemoembolization, radioembolization, Uterine Fibroid Embolization (UFE), Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA), cryoablation, endovenous laser ablation, Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) and Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) treatments and Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS). The clinical services will be supplemented by innovative research programs, particularly in solid tumor treatments with embolotherapies and thermoablations and venous diseases with thrombectomy and thrombolysis. The enhanced vision for this division will be implemented by Dr. Kevin Kim, its newly-appointed director.

Kevin Kim, MD, FSIR, arrived from The Johns Hopkins Department of Radiology, where he completed his subspecialty training in Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology. Following fellowship training, Dr. Kim joined the faculty of the Department of Vascular and Interventional Radiology at Johns Hopkins and developed his academic career.

Through research, Dr. Kim is dedicated to bringing new innovations to patients. MR-guided procedures have been a perpetual area of interest, in addition to venous thrombolysis and tumor treatments. Discoveries thus far have lead to the popularity of Dr. Kim as a speaker and his impressive list of publications, both as author and co-author. His commitment to education is evident through his previous position as IR Fellowship Director, and frequent participation in organizing courses for physicians and lectures at national and international meetings.

As the emphasis of radiology continues to grow throughout the medical field, Emory will strive to stay at the cutting-edge. We welcome Dr. Kim as an element of our growth and look forward to his innovative approach that will contribute to the advances made by Emory Radiology.

- Monica Salama
Communications Specialist

Dr. Kevin Kim has begun his role as the Director of Interventional Radiology & Image-Guided Medicine.
Adina Alazraki, MD  
Assistant Professor (Pediatric Radiology)

Dr. Alazraki contributed to the success of the paper entitled “Evaluation of single functioning kidneys using MR urography,” which earned the 2007 Caffey Award for Best Clinical Science Paper at the Society for Pediatric Radiology. In 2006, Dr. Alazraki’s research efforts contributed to the RSNA submission “Evaluation of Anomalies Associated with multicystic Dysplastic Kidneys in Children using MR Urography.” Before subspecializing with her Emory Pediatric Radiology Fellowship, Dr. Alazraki practiced pediatrics for five years, working with the ER at Egleston and Hughes Spalding, and at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Immediate Care centers. She began her secondary education with a BA in animal physiology from UCSD and graduated from Emory University School of Medicine.

Bruce J. Barron, MD, MHA, FACNM  
Professor (Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging)

Dr. Barron joined Emory after serving as Chief of the Nuclear Medicine division at the University of Texas Health Science Center. He was also a medical director for 6 PET/CT imaging centers and Medical advisor to Cyclotopes, a cyclotron facility. As an established educator and researcher, Dr. Barron is well published with numerous articles, abstracts and reviews credited to him. He is currently co-authoring a textbook of pediatric nuclear medicine, utilizing his subspecialty training in pediatric nuclear medicine. In addition, he has continually been invited to provide lectures across the country and educate others about his knowledge in radiology and nuclear medicine.

He is an active member in the Radiological community involved with numerous professional organizations including the Society of Nuclear Medicine, RSNA and the American College of Nuclear Medicine. He was also a program committee member for the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Southwest Chapter and later became a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Barron holds an editorial position as a Book Reviewer for the Journal of Nuclear Medicine.

Dr. Barron received his Masters Degree in Health Administration from the Texas Women’s University School of Healthcare in Houston and obtained his medical degree from the University of South Florida, College of Medicine, in Tampa. Dr. Barron has returned to the familiar halls of Emory, where he completed his undergraduate degree.

Scott N. Hwang, MD, PhD  
Assistant Professor (Neuroradiology)

Dr. Hwang finished his combined Neurology/Neuroradiology training at New York University School of Medicine before joining the Emory Radiology Department as an Assistant Professor. His current interests in research involve image processing of the paranasal sinuses and diffusion-tensor imaging of normal pressure hydrocephalus patients. Over the years, Dr. Hwang has successfully delivered numerous oral presentations at the Radiology Society of North America annual meetings.

