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# Position Duties and Descriptions

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## Chair

Serves as Resident and Fellow Section (RFS) Chair during the second year of the three-year Vice Chair/Chair/Immediate Past Chair term. The Chair serves as a Councilor to the ACR®. The Chair serves as the primary representative of the RFS, oversees all actions of the RFS Executive Committee, and is a Councilor to the ACR. In addition, the Chair serves as an appointed RFS representative to the ACR Council Steering Committee and the ACR Commission on Membership and Communications. The Chair leads all conference calls and meetings of the RFS, oversees the development of the RFS annual meeting agenda, and presents the RFS annual report to the ACR Council at the ACR Annual Meeting upon the Speaker's request.

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## Vice Chair/Chair-Elect

Elected to a three-year term, that concludes after a final year of service as the Immediate Past Chair. During the first year of service, the Vice Chair coordinates the activities of the RFS under the direction of the Chair. The Vice Chair coordinates resident appointments to the ACR Committees/Commissions and interacts with appointed resident representatives throughout the year. The Vice Chair also chairs the Resident Nominating Committee and serves as a Councilor to the ACR. In addition to these duties, the Vice Chair is responsible for coordinating and facilitating the RFS Annual Meeting programming.

Eligibility Requirements: Candidates must be a resident or Fellow for their entire elected term. This position requires attendance at the ACR annual meetings during the three-year term. Prior service on an ACR Committee or Commission is required.

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## Secretary

Elected to a one-year term. Responsibilities include overseeing the development of the RFS Member Update materials, coordinating the RFS blog alongside ACR staff, coordinating the exchange of information among Executive Committee members and drafting documents which communicate information to outside parties. This role requires frequent communication with potential authors on a monthly basis with established deadlines for content curation, an additional time commitment outside of RFS meeting times. The Secretary serves as a Councilor to the ACR.

# Position Duties and Descriptions

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## Radiation Oncology Representative

Elected to a one-year term, but may be reappointed for additional terms at the discretion of the Chair. Responsibilities include communicating key issues in radiation oncology to the RFS Executive Committee, participating in the development of ACR-supported educational material for radiation oncology residents and communicating with the Association of Residents in Radiation Oncology (ARRO) on educational projects. The representative promotes the importance of radiation oncology resident participation by contacting residency program directors and ACR state chapters to increase awareness and improve funding options for attendance at the ACR annual meeting. The Radiation Oncology Representative serves as a Councilor to the ACR.

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## AMA Delegate and Advocacy Liaison

Elected to a one-year term. Responsibilities include coordinating the activities of the residency advocacy network in conjunction with the Radiology Advocacy Network and attending the AMA annual meeting as a member of the ACR's AMA delegation. The delegate will represent the interests of the ACR-RFS at the AMA annual and interim meetings and provide a written report of the proceedings to the RFS. The AMA Delegate/Advocacy Liaison serves as an Alternate Councilor to the ACR.

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## Communications Officer

Elected to a one-year term. Responsibilities include active management of the RFS social media accounts, RFS Engage Community, and developing and updating content for the RFS website in conjunction with ACR staff. This includes writing new articles, facilitating Tweetchats and developing content to reflect the evolving issues involving the RFS and the ACR. The Communications Officer serves as an Alternate Councilor to the ACR.

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## Education Liaison

Elected to a one-year term. Chairs the RFS Education Subcommittee. Responsibilities include the execution of the RFS goals, specifically those that relate to education, and coordinating these activities with the American Alliance of Academic Chief Residents in Radiology and affiliated organizations. The liaison will engage with the ACR Commission on Publications and Lifelong Learning to provide RFS input regarding existing offerings and the development of new programs and services. The liaison will help to communicate the value of programs such as the Radiology Leadership Institute®, AIRP® and the Education Center to RFS members. The Education Liaison serves as an Alternate Councilor to the ACR.

# Position Duties and Descriptions

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## Immediate Past Chair

Serves a one-year term as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee in an advisory role following two years of service as the Vice Chair and Chair of the RFS. The Immediate Past Chair serves as an appointed member of the ACR Council Steering Committee and a Councilor to the ACR from the RFS. Immediate Past Chair serves as a Councilor to the ACR.

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## RFS Nominating Committee Member (3)

Three (3) residents are elected to serve a one-year term representing the East, Central and West RFS regions as defined by geographic distribution of current membership. The elected resident must reside within the region they are elected to represent. Responsibilities include soliciting and reviewing nominations for the RFS elections held during the ACR annual meeting. While the Nominating Committee members are not directly part of the Executive Committee, they will work closely with the Executive Committee in organizing the elections.

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## Member-In-Training Intersociety Committee Representative (2) — Appointed

Two (2) residents are appointed by the RFS Nominating Committee to attend the Intersociety Committee meeting in August of the year elected. This position does not require a candidate speech. The ISC representatives are the voice of the ACR-RFS at the conference and should report back to the RFS with highlights from the discussions. Responsibilities include attending all conference sessions, panels and social events. The two members-in-training representatives should submit a brief, formal written report after the conference to be distributed to ACR-RFS members and provide an oral update at the next ACR-RFS meeting.

The Intersociety Committee is a freestanding committee of the ACR, established to promote collegiality and improve communication among national radiology organizations. Approximately 50 member organizations are represented in the Intersociety Committee. Each summer, the Intersociety Committee holds a conference to discuss important issues facing the profession. Some past themes have included driving innovation in radiology and machine learning.



