Passing the Torch

After 15 years of fostering the growth of the Radiology Residency Program, Dr. Bruce Baumgartner passed the torch to Dr. Mark Mullins on March 1, 2008. As Dr. Baumgartner steps down as the Vice Chair for Education, we reflect upon his career and effects he has had on the residency program.

Dr. Baumgartner first came to Emory as a medical student and graduated #2 in his class - Magna Cum Laude. He then spent time at the University of Utah, where he completed an internship and residency in internal medicine. He returned to Emory as a radiology resident and after completing the program, he accepted a faculty position here, making Atlanta and Emory his home.

Realizing how much he enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others; Dr. Baumgartner accepted administrative responsibility for the program and became the first Associate Director of the Residency Program, in 1989. This position gave him the chance to enhance the educational opportunities for the residents, and was followed by his appointment as Director in 1993.

During Dr. Baumgartner’s time as Director, the program has undergone substantial growth. Not only has the program expanded to accept 14 residents a year, educational seminars such as Grand Rounds and Noon Conference have been added to the curriculum. These accomplishments have taken place during a time when Radiology residency programs have become more competitive. While building the reputation of having one of the strongest programs in the country, Dr. Baumgartner has personally interviewed more than 1000 applicants for our program. In addition to the visible changes, added responsibilities of verifying compliance with new ABR, ACGME and other regulations and the amount of paperwork associated with credentialing the program has also grown substantially. Dr. Baumgartner commented that, “This is a big job that keeps getting bigger!”

In 1996 the Department reorganization created a structure for Dr. Baumgartner to take on additional administrative duties as Vice Chair for Education. In this role, he orchestrated the continuing transformation of the program to accommodate for new technologies, new requirements and new opportunities for the residents. During this time, he also implemented the original gathering of residency goals and objectives for each subspecialty.

Dr. Baumgartner has influenced the careers of 228 residents in the Emory Residency Program during his time as director. He reflects, “It is all about the residents. The opportunity to influence so many of today’s successful radiologists is quite rewarding. It is very satisfying to realize that the advances made in our program will stimulate the future advances of our specialty.”

The residency program has grown with the advancing technologies and increasing volume of patients. Dr. Baumgartner believes that when residents complete our program, they are prepared to go anywhere and be comfortable and confident in any setting, be it private practice or academic. He has certainly left his mark on the program and he hopes to see the development of a strong alumni program in the future. Dr. Baumgartner will continue to be involved with the resident activities and is certain that Dr. Mark Mullins will carry on the evolution of the program.

Dr. Mark Mullins developed his passion for education at a young age through the influence of his father who was a teacher. Dr. Mullins took on his first teaching position almost 20 years ago when he began teaching in a chemistry class during his undergraduate studies at Harvard University. Over the years, he has had many opportunities to be creative while passing on information as an instructor and has become addicted to the thrill of watching a mind grow.

Preparation for the role of Vice Chair for Education has taken place throughout Dr. Mullins’ career. He has held various leadership roles including being a teacher/administrator for undergraduate and graduate classes touching the career paths of several hundred students. Dr. Mullins has been mentored by Drs. Bruce Baumgartner, Deborah Baumgarten and Carolyn Meltzer over the past two and a half years during his time as Director of Medical Student Radiology Education and serving as one of the Associate Program Directors.

The future of our residency programs will be deeply rooted in the strong foundation that has been laid by Drs. Baumgartner and Baumgarten. Dr. Mullins will continue to develop the mentorship of trainees, and also offer opportunities for residents and fellows to experience teaching, leadership and research. Above all, he will strive to keep the program dynamic and maintain our reputation of producing very well-trained residents.

On a personal note, Dr. Mullins expresses that “Dr. Baumgartner is responsible for this fantastic program and we should all thank him for that. I am so very happy that Bruce will remain part of the team. He has been such a great friend and mentor.”
Letter from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Following a long, challenging period of somber hopefulness and lots of hard work on the part of many, the prospects for new life for Grady Memorial Hospital is look highly promising. Now, both the Fulton County and DeKalb County Commissioners have endorsed Grady's reorganization into a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit institution. This signals the beginning of a restructuring that we hope will meaningfully enhance both care delivery and training at Grady in the days and years to come.

