

2020 RLI Summit Resident & Young Physician Leader Program



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Dr. Canon is a Professor and Witten-Stanley Endowed Chair of Radiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Department of Radiology. She completed her undergraduate training at the University of Texas at Austin, followed by medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch. After completing her residency training in diagnostic radiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, she joined the faculty in the abdominal imaging section.

Dr. Canon served as the radiology residency program director and vice chair of education for seven years. She was the UAB School of Medicine Curriculum Committee chair when an organ-based curriculum was implemented. She then served as senior vice chair of operations and division director of diagnostic radiology before her appointment as chair. She sits on UAB Medicine Joint Operating Leadership Council, which is the senior leadership team for the health system.

Dr. Canon served as an oral examiner for the American Board of Radiology (ABR) for eleven years, a member of the Board of Trustees, and now sits on its Board of Governors. She was the vice chair of the American College of Radiology (ACR), chancellor on the board, and previously served as the chair of the ACR Commission on Education. She is the President-elect of the Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD) and the co-creator of LEAD, a new women's leadership development program jointly developed by SCARD and GE Healthcare. Additionally, she sits on the boards of directors for the Association of University Radiologists, the Society of Abdominal Radiology, and the Academy of Radiology Research Academic Council. She is also active in the Birmingham community and is a member of the Birmingham Rotary Club. She is the president for MOMENTUM, a Birmingham women's leadership organization.