## Chelsea Schmitt, MD, MPH

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### Education

- 2021–2025 Diagnostic Radiology Residency, BJC Health/Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Saint Louis, Missouri
- 2020–2021 Internship in Internal Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
- 2016–2020 MD, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
- 2015–2020 MPH, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

### ACR Activities

- 2022–2023 Communications Officer, Resident and Fellow Section Executive Committee
- 2022–2023 Alternate Councilor, Resident and Fellow Section Executive Committee
- 2023–2023 Author, ACR RFS blog post, ACR 2023 Recap, June 2023
- 2022–2022 Author, ACR RFS blog post, Reunited in DC, July 2022
- 2018 –2021 Member - Co-Chair of the Radiology Interest Group Section, Medical Student Subcommittee
- 2020–2020 ACR Case in Point® Contributor, Primary Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma of the Uterine Cervix, Stage IV, with Involvement of the Right Adnexa, Spleen Retroperitoneum and Stomach. Schmitt C.R. and McGettigan M.J. July 31, 2020.
- 2019–2019 ACR Bulletin Interviewee, Auspicious Connections, August 2019
- 2019–2019 Author, ACR RFS blog post, The ACR 2019 Meeting — A Medical Student's Perspective, June 2019
- 2018–2023 Capitol Hill Day Participant, ACR Capitol Hill Day Participant, 2018 & 2023

### Chapter Activities

- 2023–2024 President, Missouri Radiological Society Resident and Fellow Section
- 2022–2023 Vice President, Missouri Radiological Society Resident and Fellow Section
- 2021–2024 Resident and Fellow Section Representative, Missouri Radiological Society Diversity Committee
- 2018–2018 Poster Co-Author, Distant Pulmonary Metastasis from Low-Grade Myxoid Liposarcoma of the Lower Extremity: A Case Report. Mousa, M. Schmitt, C. Thomas, K. Fuerlein, S., Florida Radiological Society Annual Meeting Poster Session

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### Training

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# Chelsea Schmitt, MD, MPH

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## Honors

- 2020 Gold Humanism Honor Society
- 2020 Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
- 2019 Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health
- 2019 American College of Radiology Gold Merit Abstract Award — Training and Education, URAD: A Crowdsourced Radiology Education Platform
- 2018 American Public Health Association — Public Health Education and Health Promotion Student Award

## What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

Members-in-training are facing the challenges of obtaining outstanding training to prepare for practice as well as ensuring excellence in our field which will last the entire duration of our careers. As we begin our careers, we are uniquely positioned to value the impact that decisions made by the College today will have on what our practices will look like in the coming decades. A brief sample of such decisions includes: how we will maintain our wellness while handling increasing volume with a shortage of qualified radiologists and radiation oncologists without compromising our exacting standards for quality patient care; how we will ensure that the profession retains value and prevents commoditization of our specialty to facilitate long fruitful careers with fair reimbursement; how we will foster an environment of inclusivity in our community to recruit the brightest possible future colleagues; and how we will ensure that our field is prepared to be sustainable far into the future.

## How should the ACR respond to them?

In the short term, the ACR is an invaluable resource to facilitate training the next generation of radiology leaders, augmenting skills for a successful career that are not always taught in residency. Leadership, negotiation skills, advocacy, economics and health policy are among the topics taught in sessions available for trainees through the ACR. The ACR should ensure trainees across the country are aware of the many opportunities available to us. In the long term, it is the duty of the ACR to make responsible, forward-thinking choices and to take strong principled stances that ensure the sustained excellence of our field for decades to come. To do this, the ACR should engage us in the ongoing conversations and decision making, incorporating our perspectives about where our field should be heading. The ACR should promote the value of radiology and radiation oncology helping us grow our visibility to our patients, legislators and those who will become our future colleagues.

## Reason for seeking office

At its core, the RFS is a community made by the strengths of its members. In my six years so far with the RFS, I have gotten to know many incredible members of our community. I recently had the privilege of helping members of the RFS engage via social media, and now I would like to take a new step in the role of Vice Chair to promote our members engaging with each other and with the larger community of the College through involvement in our subcommittees. I hope to reinvigorate involvement in these subcommittees and to facilitate the support needed to accomplish their goals by connecting them with leaders in their areas of focus. Additionally, the Vice Chair is entrusted with the responsibility of preparing RFS programming for the ACR Annual Meeting, a role which is facilitated by knowing who in our community could be called upon to share their expertise with trainees on the topics which are of interest to us. I would be honored to represent the RFS as your next Vice Chair.



## Kaustav Bera, MBBS

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### Education

2009–2015 MBBS Medical College Kolkata, India, Kolkata

### ACR Activities

2022 Journal of the American College of Radiology (JACR®)  
Reviewer, JACR

### Honors

2023 Velosano Trainee Dream Experiment Grant  
2022 Radiology Department Research Grant  
2022 RSNA Trainee Research Award  
2019 International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer  
Early Career Research Award

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### Training

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### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

Radiology's competitiveness has notably increased post-COVID, driven by the attractiveness of hybrid work models. However, this shift has highlighted discrepancies between expectations and realities of a radiology residency, leading to several key issues:

Burnout is rising, particularly during on-call hours. Trainees are required to be constantly alert, even at night, as they engage in uninterrupted study readings. This leads to significant mental fatigue, a contrast to the physical exhaustion experienced in other specialties.

The increasing study volumes along with attendings working remotely can bring a cascading effect of diminishing the quality of education, unless done correctly.

With the advent of AI, especially post-ChatGPT, there is increasing uncertainty among trainees regarding their role within the evolving radiology ecosystem. This uncertainty is compounded by a lack of training on adapting to new paradigms, leaving them unprepared.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

While ACR has a well-being curriculum for radiology residencies formulated in 2019, I think with changing times especially with remote radiology, increasing volume and AI push, it needs a revamp with goal-realignment and strategy overhaul that residencies can use to combat burnout and increase trainee wellness and satisfaction.

he ACR RFS can assist in creating a guide for best practices in remote readouts for trainees. If executed effectively, this can match the quality of standard workstation-based teaching and case reviews.



# Kaustav Bera, MBBS

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ACR RFS can produce white papers and educational content to aid in designing introductory AI courses for programs and provide regular updates to acquaint residents with the extensive field of AI. Additionally, there's a need to equip trainees with skills to navigate and select from the diverse AI technologies and tools offered by various vendors, beyond understanding AI through ACR-curated content.

## **Reason for seeking office**

During my training, I've concentrated on research at the intersection of AI methodologies for cancer imaging detection and prognosis, focusing on their clinical utilization and real-world deployment. A key aspect has been identifying AI's clinically relevant features and communicating them to healthcare providers.

Additionally, as a resident representative on the program education committee, I've actively worked on advancing educational initiatives. My background in informatics/AI, research and resident education equips me to address challenges faced by residents, bringing unique solutions to the ACR. As a potential member of the ACR RFS Executive Committee, I aim to contribute to intelligent discourse and tackle these challenges effectively. I am hopeful about my selection for this role.