Beginning March 1, Bruce Baumgartner, MD, our Vice Chair for Education and Diagnostic Residency Program Director, will pass these roles and titles to Mark Mullins, MD, PhD. Bruce has left such a huge mark on the educational programs of Emory Radiology; however, we were confident that Mark is ready take the reins and grateful that Bruce will continue to share his expertise by serving as a senior advisor.

I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who helped our wonderful education team by participating in the recent ACGME site review of our residency and fellowship training programs. All went smoothly.

I'm very pleased that Dr. James Provenzale has joined our department's research faculty. Dr. Provenzale, who also serves as Chief of Neuroradiology at Duke University, will split his time between Emory and Duke through a unique joint institutional arrangement. His interdisciplinary molecular imaging work with colleagues in Radiology, the Winship Cancer Institute, and Georgia Tech is already off to a running start.

Please mark your calendars for the University-wide rollout celebration of the Center for Systems Imaging on April 2!

Best to all,

Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD, FACR
Chair of Radiology

Awards & Recognition

Murray Baron, MD
Professor of Radiology

NASCI Gold Medal Award

The North American Society for Cardiac Imaging (NASCI) has awarded Dr. Baron the Gold Medal Award. The very first NASCI Gold Medal Award was given in 2002. Recipients of this honor are chosen because of their significant contributions to the cardiovascular imaging field. Dr. Baron demonstrated outstanding dedication and motivation. Congratulations on this prestigious achievement.

Patrick Gonzales
Medical Student (Year 2)

Best Research Project

Patrick Gonzales, working with John Oshinski, PhD and Brandon Fornwalt, was awarded Best Poster at the Medical Student Research Day. The title of his research project was: “Quantification of Left Ventricular Internal Flow from Cardiac Magnetic Resonance.”

Sites of the Semester

Each semester the students of the Medical Imaging Program select the sites that have provided an exceptional learning experience. This semester the following locations have received the corresponding honor:

Outpatient Sites of the semester: Executive Park and 1525
Inpatient Site of the semester: Wesley Woods
CT site of the semester: Emory University Hospital CT

The Emory Clinic (TEC)

Accreditation by the American College of Radiology (ACR)

The Emory Clinic Ultrasound Departments located at WCI & MOT have been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in OB, General Diagnostics, Vascular and Gynecological Imaging as a result of a recent survey by the ACR.

This achievement validates the level of service provided by Imaging Services at Emory. Evidence of precision with each modality, coupled with the expertise of performing and reading the scans is evaluated by the ACR panel.

As of March 1, 2008, several major insurance companies have begun to require ACR certification to allow patients to receive payment for services. In turn, the accreditation may create a greater demand for the services offered at Emory.

Tercia Wertz and Chris Kubic have done an exceptional job in managing this project at the MOT and TEC locations. Other members contributing to this success are Bobby Burrow, and Drs. William Small and Chad Holder. Habib Tannir, Administrative Director of Imaging Services, adds his personal appreciation for the dedication of this team during this time when accreditation is critical.

Imaging Services Leadership

Survey Success Story of the Month

The EHC Announcements acknowledged radiology leadership for the steps that have been taken within the department to recognize staff for a job well done.
Lambda Nu Honor Society Induction

On Friday, December 14, 2007, the Medical Imaging Program held the first induction ceremony of the Georgia Sigma Theta Chapter of Lambda Nu, the national academic honor society of the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences. Lambda Nu’s name is derived from the lower case Greek characters in the formula \( \lambda \nu \), which represents the physics of the inverse relationship between wavelength (\( \lambda \)) and frequency (\( \nu \)), an essential parameter across the diversity of modalities comprising the professions. The purpose of the Lambda Nu Chapter is to:

1) promote academic scholarship at the highest academic levels
2) promote research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences
3) recognize and encourage scholastic achievement and excellence.

Membership in Lambda Nu is achieved by merit with students, faculty members and clinical instructors who meet specific criteria invited to join. Barbara Peck, RT (R)(QM), clinical coordinator of the Medical Imaging Program and Lambda Nu Chapter Director, inducted the following individuals into the chapter:

**Faculty Membership**
- Randolph F. Bethea
- Matthew R. Dunn
- Dawn Couch Moore

**Alumni Membership**
- Theodore A. Brzinski
- Christian Elliott

**Student Membership**
- Stephen A. Beauchamp
- Nicole Janine Chin
- Janelle Burnette Ferguson
- Rebekah Ann Finck
- Lori Ciani
- Martin S. Han
- Melissa Brooke Horner
- Laura Diane Hunlock
- Matthew Brian Jones
- Dawn Shuty Prentice
- Heather N. Smith
- Rebecca Leigh Smith
- Kristi Lynn Stephens

The friends and family members of the newly inducted members of the Georgia Sigma Theta Chapter enjoyed a reception following the ceremony.