Dr. Hwang earned his MD from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has his PhD in Bioengineering and a MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to obtaining these degrees, he studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts to earn his BS in Electrical Engineering.

Bobby Kalb, MD  
Assistant Professor (Abdominal Imaging)


Dr. Kalb’s educational involvement has been acknowledged through his appointment as Chief Resident and also through his award of Excellence in Teaching, in 2003. He is an active member of the Residency Review and Selection Committees. Dr. Kalb obtained his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Virginia.

Jonathan Loewen, MD  
Assistant Professor (Pediatric Radiology)

While focused on the clinical aspects of pediatric radiology, Dr. Loewen has been involved with research throughout his career. Early in his career he contributed to the Positron Emission Tomography Center at Wake Forest University in 1997, and was the recipient of an NIH Research Grant later that summer. He continued his research path at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. There he coordinated, compiled and analyzed data from multiple sites participating in the National Analgesic Nephropathy Study (NANS). More recently, he contributed to the poster exhibit “Cardiac CT Angiography in Pediatrics: Technique and Clinical Applications” presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Society of Pediatric Radiology.

Dr. Loewen received his medical degree from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He completed his residency at Pennsylvania Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and later subspecialized with a fellowship at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

Amit M. Saindane, MD  
Assistant Professor (Neuroradiology)

Dr. Saindane recently completed a Neuroradiology Fellowship at New York University Medical Center. Prior to his fellowship, he was enrolled in the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program at New York University Medical Center where he was also assigned Chief Resident. His research experience involves utilizing advanced MR imaging techniques including dynamic contrast-enhanced perfusion MR imaging, proton MR spectroscopy, and diffusion tensor imaging to study patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis and tumefactive demyelinating lesions, as well as exploring the use of oral caffeine to augment susceptibility-weighted imaging. In 2005, Dr. Saindane was honored with the RSNA Roentgen Resident/Fellow Research Award for his outstanding achievements. Over recent years, he has been chosen to deliver several oral presentations at the RSNA annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Saindane received his MD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He earned his BA in Biology and Psychology from Johns Hopkins University.
STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

The Art of Quality

Many people feel quality is one of those nebulous factors that is hard to quantify. This is similar to judging “good art”. Many people cannot describe what they consider to be good art, but feel they know it when they see it. People also realize that beauty is in the eye of the beholder and what one person considers art, another may consider less appealing. Our patients are often in that same predicament when it comes to defining quality healthcare. However, they can usually recognize it when they experience quality service. Patient experience is often defined by personal encounters and interactions, opposed to their knowledge of the quality of the performed procedure and reported results.

The quality we deliver can be measured in two different ways. One way is the patients’ relational experiences with us as fellow humans. The other is the results of the care the patient receives from our diagnostic and therapeutic interventions.

We measure the patients’ personal experiences is by using the Press Ganey patient satisfaction survey. Everyone impacts this score even if we do not have direct patient contact. Patient waits and delays are the most common complaints that we receive on patient experiences. Many of our staff are working on ways to reduce these delays so that our patients have the experiences they deserve.

The quality of the medical care received by our patients is measured in many ways, inside and outside our organization. The Joint Commission recently visited both hospitals for Lab point of care testing. EUH Nuclear Medicine and ECLH Interventional Radiology, both hosted and inspected, and came through with flying colors thanks to the hard work and dedication of the staff.

I want to end with a quote from football coach Vince Lombardi; “Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.” This is where we stand today and everyday as individuals, as a department and as an institution. Do we choose to chase perfection in our quality or say we are just as good as the next guy and therefore do not need to try any harder? The choice is ours.

- Dale Walker
Director of Strategic Initiatives

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Radiology HR Team

Radiology is fortunate to have the services of a highly skilled human resources (HR) team within the department assisting our faculty and staff.

The term “Human Resources” can be easily misunderstood due to the broad spectrum of services that define this phrase. At Emory, there are two distinct human resource departments: Healthcare HR and University HR. Healthcare Human Resources services all personnel employed with Emory Healthcare. University Human Resources services all faculty, principal, staff and post doctoral fellows directly employed by the University. Radiology Human Resources is an extension of the University HR, which acts as the liaison between university faculty or staff and Central HR.