## Elizabeth “Betsy” Haberl, MD

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### Education

2014–2018 Doctor of Medicine, McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston, Houston, Texas

### ACR Activities

2023–2024 Communications Officer, Resident and Fellow Section Executive Committee

2023–2024 Alternate Councilor, Resident and Fellow Section Executive Committee

### Honors

2023 Texas Radiological Society Legislative & Government Relations Fellowship

2018 Medical Humanities & Ethics Certificate — McGovern Medical School

2015 Winner of McGovern Learning Resource Center Student Art Contest

2015 Departmental Honors for Excellent Performance in Gross Anatomy & Developmental Anatomy

2010 Texas A&M University President’s Endowed Scholarship Recipient

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### Training

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### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

Residents are facing a post-pandemic dilemma: the virtual absence of mentors. Many programs responded to COVID-19 by shifting education away from the in-person setting. While this may have been necessary in 2020, Coronavirus cases have decreased. So why are residencies continuing to utilize virtual platforms? Certainly, there are arguments that can be made for the hybrid system of education. But in my experience, it’s not the same. Virtual didactics are often passive. Virtual interviews are brief and leave candidates wondering if they will fit at a certain institution.

Another issue we cannot ignore is the lack of women and underrepresented minorities at radiology programs across the country. According to the AAMC physician specialty report, men represented 73.5% of the total 28,008 radiologists in 2019. In three decades, the percentage of women entering a U.S. radiology residency has not appreciably changed — from 25.5% to 27% (Applied Radiology). We have some catching up to do.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

## Elizabeth “Betsy” Haberl, MD

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The ACR should consider encouraging program leaders to re-create in-person learning environments. Vaccinations and masks are available for those who wish to remain cautious.

In addition, the ACR should continue to support bills that will increase Medicare funding for residency spots, so more medical students can match into the specialty of their dreams! Virtual residency interviews are cost saving, but the top applicants hoard as many interview slots as possible. Medical students are applying to more programs than ever before. Would switching back to face-to-face ERAS interviews even the playing field?

Regardless of how many applications a program receives, the ACR could promote placing minorities and females at the top of each ranking list. If we do not actively try to increase diversity in radiology, there will continue to be a gender and race disparity in the field.

### **Reason for seeking office**

My main motivation for applying to the ACR RFS Executive Committee for the second year in a row is to be a voice for trainees across the country. My time in radiology has been an incredible journey thus far. Before starting radiology residency, I completed three years of surgery plus a year of research while reapplying through the ERAS system. As an R2, I am a PGY-6! Being a resident for this long has taught me a great deal, but three main principles come to mind:

- As a trainee, you must learn to be your own advocate. Speak up and volunteer for leadership positions!
- The COVID-19 pandemic changed the resident educational experience. Keep the energy level up in virtual meetings!
- The next generation of physicians loves social media.

**IMPRESSION:** With my experience as RFS Communications Officer and a few years of residency under my belt, I hope to continue inspiring trainees to make a difference in the field of radiology.



## Cameron Overfield, MD

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### Education

- 2021–2025 Diagnostic Radiology, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida
- 2020–2021 Preliminary Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida
- 2013–2019 MD, Universidad Adventista del Plata, Libertador San Martin, Entre Rios

### ACR Activities

- 2022–2024 Member, ACR Social Media Superusers
- 2022 Resident Representative, Florida Radiological Society  
ACR annual meeting representative

### Chapter Activities

- 2024–2025 President, Resident/Fellow Section, Florida Radiological Society
- 2023–2024 Vice President, Resident/Fellow Section, Florida Radiological Society

### Honors

- 2023 Florida Radiological Society Government and Legislative Fellowship 2023 Chief Resident
- 2023 RadDiscord President
- 2023 RSNA Roentgen Resident/Fellow Research Award 2023  
H Martin Northup Resident Leadership Award

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### Training

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### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

Reflecting on my radiology training I am grateful for the wealth of information and resources at our disposal. Given that our time is limited between service obligations, call shifts and academic obligations, it is important to have a central resident hub where the important issues facing trainees are made the focus. As the field rapidly advances and changes, it is imperative that trainees have access to the most up to date information in the most effective and efficient manner. Some issues facing members-in-training are decreasing reimbursement, unethical recruitment tactics in the work force, burnout and the future of artificial intelligence.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

The ACR RFS can provide a society where trainees can find information relevant to their time in training and beyond. By staying active on social media and communicating with program leadership including chief residents and program coordinators it can build a network to which all residents will feel connected. Many societies make a valiant effort to maintain trainees connected but the ACR focus on leadership, advocacy, economics and education favors it to be the most relevant radiology society for trainees.

# Cameron Overfield, MD

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## **Reason for seeking office**

Since attending my first ACR annual meeting in 2022, I have been an advocate for trainee involvement with the national and state chapters of the ACR. I have learned so many important lessons about leadership, professional growth and development, radiology economics, and made life-long friends and colleagues. I am currently serving as the Vice President and incoming President of the Florida ACR RFS state chapter which has fueled my passion to inspire the next generation of trainees to become involved with the ACR. The mentorship and guidance I have received through the ACR has propelled me in ways I could have never dreamed. My desire is to pass on my passion to get involved with the ACR and stay involved for life.



## Osagie Igiebor, MD

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### Education

2014–2018 MD, St. George's University School of Medicine, St. George  
2011–2013 BS, City College of New York, New York, New York

### Chapter Activities

2023 SCRS Radiation Oncology Representative,  
South Carolina Radiological Society

### Honors

Council of affiliated regional radiation oncology societies scholarship 2023

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### Training

R3

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

There are two major issues that impacts the experience of members-in-training. The first issue is the availability of good quality educational resources to cement the understanding of concepts taught in clinic. The second issue is provision of adequate protected time for studying, attending medical conferences and other engaging invents that helps build comradery, networking and exchange of innovative ideas.

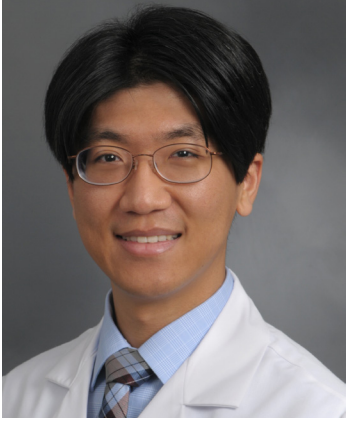
### How should the ACR respond to them?