- Dawn Moore
  Director, Medical Imaging Program

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**Six-month Accomplishments**

Once every six months, I use this forum to report our department’s accomplishments. This is a challenging task because I have to compile a short list of the many projects that were completed over that period, some of which took several months and in some case several years to realize. However, completing this exercise gives me a great sense of pride in our team of researchers, clinicians and staff who work to advance the human condition. The following are some highlights:

**People and the Workplace**
- Radiology and Mammography in 1525 were in the top ten areas meeting our Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction Goals for helpfulness on the phone and information about waits and delays.
- Radiology was one of the most improved departments in employee engagement survey results.
- We finished a phase in the renovation project in the ground floor of EUH reclaiming the original film library.

**Quality**
- We launched the LEAN project in Interventional Neuroradiology.
- ACR designated EUH Breast Imaging Center as a Center of Excellence
- Received ACR certification for CT in WCI, EP and MOT
- Received ACR certification for WCI and MOT

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**Innovation**
- First representation of Emory at the technical exhibit RSNA
- A fantastic showing of Emory Radiology academic at the RSNA academic activities

**Knowledge and Information**
- We overhauled our Website www.radiology.emory.edu
- We have completed significant design work on the Radnet radiology information system

**Financial Strength**
- Installed a new MRI in WCI
- Continued our growth in overall volumes and contribution margins.
- Started the new service at EUH-Northlake. Special thanks go to Richard Wright and Jane Goldberg.

We have a full plate in the next six months as we tackle the change over to the new Radiology Information system, more construction, new faculty recruits and lay the ground for a new PACS. I appreciate all the hard work that each one of you is putting in. I am proud to be serving this organization with you.

- Habib Tannir,
  Administrative Director of Imaging Services
NIH Advisory Committee Proposes Major Changes in NIH Peer Review System

The Working Group on Peer Review of the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) Feb. 21 presented draft recommendations for enhancing the NIH peer review system to the full ACD. The ACD accepted the working group’s recommendations and will present a written report to NIH Director Elias Zerhouni, M.D., on Feb. 29. Dr. Zerhouni announced that he will form an implementation team and report back to the ACD in 4-6 weeks on implementation details and timelines.

The working group’s recommendations follow extensive consultation with stakeholder communities, including the extramural community, advocacy groups, professional societies, and NIH staff, to collect input and ideas. The panel was co-chaired by Keith Yamamoto, Ph.D., Executive Vice Dean, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, and Lawrence Tabak, D.D.S., Ph.D., Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

Among the most controversial of the Working Group’s proposals is a minimum percent effort on NIH-funded research project grants. Principal Investigators (PIs) would be required to devote at least 20 percent effort, unless they can provide an explicit justification to the relevant institute or center (IC) for a lower percent effort. Other recommendations include allowing peer review groups to provide a “not recommended for resubmission” decision option, providing ratings for all applications, and eliminating amended application status by considering all applications as being “new.” The group also urged a revision to the peer review rating system so that it focuses on impact, investigator(s), innovation, plan, and environment (including information on institutional support for the applicant). To support new investigators, the working group recommended that NIH:

* continue to fund more R01 grants for early career investigators;
* consider the merits of reviewing early career investigators separately to enhance innovation and risk-taking by applicants; and
* consider the merits of ranking early career investigators against each other.

The working group urged NIH to examine salary support for PIs, “recognizing the diversity of business models employed by applicant organizations.” The panel also urged NIH to analyze its contribution to the optimal biomedical workforce by evaluating the total number of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows being supported, and to develop a census of research associates/staff scientists as an initial step towards exploring approaches to providing more stable support for these individuals.

Tony Mazzaschi, Senior Associate Vice President
AAMC Division of Biomedical and Health Sciences Research

Radiology Moving Forward

Our department has experienced significant growth over the last few years. In any organization that reaches a critical mass, functional specialization becomes necessary to sustain growth while keeping a high standard of performance. Similarly, our department needs to work along its strategic initiatives while maintaining focus on patient care delivery. To that end, we will dedicate a small team of people that will work on new construction and start ups, patient satisfaction, employee engagement, quality in professional and technical services, and other organizational and departmental initiatives.

