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## What's Going on at MUSC Radiology A Note from the Director

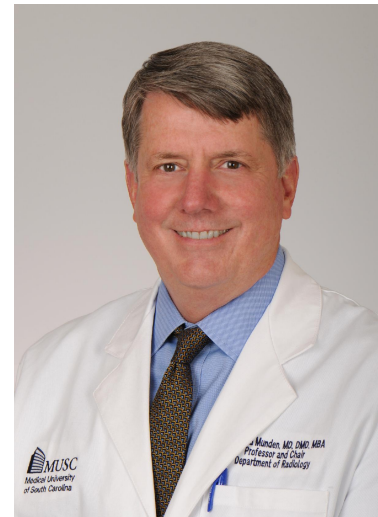
July is always an exciting time as we launch another academic year and welcome our new radiology residents and fellows. And of course, we welcome our recent graduates who completed training in June as alumni! Please join me in congratulating our graduates and trainees in their success.

We are excited to announce the creation of the MUSC Radiology Alumni Society. The goal of the society is to maintain a sense of community, create opportunities to stay connected, allow for networking and maintain a link to MUSC Radiology.

In this first year, we are planning two special events for MUSC Radiology Alumni. There will be a reception during the RSNA on Sunday evening for all MUSC alumni residents, fellows and faculty. Once we finalize plans, we will send you the time and venue.

In addition, we are in the early planning of an Alumni CME Saturday event in Charleston for 2024. We hope you take advantage of these exciting opportunities to stay involved with our Department.

Reggie Munden, MD, DMD, MBA  
Chair, Department of Radiology



## A Visit with Vascular & Interventional Radiology

Greetings to MUSC Radiology Alumni!

As the Division Director of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (VIR), I would like to share with you some of the developments that our division has undergone in practice, geography, equipment and staffing over the last few years.

The VIR Division is growing in many ways! Over the last years, the number of faculty has grown from 5 to 8. Although we have recently lost three faculty, Andre Uflacker, Varshana Gurusamy and Thor Johnson, we have since gained three full time faculty, as well as two part time faculty.



Tony Gayed and Stephen Stringfellow, our most recent graduates of the IR integrated residency (and representing the first class of this residency program), have joined the faculty this summer. Yara Younan will be joining us this fall as well. John Aruny is on the part time faculty, having joined us this Spring, and Tom Scagnelli will be joining us this Fall. In addition, Cane Hoffman has joined us and leads our Lancaster Division for VIR. We have gained members of our APP staff as well. We now total 6 APPs and have expanded their scope of practice. We are about to hire our seventh APP for our growing outpatient clinic demands.

Our clinical practice continues to grow and diversify, with the additions of many new procedures and therapies.

Our Pediatric VIR practice is also developing. Under Ricardo Yamada's guidance, the practice has grown, despite not having a dedicated procedure room at the Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital. This summer, we welcomed Lisa Betz, MD from Cincinatti Children's Hospital onto the faculty of Pediatric and Interventional Radiology. We fortunately have a dedicated VIR room in the works as well.

Our IR residency program continues to thrive, attracting excellent candidates and performing very well in the match. Under the leadership of Ricardo Yamada and the new Associate Program Director Tony Gayed, the well-rounded and busy training experience at MUSC continues to produce VIR physicians that are very well-trained and sought-after by academic and private practices in all areas of the US.

The VIR Division is also updating and growing in its physical plant. The Main hospital's Room 2 is currently being replaced with the new Siemens Pheno IR angio system, which is a robotic system and as such is very different and more versatile than traditional angio systems. Room 1 will be replaced within the next year. The Room 3 CT unit was replaced several months ago and is a state of the art procedural CT scanner. In the Ashley River Tower, third floor, the procedural CT will be replaced presently, followed by room 2 angio suite replacement soon after.

In November 2023, the new VIR practice at the West Ashley site will open. This will provide an opportunity for purely outpatient VIR procedures to be performed, as well as new clinic space.

As you see, the VIR division at MUSC is flourishing and continues to evolve and grow.

Kevin Dickey, MD  
Division Director, Vascular & Interventional Radiology



## Alumni News



Congratulations to Melissa "Mel" Mazal and Dr. Nic Mazal (Vascular & Interventional Radiology Class of 2018) on their wedding in March.