I was lucky to receive the CARROS scholarship to participate in this year's ACR 2023 meeting. This was my first encounter and experience with the ACR. At the event I had the opportunity to also accompany other members to the Capitol for advocacy day. My participation in this event was very inspiring and eye-opening as it showed me what the power of engagement in a body with a voice can accomplish. I believe increasing and incentivizing member-in-training participation at the ACR both at state and national level will be a good start. Creating avenues for shared ideas on how to improve learning, and training experience either through meeting in the national or state levels can also result in significant changes.

### Reason for seeking office

After my experience this year at the ACR, and participating in the Capitol Hill Day where I accompanied other representative from the ACR to advocate for important issues on healthcare funding for our field, I realize that it shouldn't stop there. I want to serve as a Radiation Oncology Representative to continue this effort and improve member-in-training participation. I want to connect and share ideas with other colleagues on ways of improving radiation oncology training experience and participation in advocacy efforts to improve our field. I want to be a voice for underrepresented minority and immigrants and improve diversity and inclusion efforts into the field of radiation oncology.





## James Gahng, MD

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### Education

2015–2020 MPH, Stony Brook University Program in Public Health, Stony Brook, New York

2010–2014 BA, Pomona College, Claremont, California

### Chapter Activities

2021 Member, New York State Radiological Society

2016–2017 Local Section Co-President, AMA Medical Student Section

### Honors

2014 Dwight L. Ryerson Premedical Award

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### Training

R3

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

I believe the most daunting issue facing members-in-training is the rapidly changing technology and work environment of the radiological ecosystem. From shifts in government policy to progressively evolving AI, we are constantly challenged to keep up and be at the forefront of the transformation while handling the arduous individual clinical workload. As balancing clinical training and personal well-being is already no easy feat, the fast-paced nature of radiology adds undue pressure and from personal experience it is easy to become a passive in the discussions outside of the immediate clinical environment.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

To lessen the burden on individual members to stay updated and engaged while performing their clinical duties, the ACR should act as a mediator to relay relevant current events and opportunities to participate in the discussions in form of a newsletter or a different short-form media. With heightened awareness and engagement from the members, the ACR should be able to create richer discussions to better represent the membership with different governing bodies in and outside of medicine.

### Reason for seeking office

Having represented my local chapter in the AMA Medical Student Section, I wish to apply my experiences to serve the ACR Resident and Fellow Section as an AMA Delegate and Advocacy Liaison. It has been my experience that clear communication with the members is essential for effective advocacy. As a liaison, I will strive to accurately represent the ACR RFS membership and interests of the patients we serve.



## Sally Midani, MD

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### Education

- 2018–2022 MD, University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2014–2018 BS, Biochemistry University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

### ACR Activities

- 2024–2025 ACR-sponsored Alternate Delegate, American Medical Association House of Delegates
- 2023 ACR Delegate, American Medical Association Resident and Fellows Section

### Chapter Activities

- 2023 Member, New Mexico Society of Radiologists

### Honors

- 2023 University of New Mexico School of Medicine Alumni Leadership Award
- 2022 Gold Humanism Honor Society
- 2022 Preliminary Intern of the Year

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### Training

R1

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

As a specialty rooted in technology, the growing pains associated with adaptability to changing landscapes often fall on trainees. The ACR Resident and Fellow Section has and continues to underscore areas of focus where advocacy for trainees may have meaningful impact. Advocacy serves as a transformative conduit, allowing the shape-shifting of ideas, frustrations and passions into actionable outcomes. Beyond hot-button items including the rapid evolution of technological landscapes in radiology, the intricacies of payment models or how to best incorporate equity into our care-delivery and professional realms, we should continue to identify how emerging issues in policy spheres like the American Medical Association (AMA) may interface with our profession.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

A pivotal factor in effecting change lies in reducing the energy of activation required to access our policy toolbox. The ACR has developed a number of expansive resources through channels including the Radiology Advocacy Network which better equip trainees to understand the nuance behind advocacy broadly. Implementing lecture series at the institutional level to provide trainees with directed information to enact change enhances our connectivity and agency as a group. Performing an internal and external audit of resources most useful to trainees in addition to identifying state-level physician experts in policy and advocacy will continue to sustain bottom-up impact on priority issues.

## Sally Midani, MD

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### **Reason for seeking office**

Over the last five years, I have witnessed the growing force and incredible policy prowess of radiology and radiation oncology within the AMA. Since matching into diagnostic radiology residency, I have been lucky to forge a close collaboration with the AMA's Radiology Section Council and ACR delegation. I hope to utilize institutional knowledge to increase meaningful collaboration, particularly between radiology trainees and the largest contingent of physicians in the nation. A few of my recent experiences in the AMA include serving as Speaker of the Medical Student Section, policy review team lead for the Radiology Section Council at the Interim 2023 Meeting and Delegate/Alternate to the AMA House of Delegates since 2019. By lending skills in distilling complex policy landscapes and highlighting consensus building, I would be grateful for the opportunity to help empower trainees in the ACR.



## Dogan Polat, MD

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### Education

- 2012–2018 MD, Hacettepe University, Ankara
- 2014–2016 Healthcare Management, Anadolu University, Eskisehir
- 2022–2026 Residency, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas

### ACR Activities

- 2023–2024 Member, ACR RFS Artificial Intelligence
- 2023–2024 Advocate, ACR RAN

### Chapter Activities

- 2022–2026 Member, TRS RFS

### Honors

- 2023 Texas Radiological Society Scholarship for ACR
- 2023 Texas Radiological Society (TRS) scholarship for Radiology Leadership Institute Leadership Essentials Program and Kickstart Your Career Workshop
- 2022 Abstract Identified for Radiographics at RSNA Annual Meeting

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### Training

R2

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

The field of radiology is subject to constant change, with policies and frameworks evolving at a rapid pace. This can leave residents in training feeling like bystanders when decisions are made regarding their future practice.