Dale Walker will be forming that team and leading it. Clinical Operations at ECLH, EUH and TEC (Section 58) will be lead by Assistant Directors Mike Armstrong, Jane Goldberg and Jane Vitali respectively. The professional practice (TEC Section 8) will continue to be lead by Chuck Powell. Chuck is a tremendous asset to our department as he is playing a key role in navigating our department’s professional practice through these times of growth and transition. The departmental informatics will continue to be led by Mo Salama. Mo is leading the monumental effort of changing out our Radiology Information System and PACS and is working closely with IS on getting this accomplished. The revenue cycle functions of the department are headed by Marcus Foster, Senior Manager for Revenue Cycle Management. Those functions include precert, coding, TES and denial management. Marcus’ role is expanded to include those functions for our two Clinic sections, hospital IVR coding and Grady operations. The departmental functions of accounting, financial analysis and dashboard development will be consolidated under Dan MacFarlane who has been promoted to Director of Decision Support. Dan’s role spans the Clinic and the Hospitals. Finally, our departmental finance and operations in the school of medicine will be lead by Vivian Smith who has been promoted to Associate Administrator. Below is an organizational chart of the departmental senior leadership team. Please join me in congratulating each one of these remarkable individuals on their new and expanded roles.

- Habib Tannir, MS
Administrative Director of Imaging Services
Reading Room Coordinators have their fingers on the pulse of the department. As the human link between the patient and radiologist, they play a vital role in the workflow of the department.

- **Wangail Assamewnew**
  Musculoskeletal Radiology Reading Room Coordinator
  Emory University Hospital (EUH)

- **Dexter Bostic**
  Chest Reading Room Coordinator
  The Emory Clinic (TEC)
  Emory University Hospital (EUH)

- **Michael Buadoo**
  Body Reading Room Coordinator
  Emory University Hospital (EUH)

- **Lyn Coram**
  Interventional Radiology Reading Room Coordinator
  Emory University Hospital (EUH)

- **Inez Craft**
  Nuclear Medicine Reading Room Coordinator
  Emory University Hospital (EUH)

- **Judith Graham**
  Emory Midtown Reading Room Coordinator

- **Sara Zingarelli**
  Neuroradiology Reading Room Coordinator
  Emory University Hospital (EUH)

This team is strategically placed throughout the department at multiple campuses to assist in gathering patient information, verifying that all scans are accounted for in their respective reading rooms and guaranteeing that 100% of patient exam forms are given to the radiologists on a daily basis.

They also manage the status of the radiologists in the ACR RAD Peer system to ensure that each radiologist maintains his/her quality metrics.

This short list only scrapes the surface of the multitasking that is required of a person in this position.

- Monica Salama
  Communications Specialist

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**Check It Out**


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**Getting To Know You**

As the Radiology Department grows within the Emory Healthcare system, knowing who your team members are and what they do becomes increasingly important. Each month there will be a feature to highlight a person or group within the department to strengthen understanding of how we work together and help us to learn more about each other.
**Georgia Radiological Society**

Dr. Mary Newell, Assistant Director of Breast Imaging, is also the Education Chair for the Georgia Radiological Society (GRS). She urges all members to be on the lookout for this year’s GRS annual meeting brochure, which will provide information to register for the event, June 5-8 in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Dr. Newell encourages everyone to attend the meeting, and also extends the invitation to radiology residents. The GRS will be happy to sponsor two radiology residents from Emory this year. The two available spots are on a first-come, first-served basis. Any resident interested in attending, please contact Dr. Newell at 404-778-4446.

**Emory Women in Radiology**

Dr. Kathleen Gundry, Breast Imaging, recently held the 4th annual “Emory Women in Radiology” gathering at her home. All of the female radiology faculty, residents and fellows were invited to attend.

An evening of good food and conversation in a relaxed atmosphere was had by all. Be on the lookout for an invitation to next year’s meeting.

- Kathleen Gundry, MD
Assistant Professor of Radiology

**Sharpening Skills**

Dr. Deborah Baumgarten, along with Dr. Amy Chen from ENT and nephrologist Dr. Arlene Chapman, were selected to attended the three-day seminar hosted by the AAMC Mid Career Women’s Faculty Seminar in Scottsdale, Arizona in December. This seminar focused on sharpening organizational skills, optimizing negotiations for organizational change and strengthening leadership roles.