The Radiology HR team consists of Cayce Kump, Human Resources Manager; Season Lewis, Human Resources Associate; and Alice Jones, Office Manager. Together, this team has over 30 years of experience in HR to contribute to our department. Emory University faculty and staff may consult the HR team concerning any general HR issues such as benefits, payroll, employment selection, time & attendance, credentialing, career development and employee relations.

Having this essential resource in the department is a convenience that can provide quick and accurate responses to most work-related issues. It also ensures that the department follows the required guidelines and regulations under the School of Medicine, which include Equal Employment Opportunities and many other procedures.

As HR Manager, Cayce Kump accepted this role with the goal of establishing a structure for each of the many HR initiatives. While developing a cohesive team to accomplish the initiatives, Cayce creates a focus that coincides with the department’s vision for the future and prepares the department for its continuous growth. Beyond her daily duties, Cayce is responsible for multiple aspects of the recruitment and hiring process, performance evaluations, Emory Radiology employment advertisement placements and other various projects that constantly help reassure success for the department.

HR Associate, Season Lewis, actively works towards the team’s goals by performing HR generalist duties. She contributes to recruitment aspects, supplemental pay, general benefits and a range of other responsibilities that promote efficiency in the department.

Alice Jones’s main focus is to request and monitor credentialing for all the Radiology Faculty at Emory, among other facilities. In addition, Alice tracks and monitors the hourly Radiology University employee’s time records. She also has many other HR related duties and responsibilities as an Office Manager.

For more information, questions or concerns regarding HR, please feel free to contact Season Lewis at 404-778-5468 or e-mail at season.lewis@emory.edu. Healthcare employees may contact Mike Holland at Mike. holland@emoryhealthcare.org to address any questions.

- Alaina Shapiro
Communications Coordinator
**NEW GRANTS**

**Evaluation of UFC Spect Camera**

*Principal Investigator:* Earnest Garcia, PhD  
*Co-Investigators:* Fabio Esteves, MD  
Anwar Khan, MD

*Funding Organization:* GE Healthcare, Ltd.

*Significance:* The study proposes to investigate the important clinical question of whether the diagnostic accuracy for coronary artery disease (CAD) of myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI) studies acquired with the device are comparable to the accuracy from conventional acquisition and protocols and/or whether these results may be improved if new acquisition protocols are developed.

**A Pilot Study of the Utility of the Novel Amino Acid Radiotracer**

*Principal Investigator:* David Schuster, MD  
*Co-Investigators:* Jonathan Nye, PhD  
Daniel Miller, MD  
Andrew Young, MD, PhD  
Mark Goodman, PhD

*Funding Organization:* Nihon Medi-Physics LTD

*Significance:* The specific hypothesis in this proposal is that anti-[18-F]FACBC will accumulate in malignant lung tumors, allowing visualization with PET-CT.

**3D Fusion and Visualization of Quantified Cardiac CTCA and Nuclear Perfusion Imagery**

*Principal Investigator:* Tracy Faber, MD  
*Co-Investigators:* Earnest Garcia, PhD  
Eldad Haber, PhD  
Jacob Johansen, PhD  
Fabio Esteves, MD

*Funding Organization:* NIH (R01)

*Significance:* The long-term goal of this project is to develop accurate and automatic fusion methods for integrating coronary artery data from CTCA with myocardial perfusion data from nuclear medicine.

**Check It Out**


Radiology Resident Introductions

This is an exciting time of the year when the radiology department has a chance to welcome the new residents. This group offers new energy and talent as they begin the process of becoming radiologists.

John E. Chenevey, MD  
*Medical School:* Emory University  
*Interesting fact:* John placed second in the most competitive soccer league in Atlanta. He also received an honorable mention for an art piece done during medical school.

Liang Sean Gu, MD  
*Medical School:* Medical College of Georgia  
*Interesting fact:* Sean studied piano for ten years, and violin for eight years both with classical training.