While there are numerous societies, associations and advocacy groups with laudable initiatives, their outreach to the intended audience is not always effective. Furthermore, trainee members are often occupied with their clinical and academic responsibilities, which may result in a lack of awareness and consequently, missed opportunities for their contributions.

Given the era of hyper-specialized medicine, radiology residents face a plethora of opportunities regarding their future career paths, but their exposure to each subspecialty is often limited. In addition to achieving clinical excellence, preparing for leadership roles in radiology necessitates familiarity with the business, technology and leadership aspects of the field, which is currently lacking.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

It is imperative that trainee members are represented at higher levels in order to create a more inclusive future. The American College of Radiology (ACR) can serve as a bridge to ensure that their voices and needs are heard and considered for future initiatives.

## Dogan Polat, MD

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ACR can facilitate residents' familiarity with the practices of other societies and assist them in adopting best practices. Additionally, collaboration with other professional organizations can lead to new projects, cultural exchange and the advancement of involved fields.

ACR can also aid in the creation of an environment in which residents can interact with fellows and attendings from their areas of interest. Interacting with mentors from different levels of experience and education will enable them to develop a more profound understanding of the field.

### **Reason for seeking office**

My desire to serve stems from a deep commitment to fostering a vibrant community among radiology professionals. By ensuring a steady flow of relevant, timely and engaging content, I aim to create a dynamic online presence that not only informs but also inspires.

The RFS website is not just a resource but the digital face of our section. My goal is to make our website a go-to hub for both current and aspiring radiologists. Recognizing the importance of staying abreast of the latest developments, I propose the creation of a monthly bulletin. This bulletin will summarize the most recent news and research relevant to RFS members, ensuring that our community remains well informed and ahead of the curve.

In addition to the above, I envision launching a webinar series that invites luminaries in the field of radiology. These webinars will offer our members unparalleled access to the thoughts and insights of leading figures, promoting a deeper understanding of various aspects of radiology.



## Ahmed Taher, MD

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### Education

2008–2016 MD, Faculty of Medicine, Alexandria University, Alexandria

### Honors

2016 Magna Cum Laude, Honors degree, Alexandria Faculty of Medicine Graduation

2008 Summa Cum Laude, Honors degree, high school graduation

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### Training

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### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

**Artificial Intelligence Advances:** Staying abreast of rapidly evolving role of AI in radiology is a continuous challenge.

**Job Market and Employment Opportunities:** The job market for radiologists is always fluctuating, and residents might face challenges in finding suitable positions after completing their training and also taking a decision that will affect their life on the long term based only on current data can be a mistake.

**Remote Work and Telemedicine:** The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of remote work and telemedicine in healthcare, including radiology.

**Diversity and Inclusion:** Addressing issues related to diversity and inclusion within the field is an ongoing challenge.

**Work-Life Balance:** Radiology training is very demanding, and maintaining a healthy work-life balance can be difficult with study hours and on-call responsibilities.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

Incorporating a curriculum about AI is crucial for members-in-training.

Understanding the job market trends and networking by getting the insight of experienced radiologists is very important, so arranging more career fairs and lectures from radiologists in practice, program directors and private practice leaders can be fruitful for all sides.

Residents may need to adapt to new models of remote learning and teleradiology practices. It's our role to make them more familiar to the challenges of such practices so they can make informed decisions.

ACR is already doing great steps in the field of Diversity and Inclusion. Ongoing work must be ensured!



# Ahmed Taher, MD

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## **Reason for seeking office**

I have a genuine passion for research and academia, and I recognize that honing my leadership skills is essential for my professional growth. This presents a wonderful opportunity for me to gain insights into how the ACR and big academic institutions work, solidifying skills of teamwork and prepare myself for leadership positions.

My academic background reflects my commitment to scholarly pursuits. My CV showcases my dedication, including more than 60 research projects. As an R1, I was involved in 11 research projects, I am proud to have been the first author on seven of them. This includes one clinical study, two review articles and had the privilege of having six abstracts accepted at prestigious conferences such as RSNA, ARRS and STR. Additionally, we have submitted two more to the European Society of Radiology (ESR).

I want to express my sincere appreciation for this opportunity and to your dedication on nurturing the future leaders of the radiology field.



## Bart Rzepa, MD

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### Education

2016–2022 MD, Medical University of Warsaw, Warsaw

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

Current members-in-training are faced with numerous issues, many of which are shared by the body of practicing radiologists. One of the most important of these is ever-increasing volumes amidst a looming radiologist shortage. Delivering top-notch care should remain a priority, despite external pressure to read faster and less thoroughly this needs to remain at the center of attention. These external pressures also have the capability to impact quality of resident one-on-one teaching. Ensuring that radiologists are able to provide the best possible care while training the next generation of radiologists amidst the pressure of rising volumes and utilization is paramount.

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### How should the ACR respond to them?

The ACR can respond to the above issue by maintaining strict educational parameters for radiology residents, including enforcing educational requirements and providing in-service examinations. The ACR could consider publishing summary-level textbooks appropriate to year of training. For example, an R1 level MSK primer could include information on characterization of fractures, effusions and signs of osteoarthritis with accompanying real-world examples. Unifying radiology education nationwide would serve to eliminate a fair amount of training variance. Anki is another potential channel by which materials could be delivered. A striking amount of residents use Anki, radiology residents perhaps the most so. An official RFS ACR Anki deck for each level of training would help residents standardize their learning and feel secure in knowing that their knowledge is appropriate for their level of training.

### Reason for seeking office

Education and leadership have always been passions of mine. Throughout medical school and internship I worked for Picmonic where I designed and vetted resources for students preparing to take the USMLE. The satisfaction of helping learners in what is typically an extremely stressful time drives me to the success I've seen thus far. I wish to continue to help learners during residency, and I feel that involvement in a professional organization is the most direct way to further pursue this goal.



## Mohamed Badawy, MD

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### Education

- 2023–2027 Radiology Residency, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
- 2021–2022 Internal Medicine internship, Quinnipiac University, St. Vincent’s Medical Center, Bridgeport, Connecticut
- 2017–2019 Radiology Residency, Cairo University, Cairo
- 2008–2016 Doctor of Medicine, Cairo University, Cairo

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- 2016 Magna Cum Laude, Honors degree, Medical school graduation
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### Training

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### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

The escalating demand for radiology services, if unaddressed, can negatively impact; teaching, mentoring, research activities, and effective communication among radiologists.