Congratulations to Taylor Wallace and Dr. Charlotte Wallace (Diagnostic Radiology Class of 2021, Body Imaging Fellow Class of 2022) on the birth of their daughter, Georgia Hazel Wallace, born February 8, 2023.

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Dr. Pal Suranyi (Diagnostic Radiology Class of 2011) returned from climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro! While he was there, he visited Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Moshi, Tanzania, and gave Grand Rounds, with the intention of starting a cardiovascular radiology online interest group.

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Dr. Donna Roberts (Diagnostic Radiology Class of 2004): "I am on a year sabbatical in Washington DC as the deputy chief scientist for the International Space Station National Lab. The job is to prioritize the science that will be done on the ISS until the space station de-orbits in 2030 and to promote the commercialization of low Earth orbit so that commercial space station developers will have customers to build out a low Earth orbit economy by the time the ISS is decommissioned."

There will be an upcoming article in Charleston Magazine, so be on the lookout!

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Dr. Jay Koonce (Diagnostic Radiology Class of 2011): "Constance is seven years old. We still live in Johnson City. I'm the medical chair for my group helping run a level one Trauma Center and Stroke Center with 7 Neurosurgeons, and great collaboration with Cardiology on cardiac imaging."

Dr. Mark Ahlman (Nuclear Medicine Class of 2012): "Hello from the class of 2012! I've joined the Department of Radiology and Imaging just up the road at Augusta University as the Chief of Nuclear Medicine. We're looking forward to helping improve the medical care of our patients in the southeast and train the next generation of imaging professionals. Keep the growing Medical College of Georgia in mind for research collaborations and externship opportunities. "



## New Faculty at MUSC Radiology

### **Dr. John Aruny** **Vascular & Interventional Radiology**

Dr. Aruny comes to us from the Dialysis Access Institute at MUSC Orangeburg. Prior to that he was at the Yale Heart and Vascular Center in Vascular and Interventional Radiology. He serves as a reviewer for the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology and the Journal of Vascular Access. He is on the Editorial Board for



Endovascular Today, and he is on the Advisory Board for Boston Scientific. He also serves on the Board of Directors and is the President of the Vascular Access Society of the Americas.



**Dr. Jennifer Joyce  
Neuroradiology**

Dr. Joyce matriculated at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her radiology residency and neuroradiology fellowship both took place at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Most recently she was an Assistant Professor in Neuroradiology at the University of Cincinnati. She specializes in head and neck imaging and has done peer reviewed research in the field.



**Dr. Lisa Betz  
Pediatrics/VIR**

Lisa Betz is a diagnostic and interventional pediatric radiologist who received her M.D. degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. She completed her internship and residency in diagnostic radiology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Her fellowship training is in both pediatric diagnostic and interventional radiology, which was completed at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Betz served as Chief Fellow during her diagnostic fellowship.



Dr. Betz's latest research projects included a review article on MRI safety screening in children with implants and study comparing the noncontrast REACT sequence with contrast-enhanced MRI for the evaluation of central venous patency. She reviews for StatDx. Dr. Betz has provided health care in Romania and Ecuador.

**Dr. Antony Gayed, Vascular & Interventional Radiology**



*Left to Right: Dr. Antony Gayed, Dr. Brielle Paolini, Dr. Stephen Stringfellow.*

We have three new faculty members who also happen to be alumni!

Dr. Paolini was most recently a Breast Fellow with us. She is now joining the Breast Faculty.

Both Dr. Gayed and Dr. Stringfellow just graduated from our Interventional Radiology Integrated Residency Program. They are joining the VIR Faculty Team. Dr. Gayed is the new Assistant Program Director for the IR Independent Residency.

## Projects

### Radiology Library Fundraiser Progress

We currently have our Radiology Library stored in file drawers, but we are working on an upgrade.

We are raising funds to procure classic barrister bookcases with glass fronts that are lockable, as seen in the photo. These new bookcases would be located near the Education Director's office and would have enough room for our entire library! If you would like to see more information on these bookcases, click [here](#).

If you choose to donate, your name will be listed on a plaque honoring your donation. We





hope you will consider contributing to this project. Our goal is \$6,000. To donate, click on the button below and follow these directions: For "My gift supports" put in "Choose my own fund or area to support". Then, under **Choose my own fund** select "Other" and put in "Radiology Resident Fund 04903".

Donate to Radiology Resident Fund for new library bookcases!

**So far we have raised \$3,470 thanks to our generous donors:**

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(And 3 anonymous donations)

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