



## **Arkansas Radiological Society Newsletter Volume 1 - Issue 1 - June 2023**

The Arkansas Radiological Society continued to thrive this year because of all the wonderful teamwork!

We were excited to host Jessica W. T. Leung, MD, FACR, FSBI, Professor and Deputy Chair in the Department of Breast Imaging at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, as our keynote speaker for our 2023 Annual CME conference. Dr. Leung is Past President of the Society of Breast Imaging, has published extensively, and has lectured nationally and internationally. She gave three outstanding lectures which included a discussion of Breast Asymmetries, Nodal Assessment, and Neoadjuvant Therapy. In addition to Dr. Leung, we also had four of our own Arkansas Radiologists, all fellowship trained in Breast Imaging, who provided outstanding lectures. Dr. Bennett Battle gave a talk on Cryoablation of Breast Cancers, Dr. Holly Gonzales gave a talk on the Management of Atypical Breast Lesions, Dr. Rachel Pollitzer Pahls gave a talk on Automated Breast Ultrasound, and Dr. Shyann Renfro talked on Common Skin Findings Encountered in Breast Imaging. The conference was informative and well attended by residents, fellows, and both academic and private practice radiologists from around the state.

The ACR celebrated 100 years, and all chapters were invited to make a celebratory video. Dr. Amanda Ferrell, Dr. Ken Robbins, Dr. Scott Harter, Dr. Alex Kochi, Dr. Jameson Gilstrap, and I worked with a professional videographer to produce a video from our chapter in celebration of the ACR's 100 years. Our video was highlighted as one of the best videos received by the ACR. I am incredibly proud of this team effort by our executive committee which included our residents. Our chapter video was played several days at the ACR 2023 Annual meeting in the check-in area.

Our chapter was awarded Overall Excellence for the year, and we

were presented with a certificate at the annual meeting.

We continued to participate in journal clubs with the residents in the year, and we provided mentoring opportunities for medical students.

Dr. Cade Martin and I hosted a medical student from Jonesboro, Monique Westley, for dinner while at the Annual 2023 meeting. Monique is interested in radiology.

I look forward to this next year under incoming president Dr. Cade Martin. I know he will lead our chapter with excellence, and that our state chapter will continue to thrive under his leadership.

Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, M.D.  
President 2022-2023



Dr Jessica Leung (third from right) together with from left, Dr Scott Harter, Dr Meshaal Nadeem, Dr Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, Dr Rachel Taylor and Dr Patrick Jennings at *Breast Imaging Update for 2023*





Dr Bryant-Smith was thrilled to be a part of the Arkansas Chapter to present the ACR Centennial Celebration video at the ACR Annual Meeting in May. Great job!



Dr Bryant-Smith, President 2022-2023, student, Monique Westley (center), with interest in Radiology and Cade Martin, MD President for 2023-2024 at the ACR Annual meeting.



Dr Surbhi Raichandani and Dr Bryant-Smith at the ACR meeting in May. Dr Raichandani was appreciative of the opportunity to attend the ACR Annual Meeting utilizing the Calhoun Funds provided the residents.



Dr Bryant-Smith received The Arkansas Chapter Recognition Award which we have been presented for **Overall Excellence** for the past 3 years.



Another resident, Arpan Prabhu, MD (2nd from the right) was able to also attend the ACR Annual Meeting in May and a subcommittee meeting with CARROS



**Please SAVE THE DATE - April 6, 2024  
at UAMS**

**Topic: MSK**

**Guest Speaker: Mark Collins, MD - Mayo Clinic**

**Local Speakers: Roopa Ram, MD; Tarun Pandey, MD  
Gitanjali Bajaj, MD**

The Arkansas Chapter was awarded the Recognition Award for  
2022 at the ACR Annual Meeting for:

**Overall Excellence - Division B**

**Joseph D. Calhoun, MD, FACR Fund**

Thanks to your generosity to the Calhoun Fund, up to  
four residents will be able to attend many events at  
the ACR conference each May. The Calhoun Fund  
was established in 2015 to honor Dr. Joseph Calhoun's  
legacy and dedication to the state of Arkansas  
and the American College of Radiology. The Calhoun  
Fund is a vehicle to sponsor UAMS Radiology  
Resident education. You may contribute at:

[The Calhoun Fund](#)

Since 2015, 19 residents have attended the ACR  
meetings and offered their appreciation to all that  
support them.