Rapid advancements in the field necessitate; rapid upgrading of skills, and familiarization with new techniques, sequences, and modalities.

Overlap between radiology and other specialties requires; in-depth knowledge of imaging techniques, understanding of surgical and clinical aspects, and working on recognition by clinical providers as well as acknowledgement by the patients.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

Curriculum Adaptation: Work collaboratively with training institutions to ensure the radiology training curriculum reflects emerging needs in clinical practice. Provide resources for ongoing professional development, including training on new sequences, modalities and applications.

Advocacy for Resources: Advocate for increased resources and funding to support radiology training programs. Collaborate with policymakers to ensure recognition of the importance of radiology education and research.

Mentorship Initiatives: Establish mentorship programs connecting experienced radiologists with members-in- training. Promote mentorship opportunities for career guidance, skill development, and navigating challenges.

Leadership enhancement: Structure leadership programs geared towards cultivating a pipeline of leaders in radiology who can identify and address the potential threats and foster a supportive environment within their radiology groups.

# Mohamed Badawy, MD

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## **Reason for seeking office**

**Awareness and Resource Utilization:** There's a potential to improve residents' awareness of ACR resources such as the daily publication of Case in Point®, and the different fellowship and leadership programs.

**Tailored Educational Content:** I aim to customize content for residents, organizing more webinars on board reviews, financial literacy, and artificial intelligence. Also, a dedicated newsletter will communicate ACR efforts, and highlight member-in-training challenges.

**Research Collaboration:** The ACR is an ideal platform for multicenter studies as challenges faced by members-in-training across geographical and structural variations, along with proposed solutions.

**Mentorship Opportunities:** Learning from distinguished ACR radiology leaders is invaluable. Their guidance is crucial for personal and professional development.

**Community Building:** I'm eager to engage with fellow residents at the Resident Fellow Section facilitating sharing experiences and forming lasting friendships.



## Melody Lin, MD

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### Education

- 2014–2018 MD, Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, Auburn Hills, Michigan
- 2013–2012 MS, Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia
- 2007–2011 BS, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California

### Honors

- 2021 Gold Humanism Honor Society — Resident Chapter
- 2021 Outstanding Resident Educator — 2018–2021 (nominated by medical students)

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### Training

R1

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

Burnout continues to be an important issue facing trainees. With the number of patients aged 65 and older doubling over the next 20 years, the use of diagnostic imaging will be higher than ever and the impending pressure to meet volume demands will continue to increase. This, along with increasing reliance on imaging for clinical decision making, the steep learning curve of radiology, and the need to master the vast spectrum of normal anatomy and pathology can only further amplify the stress faced by radiology residents.

Additionally, the pressure to increase productivity and efficiency may lead residents to depersonalize and feel more disconnected from the patients they are evaluating. Furthermore, the considerable amount of time required to study outside of work hours can oftentimes create work-home conflicts. All in all, these issues cumulatively affect resident well-being, causing feelings of inadequacy and self-doubt well before residents begin practicing independently.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

There are various ways the ACR can respond to the deeply entrenched issue of resident burnout, such as the following recommendations:

- Programs must take action and perform a formal systematic evaluation of resident wellness to understand the factors that may positively and negatively influence the resident experience.
- Programs should promote wellness. Particularly in a post-COVID world, physical and mental wellness is more important than ever. This might include a “personal day” allotment or encouraging residents to foster personal care, such as scheduling the oft postponed doctor’s appointment. Programs should ensure that there are resources for residents who have family, such as childcare services.
- Programs should aim to cultivate community. Programs could consider establishing formal mentorships between junior and senior residents, and between residents and attendings. Programs may also consider sponsoring regular wellness events, such as dinners or other social events.

## Melody Lin, MD

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### **Reason for seeking office**

From tutoring math as a high school student, to reinforcing lecture topics as a college teaching assistant, to building hands-on skills with medical students as a surgical resident, I have continuously found personal and professional fulfillment in prioritizing teaching and enhancing the education of others. Now as an R1, I am a member of my program's Curriculum Committee and actively help to shape the learning experience of both my peers and rotating medical students. Radiology is an essential part of clinical decision making, and I believe it is important for both budding and practicing radiologists to be able to keep up with the rapidly evolving technologies that make radiology a particularly unique medical field. Being elected as the Education Liaison would allow me to combine my passion for education with my aspiration to further improve educational programming in radiology training and beyond.





## Erik Seroogy, MD

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### Education

- 2018–2022 MD, University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, KY
- 2017–2018 MPH, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, OH
- 2013–2018 BS Biology, University of Miami (of Ohio), Oxford, OH

### Honors

- Recent 1 of 2 nominees from Cleveland Clinic to the Ohio Radiological Society scholarship to attend the ACR conference in DC in April 2023
- Graduated medical school magna cum laude
- AOA

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### Training

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### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

I believe that radiology residents in general do not always gain sufficient knowledge and opportunities to engage meaningfully with national radiological organizations. This will create a future environment where there is disunity between American radiologists who are not able to effectively fight for their own interests in an increasingly changing/uncertain medical system, while at the same time facing ever-increasing volume expectations.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

Honestly, I do not have any specific answers at this time as an R1. Examining the adoption of collective bargaining and other similar tactics come to mind. Ultimately, there needs to be a greater realization among residents/fellows, whether in academics or not, to actively become involved with their state/national radiological associations.

### Reason for seeking office

I hope to be able to support my colleagues-in-training and provide them with crucial, up-to-date knowledge of the affairs of the ACR and the challenges it faces. One step will be to increase the number/strength of the ACR RFS, which is why I selected the above position to run for as a foot in the door. Ultimately, my goal is the creation of a united front of U.S. radiologists, free to advance the field's political interests and effectively combat any attempted degradation.