Chester E. Harrison Jr., MD  
*Medical School:* Rush Medical College  
*Interesting fact:* Chester played intramural football and softball for his Sigma Pi Fraternity college team. He is also an avid reader of Clive Cussler novels.

Keith D. Herr, MD  
*Medical School:* State University of New York at Buffalo  
*Interesting fact:* Keith plays the viola and piano. He is fluent in both German and Spanish.

Ajay Kamireddi, MD  
*Medical School:* Duke University  
*Interesting fact:* Ajay was on USA-Today's All-USA College Academic Team (Top 60 college students nationwide). He enjoys playing chess and sports.

Matthew A. Lynn, MD  
*Medical School:* Emory University  
*Interesting fact:* Matthew is an active performing and recording jazz guitarist. He also has completed eight marathons and several one hundred mile bicycle races.

Bradford C. Mitchell, MD  
*Medical School:* Medical College of Georgia  
*Interesting fact:* Brad plays both the guitar and piano. His hobbies include digital photography and web design.

Elizabeth I. Parker, MD  
*Medical School:* Medical College of Georgia  
*Interesting fact:* Liz stays active and focused with pilates and yoga. She also plays piano and is the proud owner of three parrots.

Bhavika K. Patel, MD  
*Medical School:* University of Arizona College of Medicine  
*Interesting fact:* Bhavika was a runner-up in Garba-Raas (Indian Dance). She also speaks fluent Gujarati.

Sarat M. Piduru, MD  
*Medical School:* University of South Florida College of Medicine  
*Interesting fact:* Sarat developed a coding scheme to differentiate alpha and beta retinal ganglion cells using morphological analysis.

Rebecca L. Scholl, MD  
*Medical School:* Georgetown School of Medicine  
*Interesting fact:* Rebecca volunteered in a hospital in Moshi, Tanzania. She also scuba dives and completed a photography course at John Cabot University in Rome.

Ali M. Tahvildari, MD  
*Medical School:* Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans  
*Interesting fact:* Ali writes screenplays and short stories and has an interest in filmmaking. He also plays the piano.

Tara D. Tredennick, MD  
*Medical School:* Brown Medical School  
*Interesting fact:* Tara was an oboist in the Brown University Orchestra, Bermuda Philharmonic Orchestra, and Cornell Symphony Orchestra. She is also an avid scuba diver.

Daymen S. Tuscano, MD  
*Medical School:* University of Miami  
*Interesting fact:* Daymen plays both the acoustic and bass guitar. He played in a local band called “End of June”. He also has been PADI certified for scuba diving since 1990.

Fidias DeLeon, MD  
*Medical School:* Universidad Iberoamericana  
*Subspecialty:* Nuclear Medicine  
*Residency:* Albert Einstein College of Medicine Montefiore Medical Center

Robert Lucaj, MD  
*Medical School:* Medical University of the Americas, Nevis, West Indies  
*Subspecialty:* Nuclear Medicine  
*Residency:* New York Medical College Caritas Health Care

Nancy Salib, MD, PhD  
*Medical School:* Cairo University  
*Subspecialty:* Nuclear Medicine  
*Residency:* Cairo University and University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
GET INVOLVED

Education on the Isle

On July 2-6, the Division of Nuclear Medicine and the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center returned to Amelia Island on Florida’s Atlantic Coast to host Emory’s 22nd Annual Nuclear Medicine Update.

This long running course has provided CME/CE for physicians and technologist who desire to keep at the forefront of nuclear medicine, nuclear cardiology and molecular imaging. Most who attend are physicians (mainly radiologists and nuclear medicine physicians) with molecular imaging/nuclear medicine as a significant part of their practice. Over the years, Emory has educated more than 9,000 registrants through the Nuclear Medicine Update.