The Residents attending this year, 2023, were:

Surbhi Raichandani, MD

Arpan Prabhu, MD

**Did you know?**

☐ The Arkansas Chapter has a **Resident-Fellow  
Section (RFS)** which promotes resident and fellow  
participation in the activities of the ARS Executive  
Committee. Serving recently were:

Alex Koichi, MD and Jameson Gilstrap, MD.

The residents have  
established a Journal Club.

For 2023-2024 the President will be Jameson Gilstrap, MD and the  
Vice President will be Zoey Crystal, MD.

☐ The ACR offers a **Senior Retired Section (SRS)**  
that you may be interested in. The mission is to  
enhance the experience of senior (over age 65  
and/or retired) members in the ACR by promoting  
fellowship and interaction amongst the members;

communicating opportunities for continued professional involvement including mentorship, career transition and leadership training. You may also contact them at [srs@acr.org](mailto:srs@acr.org) for more details.

☐ If you have recently **retired**, please advise Sue White at [arradsoc@gmail.com](mailto:arradsoc@gmail.com) and she will assist you in updating the ACR and you will not have to pay dues for the ACR or the Arkansas Chapter this next year.

### **DUES**

☐ 2024 Dues statements for ACR and the Arkansas Chapter will be sent out by the ACR this fall. The Arkansas Chapter dues are payable through the ACR either by mail or utilizing the ACR website after you log in.

### ☐ **Fellow of The American College of Radiology (FACR)**

To earn FACR, there are two ways to obtain. You may be nominated by the Executive Committee or you may self-submit. Spring is the time to consider nominations as applications must be completed on-line by June 1 each year. If you are considering applying, please review the guidelines first under the ACR website. You will need assistance from the ACR, the Arkansas Chapter and endorsement letters from current FACR members. Below is the link to locate the information: [FACR DETAILS](#)

The FACR office will also assist you in the application process if you will email them at: [FACR Office](#) for questions a potential candidate might have.

### **Earning FACR for 2024**

Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, MD  
Sharp Malak, MD, MPH

### **Nominated FACR Candidates**

Arabinda Choudhary, MD, MRCP, FRCR, MBA, FACHE, ABPM (CI)  
Cade Martin, MD

Be sure and review our website as a resource to stay in touch: [Arkansas Chapter of the ACR](#)

We welcome you to our Newsletter and for information not yet discussed, please contact Sue White at [arradsoc@gmail.com](mailto:arradsoc@gmail.com) or review our website.

**Beginning June 1, 2023**  
**Executive Committee for 2023-2024**

President: Cade Martin, MD (Jonesboro)  
Vice President: John Burda, MD (Hot Springs)  
Secretary-Treasurer: Rogerich Paylor, MD (Little Rock)  
Councilors: Cade Martin, MD;  
Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, MD; John Burda, MD  
Alternate Councilors: Zeke Shotts, MD;  
Rogerich Paylor, MD; Patrick Jennings, MD  
Young Alternate Councilor: Rachel Taylor, MD

The following have served as President of the Arkansas Chapter  
for the past 10 Years.

Your dedication is most appreciated:

Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, MD  
Amanda J Ferrell, MD, FACR  
Stephen P Penor, MD, FACR  
Bryan T Jennings, MD, FACR  
Sharp F Malak, MD, MPH  
Scott B Harter, MD, FACR  
Michael P Hickman, MD, FACR  
W Jean Matchett, MD, FACR  
Leo F Drolshagen, III, MD, FACR  
Kenneth V Robbins, MD, FACR

Last but not least, our condolences go to the families  
of those that recently lost their loved one:

**John W Joyce, MD, FACR**  
**Neil E Crow, Jr, MD, FACR**

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