**Leading Education**

Dr. Kathleen Gundry, Breast Imaging, organized and provided a 16-hour CME Breast Imaging refresher course for the Virginia Radiology Associates in Manassas, Va. in Nov, 2007. Dr. Gundry covered all aspects of breast imaging including mammographic findings, breast pathology, MRI, ultrasound, breast procedures, breast cancer staging and treatment, male breast diseases and quality assurance. The feedback was very positive and was recognized with record high scores on the participant evaluations.

- Kathleen Gundry, MD
Assistant Professor of Radiology

**Introducing the Cancer Imaging Seminar Series**

To better support cross-disciplinary collaborative advantages across Winship Cancer Institute, Radiology and Biomedical Engineering, the monthly Cancer Imaging Seminar Series was established by the Emory Molecular and Translational Imaging Center (EMTIC). First, it reflects Emory’s expanded commitment to cancer imaging research and to its mission as one of the nation’s strongest cancer imaging centers in the Southeast. Providing continued medical/radiological/preclinical/basic education for oncologists, radiologists and researchers from other disciplines throughout the health sciences, is heavily emphasized in education. Establishing a Cancer Imaging Seminar Series of this caliber will also help stimulate interdisciplinary activity.

The series will provide a forum for preeminent investigators from across the nation to come and share their discoveries and challenges from clinical trials and preclinical research, and will encourage Emory/Georgia Tech scientists to form collaborative groups and exchange ideas. Through a lecture series offered by EMTIC, investigators from the bench to the bedside who have common research interests will come together each month, helping to facilitate preclinical/translational/clinical research.

Topics range from molecular events in cancer to clinical imaging for a variety of tumors. To the scientific and medical community, research in Cancer Imaging represents a future of tumor detection before symptoms appear, therapeutic efficacy that is measured in hours instead of months and life-saving drugs tailored to a patient’s genetic make-up. These talks will have a broad appeal that will draw audiences from a wide variety of disciplines.

- Hyunsuk Shim, PhD
Assistant Professor of Radiology, and Hematology/Oncology
Uterine Fibroid Embolization (UFE) Seminar

April 3
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Emory Crawford Long Hospital
- Glenn Building Auditorium -

Join Emory Interventional Radiologists for a presentation on a minimally invasive, non-surgical procedure that helps to relieve the pain, symptoms and stress caused by uterine fibroids. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

If you are interested in attending the presentation or would like more information, please call HealthConnections at 404.778.2000.

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Emory Center for Systems Imaging (CSI) Launches with Renowned Radiology Speakers

Wednesday, April 2, 2008
5 - 7 p.m.
Emory School of Medicine Building
Room 130

The Emory Center for Systems Imaging (CSI) will celebrate its opening with a public event featuring keynote addresses by two renowned experts in imaging sciences. Refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will also be served.

The scientific program will feature a keynote address by Stanford University’s Sanjiv Gambhir, MD PhD, a radiologist and bioengineer, and one of the nation’s eminent scholars in molecular imaging. In addition Mark Henkelman, PhD, senior scientist at the University of Toronto will discuss his pioneering work combining imaging and genomics. Both talks will be followed by a reception providing an opportunity for faculty, students and staff to meet the speakers.

Radiology Research Conferences

March 2008

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.
Emory University Hospital Annex
1st Floor - Room N120

March 6 - Puneet Sharma, PhD
& Diego Martin, MD, PhD
~ Emory University ~
Contrast Enhanced Liver MRI: Optimization of the critical arterial perfusion phase acquisition

March 13 - Brandon Fornwalt, MD, PhD
& Jana Delfino, PhD
~ Emory University ~
MRI Quantification of Left Ventricular Internal Flow

March 20 - Andrew Taylor, MD
& Jiequong Bao, MS
~ Emory University ~
Renal obstruction: Statistical methods for measuring agreement between expert readers and an expert system.

March 27 - James R. Galt, PhD
~ Emory University ~
In-vivo assay of folate receptors of non-functioning pituitary adenomas with Tc99m-Folate SPECT/CT

Visit www.radiology.emory.edu/events-and-lectures for up-to-date event information.
NEW FACES & APPOINTMENTS

James Provenzale, MD
Acting Professor of Radiology
Dr. James Provenzale has joined the research efforts of Emory Radiology and will also continue to devote half his time to responsibilities at Duke University. His research efforts will include innovative applications of nanotechnology to cancer imaging research with colleagues at the Winship Cancer Institute and Georgia Tech.