Directed by Dr. Naomi Alazraki and Dr. James Galt, the course featured distinguished members of the Emory Nuclear Medicine faculty including Drs. Fabio Esteves, David Schuster, Raghuveer Halkar and Andrew Taylor. Invited speakers included Dr. Ronald L. Van Heertum (Professor of Radiology, Columbia Medical Center), Dr. Leoni Gordon (Professor of Radiology, Medical University of South Carolina), and Dr. Darlene Fink-Bennett (Chief, Nuclear Medicine, William Beaumont Hospital); all luminaries of molecular imaging.

The course covered the full spectrum of molecular imaging with emphasis on the emerging clinical use of PET/CT and SPECT/CT for oncology, neurology, renal and featured a full day of nuclear cardiology. The setting, the Amelia Island Plantation resort, provided a tranquil, thought-provoking environment that allowed ideas to flow freely (and a pleasant setting for relaxation at the conclusion of each day’s discussions). Attendees were treated to the Plantation’s Fourth of July festivities, including fireworks.

Emory Volunteer Opportunity

Wesley Woods Hospital, specializing in the healthcare needs of adults over the age of 65, offers a unique Horticultural Therapy program that allows patients to dig in the dirt and grow new life as part of their health care and rehabilitation plan. Volunteers may assist with the program by maintaining the greenhouse and therapy gardens. Students and volunteers interested in gaining experience with patient care may also assist with therapy groups. Heavy lifting and gardening expertise are not required; simply a commitment to health and healing and interest in learning about horticulture. Contact: Kirk Hines, kirk.hines@emoryhealthcare.org or 404-728-4586.

Visit www.radiology.emory.edu/events-and-lectures for up-to-date event information.
Starla Longfellow
Assistant Director of Strategic Initiatives

Starla Longfellow describes her new position as “being a driver or change agent for the Radiology Department, to help initiate and implement the strategic plan and visions for the future of the department.” Her responsibilities will be to assist Dale Walker with the strategic initiatives of the department. She will also be enhancing the quality of work environment and patient care for the department.

Prior to joining Emory’s Radiology Department, Starla was the Director of Imaging Services at Emory Johns Creek Hospital. Her previous experience includes being a Quality Manager and then Imaging Services Manager at Dekalb Medical Center after being a teacher of anatomy and physiology at the Montessori School of Covington. Starla is also a trained radiologic staff technologist.

Weiping Yu, PhD
Assistant Professor

Dr. Yu recently received a promotion to Assistant Professor. Prior to coming to Emory, she was an Assistant Professor at Shanghai University of Science and Technology in China and later a Postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Yu has contributed over seven years to the Emory Radiology Department, assisting in research along Drs. Goodman and Schuster.

Carmen Agarenzo
Technologist

Carmen Agarenzo brings six years of experience to the Emory Interventional Radiology division. She began with four years in the Army as a Radiology x-ray technologist. Carmen later continued her passion for the medical field as a supervisor in radiology at Athens Regional Medical Center.

Johnessa Odom
Transportation Attendant

Johnessa Odom joins the Radiology Department as a transportation attendant in the Emory University Hospital. She has completed four months of Emergency Medical Technician training and two months of phlebotomy. Johnessa plans to continue her education and further her personal career ambitions.

Melissa Horner
Interventional Technologist

Melissa Horner is located at Crawford Long Hospital assisting within the Radiology Department’s Interventional Division. She received her BMSc in Medical Imaging from Emory University. Melissa is a member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Nachwa Jarkas, PhD
Assistant Professor

Dr. Jarkas has been promoted to Assistant Professor of Radiology. She became a member of the Emory faculty, in 2002, after completing her Postdoctoral fellowship in Radiochemistry. She was the first place winner for the Radiopharmaceutical Sciences Council Young Investigator Award at the Society of Nuclear Medicine Meeting in New Orleans, in June 2003.

Aaron Smith, PhD
Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Smith received his PhD in organic chemistry at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. He gained experience as a post-doc fellow for Advion/Nanotek developing commercial microfluidic radiochemistry reactors and later worked as a research chemist. He will contribute in Dr. Goodman’s lab to develop an oxytocin PET imaging agent for the study of male reproductive social behaviors.

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Hope you had a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

Look for a new issue of the Rad Report the first full week of August.