## Mussanna Ahmed, MD

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### Education

2015–2019 MD, St. George's University School of Medicine, St. George's  
2011–2015 Honours Bachelor of Science, University of Toronto,  
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### Honors

Resident Advocate of the Year 2022, Resident Teacher of the Year 2022

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

Across the board, awareness of resident financial and emotional wellness must be further advocated. As individuals who have dedicated their lives to patient care and endure the rigors of the medical training, we are often unable to find the work-life balance necessary for their own well-being. Secondly, there is a huge array of resources available for residents, although not specifically curated to individuals in various stages of training.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

Increase awareness in the radiology and medical community at large with specific examples of how trainees' wellness and performance metrics are impacted by financial restraints and fatigue. For example, with brief monthly impact statements in online/paper publications.

Additionally, we can promote representation from each trainee level and take broad input from surveys, etc. to tailor resources depending on training level.

### Reason for seeking office

As a member of the RSNA RFS committee, I was encouraged to apply for an ACR RFS position out of a sense of duty and contribution. As a member of the RSNA RFC committee, I feel I have gained valuable experience over the last year contributing to various initiatives (e.g., medical student and trainee outreach) and may be a valuable addition to the Nominating committee.

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### Training

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## Pallavi Srivastava, MD, MPH

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### Education

- 2015–2018 Masters in Public Health, Stony Brook School of Medicine, Stony Brook, New York
- 2020–2021 Preliminary Surgery Internship, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas
- 2021–2022 T32 Research Fellow (part of Clinician Scientist Track Radiology Residency), University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas

### ACR Activities

- 2022–2024 Member, ACR Social Media Superusers

### Chapter Activities

- 2023–2024 Texas Radiological Society Secretary Treasurer, Resident Fellow Section

### Honors

- 2023 American Roentgen Ray Society Executive Council Award
- 2023 RSNA Resident Research Grant award of 50k

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### Training

R2

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

Radiologists deal with a diverse patient population, thus having a diverse group of trainees ensures that there is a better understanding of the varied cultural backgrounds, and healthcare disparities among patients. A diverse group of trainees bring different perspectives and approaches to problem solving which in turn can lead to more innovative solutions in the field of radiology. A diverse team contributes to a more representative radiology workforce. This representation is important not only for fostering a sense of inclusivity but also for inspiring future generations of radiologists from underrepresented groups. Training a diverse group of radiologists may contribute to addressing disparities in healthcare access by fostering a workforce that is more attuned to the needs of diverse patient populations. A diverse group of trainees bring a variety of research interests and educational goals that can enrich academic environment.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

To promote diversity in radiology training, institutions can implement inclusive recruitment practices, provide mentorship and support for underrepresented groups, and create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all trainees. Recognizing the value of diversity and fostering

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an inclusive culture in radiology training programs can have positive effects on patient care, research and the overall advancement of the field.

For this the ACR can:

- Appoint ACR in trainee diversity taskforce/committee.
- The in-trainee taskforce can spread the message of ACR diversity commission through ACR representatives/members in each program.
- ACR diversity commission may promote mentorship to foster and encourage diversity among trainees who will be the future radiologists, program directors and chairs of radiology.

### **Reason for seeking office**

- I would actively seek out individuals from diverse backgrounds who have demonstrated excellence in the field of radiology and promote diversity in their everyday work.
- I would encourage the nomination and selection of candidates from underrepresented groups to ensure a more diverse and representative leadership within the ACR.
- Identify individuals with a track record of collaboration and teamwork.
- Identify candidates who are well informed about the emerging challenges faced by radiology trainees and are committed to advancing the mission of the ACR.
- I would advocate for candidates who can bring fresh perspectives and contribute to the advancement of the field through new ideas and approaches.
- Additionally, I will actively seek feedback from ACR members regarding leadership needs and preferences and utilize this input to inform the selection process.



## Vimal Gunasekaran, MD

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### Education

- 2013–2017 Bachelor of Arts, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2018–2022 Doctor of Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

### Honors

- 2022 Lawrence R. Goodman, MD Outstanding Student in Radiology Award 2022 Honors in Research

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### Training

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### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

Radiology is navigating many challenges, one of the most pressing issues is the surge of private equity acquisitions of private practice groups. As physicians, we bear a moral responsibility to deliver high-quality, compassionate care for our patients. Sadly, private equity firms do not share this belief, rather they see radiology ripe for commoditization to yield short-term profits for their stakeholders. Moreover, this will only potentiate burnout in our field as private radiologists increasingly lose their professional autonomy and answer to investors whose primary focus is on physician productivity and RVU generation. Given that most radiologists work in private practice community settings, private equity encroachment holds direct implications for current trainees. We must directly challenge this troubling commercial dynamic for the sake of our patients and the sustainability of our field.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

The ACR should direct lobbying efforts at the state and national level to promote more stringent regulation of “corporate practice of medicine” laws. Many states employ these laws to restrict medical practice ownership by non-medical personnel thereby enhancing the patient-physician relationship. Unfortunately, private equity groups strategically structure their ownership to avoid regulation by the law. Yet, still yielding incredible influence on the strategic operations and management of the physician group. We are seeing this private equity strategy being challenged at a national level with the American Academy of Emergency Medicine Physician Group v. Envision Healthcare — an ongoing case that may have broad and likely lasting implications for the future of private equity involvement in medicine. Depending on the outcome of this case, tactful lobbying efforts should be aimed towards dissolving private equity ownership within radiology.

### Reason for seeking office

The demands placed on the radiologist are becoming increasingly complex and we need to develop innovative strategies to combat the many threats to our field. I aim to learn from passionate trainees in the RFS to advance our collective interests and grow our specialty for both the current and next generation of radiologists.



## Usha Trivedi, MD

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### Education

2018–2022 MD, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Newark, New Jersey

### ACR Activities

2021–2021 Medical School Symposium Planning Committee, NA

2022–2022 Medical Student Diversity and Equity Committee, NA

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

I believe representation is the key issue to address. Residents should feel represented in terms of race and gender and additionally have visibility to leadership in the field. This would empower improved advocacy for residents in training. I think other issues to address is to improve our role in advocacy and the in-person role of a radiologist. Having greater visibility of radiologists in our community can allow us to do more advocacy for our community and also protect our profession as well.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

Use of social media can greatly enhance our visibility. Increasing communication/relationships with medical schools directly to promote more radiology interest groups will empower us to support medical students, especially those underrepresented in radiology or without opportunities to engage in the field. Radiology is competitive and not always very accessible, and social media is a free and accessible resource. Similarly, engaging more with the radiologists on social media can help inspire them to become more involved in advocacy.