Dr. Provenzale is nationally and internationally recognized for his many literature contributions to translational neuroimaging methods and clinical practice. Dr. Provenzale received his medical degree from Albany Medical College, and trained in both neurology and radiology subsequently at the University of North Carolina and Massachusetts General Hospital, respectively, with later advanced training in neuroradiology. Dr. Provenzale has served as Chief of the Division of Neuroradiology at Duke University Medical Center for the past 11 years. He has been recognized for his contributions to the medical community through many awards, including being named one of America’s Top Doctors for Cancer in 2005.

Season Lewis
Human Resources Associate
Season Lewis has joined the Department of Radiology, Human Resources (HR) team, working with Cayce Kump as they strive to streamline the radiology HR processes. Season will be acting as a HR generalist working closely with the new recruits and current faculty and staff. Season has made a positive impact within the department and will continue to evolve in this exciting new position.

Season has worked for Emory University for three years. She has experience working as a Benefits Specialist, where the Radiology Department was one of her many clients. Previous to her experience at Emory University, she worked at the GA Department of Human Resources for five years and specialized in Organizational Development. Season is currently seeking her BS in Information Technology at Georgia Southern University.

Alaina Shapiro
Communications Coordinator
Alaina Shapiro will be assisting Monica Salama and Laura Padgett with various elements of their communications, event and recruitment duties. This new role will include the responsibilities of contributing to the Rad Report, playing a part in the organization of conferences, aiding with the candidates and distributing important materials.

As a recent Georgia State University graduate, Alaina has demonstrated a strong interest and personal experience with the communications and healthcare professions. Alaina is also a 10-year cancer survivor who can personally attribute to experiencing Emory Radiology first hand.

Marie D. Adema-Salomon
Technologist Aide
Marie Adema-Salomon joined the Emory team at the end of January as a tech-aide for the Breast Imaging Center located in the Winship Cancer Institute Building. She is a much needed addition to the “Breast Imaging Family” and is eager to meet others in the department. Marie relocated to Atlanta from Tampa, Florida. While in Tampa, she was a medical assistant.

Nicole Allen-Canty
Patient Services Associate
Nicole Allen-Canty has recently relocated from Maryland, where she gained experience as a scheduler in the shock trauma division of the Emergency Department at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She will now be using her skills as a scheduler to contribute to Emory Radiology Department.

Tahitia Alston
Patient Services Associate
Tahitia Alston recently joined Emory as a scheduler for the Department of Radiology. Before coming to Atlanta, she lived and worked in Buford, South Carolina. Tahitia was a pre-certified coordinator at Buford Memorial Hospital. She is currently undergoing training in the cardiothoracic division.

Jana Delfino, PhD
Post Doctoral Fellow
Dr. Delfino has been a student in the joint BME program between Emory and Georgia Tech for the past five years. She recently earned her PhD in Biomedical Engineering. In 2002, she obtained her BS in Biological and Agricultural Engineering from the University of California at Davis. Her main area of focus at Emory consists of Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Research.

Michael Geuerzon
Radiology Technologist II, Executive Park
Michael Geuerzon contributes to the Diagnostic Radiology area and has extensive experience as a Practicing Registered Nurse (PRN). He obtained his BS in Radiologic Sciences at Armstrong Atlantic State University and a BA in Mass Communications from Louisiana State University. Michael is also a member of the Alpha Eta Honor Society of Allied Health.

Eric Toney, EUH
Registered Nurse II
Eric Toney is a contributing member of the interventional radiology team here at Emory. Prior to joining the radiology department, he gained experience through 12 years of assisting in surgery, a year and a half in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and four years working with the adult ICU. Outside of work, Eric enjoys coaching his local little league basketball team.

Deborah Baumgarten, MD, MPH
Associate Program Director
Dr. Baumgarten joined Emory in 1995 and continues to play an active role in department affairs, leadership roles nationally, on editorial boards of several journals and consistently receives awards for reviewing. Dr. Baumgarten teaches residents, medical and PA students, and was honored with the award Emory Radiology Teacher of the Year 1997 and 2004.