### Reason for seeking office

I hope to be more involved with the ACR, to better address my passion to get more involved in radiology and support efforts to protect and better our field. I also personally found it difficult to get involved in radiology and would appreciate the opportunity to help improve visibility and accessibility for other medical students.

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### Training

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## Amy Bezold, DO

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### Education

- 2008–2013 Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, A.T. Still University-Kirkville, Kirksville, Missouri
- 2003–2006 Bachelor of Arts, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri

### Chapter Activities

- 2021–2022 Governing Council Representative, Resident and Fellow Section

### Honors

- 2022 Outstanding Resident Leadership 2023 Outstanding Resident Leadership
- 2013 RSNA Introduction to Academic Radiology Program 2021 Faces of UAMS-Family Medicine
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### Training

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### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

One of the most pressing issues for me and my resident colleagues is the ever-increasing volume of studies, particularly in the inpatient and emergency radiology sector, coupled with decreased number of academic radiology faculty to support these increases. This has the resultant effect of less time for scholarly activity, case reviews and even in-person learning. In the post-COVID era, teleradiology and remote reading is becoming much more common, even in the academic environment. This presents further challenges for residents just beginning their training.

An issue which residents may face more in the coming years involves the incorporation of AI into radiology. While not an issue today, AI is rapidly evolving, as evidenced by Google and ChatGPT. There will likely come a time when residents begin to rely on AI more heavily, and junior residents will need to learn the basics of radiology even if AI may be competent enough to accomplish this task.

### How should the ACR respond to them?

To address attrition in academic radiology, I recommend advocacy for alternative salary models in academic radiology residencies that incentivize attending teaching. In a world where case volume and stress levels run high, there is a natural tendency to seek jobs that offer more time off and greater flexibility. Academic institutions need to adapt to this need of the workforce in order to maintain adequate staffing. Addressing the growing percentage of radiologists reading remotely will also be useful. Another way to increase learning opportunities could be the creation or promotion of a centralized educational video repository with lectures from world experts, much like those made by entities such as Rad-discord and AUR's resident core curriculum lecture series.



# Amy Bezold, DO

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ACR has already addressed many issues related to AI, however we may be able to consider further the evolution of AI as it relates to radiology training.

## **Reason for seeking office**

Advocacy has been a core value for me since before medical school. As a first-born child, I advocated for my younger siblings. As a medical student, I met with professors to advocate for my fellow students. As a family doctor, I advocated for my patients to help them navigate a confusing and complex medical system. I want to expand my passion for advocacy to government. As the government takes a larger role, more and more in medicine, it is so important to have trusted/educated advocates that can help advise politicians as they set the law.



## David Payne, MD

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### Education

2014–2019 Medical Degree, New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York  
2019–2024 Imaging Informatics Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York

### ACR Activities

2023–2024 Secretary, Resident and Fellow Section Executive Committee  
2023–2024 Councilor First Term, Resident and Fellow Section Executive Committee  
2022– 2023 Eastern States Representative, ACR Resident and Fellow Section Nominating Committee  
2022–2023 Co-Chair, Resident and Fellow Section Membership Subcommittee

### Chapter Activities

2022 Resident Member, New York State Radiologic Society Diversity + Equity + Inclusion Committee  
2022– 2022 New York State Radiologic Society Resident Representative, ACR Radiology Leadership Institute Annual Summit

### Honors

2023 Chief Resident, Stony Brook Medicine  
2023 RSNA Roentgen Resident/Fellow Research Award  
2022 New York State Radiologic Society Radiology Leadership Institute Scholarship  
2022 Stony Brook Medicine GME Patient Safety Resident Certificate of Recognition  
2018 Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

### What do you think are the most important issues facing the ACR?

The field of radiology is at a crucial juncture with the integration of powerful and increasingly general artificial intelligence (AI) into our practice. This evolution requires more than just mastering new tools; it demands a profound understanding of how to interpret vast volumes of imaging data effectively.

The rapid advancement of AI in medical imaging brings both opportunities and challenges. These technologies hold promise in improving diagnostic accuracy and reducing radiologist burnout but also introduce challenges in understanding their limitations and ethical implications. The core challenge lies in enhancing and complementing these systems, ensuring that human judgment and expertise remain central in patient care.

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## David Payne, MD

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In the face of these advancements, we must not lose sight of our primary goal: patient care. The human aspect of radiology — empathy and understanding in our interactions with patients and colleagues — is irreplaceable and fundamental to the practice of medicine.

### **How should the ACR respond to them?**

To meet these challenges, the American College of Radiology must adopt a forward-thinking strategy. The ACR must be instrumental in setting technical and ethical standards for radiology AI, drawing from its success with BI-RADS® and MQSA. This approach will help maintain reliable patient care as the top priority.

ACR emphasis should also be on dynamic training programs that cover the technical aspects of new imaging technologies but also focus on data interpretation skills and ethical AI. These programs must evolve alongside the technology to keep radiologists at the forefront of the field.

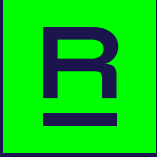
Emphasizing a patient-centered approach is crucial. ACR must highlight the importance of empathy and communication in patient and colleague interactions, balancing technological focus with the human aspect of medicine. By tackling these key areas, ACR can greatly assist radiologists in addressing modern imaging challenges and upholding the highest patient care standards.

### **Reason for seeking office**

As the current ACR RFS Secretary with a proven track record of prior ACR leadership, I am well-prepared to serve as a Member-In-Training Intersociety Committee Representative. My previous positions, including the RFS Membership Subcommittee Co-Chair, Eastern States Nominating Committee Representative, and NYSRS ACR RLI Scholar, have honed my skills in collaboration, innovation, and effective communication, essential for this role.

My primary objective is to represent the ACR RFS perspectives at the Intersociety Committee meeting, ensuring our members' voices are heard on vital issues including reimbursement, patient safety and AI. I am committed to actively participating in all sessions, synthesizing key information and delivering a comprehensive report to the ACR RFS Executive Committee.

This role offers a unique chance to contribute to the radiology community's growth and evolution, leveraging my background to benefit the ACR RFS and influence the future direction of our field.



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