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## What's Going on at MUSC Radiology

### A Visit with Women's Imaging

As the Division Director of Breast Imaging at MUSC, I would like to share with you the exciting developments that have occurred in MUSC Charleston Breast Imaging over the years.

The Breast Imaging division at MUSC has grown significantly. We developed a strategic mission with the goal of providing high quality patient centered breast imaging care throughout the community where patients work and live. We recognized our need to improve accessibility for all patients needing breast imaging care, our need to continue to address healthcare disparities in our state, continue to collaborate with the mission of the Hollings Cancer Center (our states only NCI designated Cancer Center) and support our MUSC breast surgery and oncology team.



We are also proud of our strong culture of collaboration with our breast imaging staff and technologists with a dedicated focus on image quality and high level patient care. The academic mission of supporting medical student, resident and fellow breast imaging education and breast imaging research remains at the forefront of our passion for academic radiology.

Our growth initiatives include expansion, providing full breast imaging services at our new MUSC Health West Ashley Site, growth of breast imaging services at the MUSC Health East Mount Pleasant site and our Hollings Cancer Center, and continued success at our breast cancer screening site at MUSC North Charleston. Our mobile mammography van is newly replaced, offering digital breast tomosynthesis and extending out into the community to help underserved patients. We offer tomosynthesis at all sites and have introduced new procedure technologies with our non-wire localization procedures.

While we have been excited about our growth opportunities, we were sad to see Dr. Susan Ackerman and Dr. Dag Pavic retire recently. After many years of dedicated service,

Dr. Abid Irshad stepped down as the director in 2020 but continues to offer his coveted radiology expertise with breast and ultrasound imaging as well as research. Dr. Madelene Lewis, one of our breast and ultrasound radiologists and past residency program director, became the Vice Chair of Clinical Operations with Dr. Ackerman's retirement and the blessing of our new chairman.

Fortunately, we have been able to successfully recruit fellowship trained breast imagers including some of our own past residents or fellows. Dr. Leonel Vasquez, Dr. Brielle Paolini, Dr. Ian Smith, and Dr. Frank Vento have all joined our practice these past few years. Dr. Courtney Stewart, also a past resident, will return to MUSC and join our breast imaging faculty in spring 2024. Dr. Brittany Dobson, one of our recent fellowship graduates, has taken over as the lead interpreting physician for breast imaging at the newly acquired MUSC Orangeburg Hospital, and we will continue to provide collaboration for her in that role. Dr. Abbie Cluver now leads our medical student 4th year breast imaging course.

Our breast fellowship has also expanded to three positions, and I have continued to support this as fellowship director. We have seen a renewed interest in MUSC residents going into breast imaging fellowships which has been exciting for our team to support.

Our breast imaging team continues to maintain a positive culture focusing on a collaborative and team-based environment. We are intent on providing the best care and support for our patients, colleagues, trainees, staff, and each other.

We always love to hear from our past alumni and hope that everyone is doing well.

Rebecca Leddy, MD  
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Division Director of Breast Imaging  
Fellowship Director of Breast Imaging  
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## Alumni News

### Dr. Mike Couden

DR Class of 2001, VIR Class of 2002

Dr. Couden reports that they are still in Nashville, Tennessee, and still in the same private practice radiology group doing about 50/50 interventional and diagnostic radiology. His wife Allison is still practicing Pediatrics with Pediatric Associates of Franklin. His daughter Courtney, 18, starts college next fall and will be swimming in college. His son Drew, 15, is a sophomore at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville and is staying busy with clubs and high school soccer. Luke, their 8 year old golden retriever, is doing great (shown relaxing on their deck).



### Dr. Spicer remembered

Dr. Kenneth Spicer passed away on October 28, 2023. "Those who knew Ken remember him for his sense of humor and kindness. He never met a stranger. Ken was passionate about aged single malt scotch, Newcastle football, handyman projects (some more successful than others), wearing his McRae tartan kilt 'al fresco,' boating, minimizing his carbon footprint, and closing most



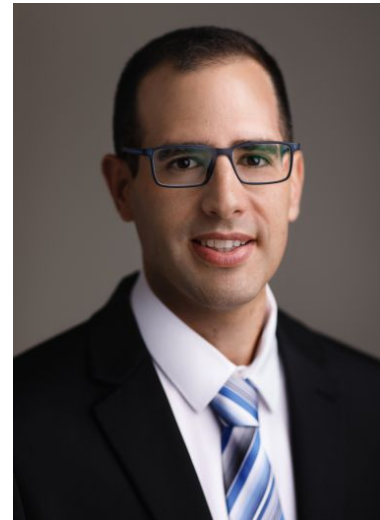
interactions with "...does Buddha cross his legs?"

*[Click here to read the entire obituary.](#)*

### **Dr. Ariel Kerpel**

Neuro Fellow, Class of 2022

Dr. Kerpel graduated from the UTSW advanced neuroradiology fellowship and is currently back home in Israel, working as a neuroradiology attending at Sheba Tel-Hashomer Medical Center. He sends warm greetings to everyone!



## **New Faculty at MUSC Radiology**

### **Robert DeVita, MD** MSK

Dr. DeVita did his Diagnostic Radiology Residency at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. His MSK Fellowship was at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

He has a 2nd degree black belt in Taekwondo. He also enjoys running, basketball, cooking, winemaking, and reading.



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### **Francis Vento, MD** Breast Imaging

Dr. Vento did both his Diagnostic Radiology Residency and his Breast Imaging Fellowship here at MUSC. For the past two years he has worked

as an Associate Radiologist at Catawba Radiology Associates in Hickory, North Carolina.

He enjoys traveling and unique culinary experiences. He's an avid art collector and his research focus is on the use of noninvasive imaging techniques in the study of cultural objects.



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**Mariam Moshiri, MD**  
Body Imaging

Dr. Moshiri received her M.D. degree from SUNY Health Science Center in Brooklyn, New York.

After spending her internship year at Icahn School of Medicine Mount Sinai at Roosevelt Hospital in New York, she completed the diagnostic radiology residency program at NYU Langone-Winthrop Hospital in Mineola, NY followed by a fellowship in body imaging at the University of Maryland Medical System in Baltimore.



Dr. Moshiri has held faculty positions at Northwestern Memorial Hospital at the Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, IL and the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Washington where she initiated several innovative programs in abdominal imaging.

Dr. Moshiri joins MUSC from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN where she served as professor and vice chair of faculty recruitment and development. She also served as the editor in Chief of RSNA Case Collection from 2019-2023.

Currently, she is pursuing an MBA at NYU-Stern school of business with projected graduation date of 2025. Dr. Moshiri will be working remotely and part time until the completion of her MBA program.

## 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:**

Dr. Samuel C. Hill (VIR Class of 1997)

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Dr. Seth Stalcup

Dr. Genta Dani (DR Class of 2012)

(And 3 anonymous donations)

## Alumni We Don't Know How to Contact

If you know the email address for any of these alumni, please send it to Sandra at [stringes@musc.edu](mailto:stringes@musc.edu) so she can reach out to them and see if they are interested in receiving the Alumni Newsletter. Thanks!

Ralph Duane Holland (1982)  
Frank A. Hoshall (1972)  
Leighton Javid (1982)  
Eugene Johnson (1978)  
Nathaniel Jones (2017)  
Joseph James "Jay" Kavanagh (2007)  
Tae Won Kim (1981)  
Pavel Krapiva (2000)  
Jonathan Kraas (2008)  
Andrew Kreek (2000)  
Lebron Lackey (1994)  
Mark Lovern (1989)  
Jason Lynn (2003)  
Troy Marlow (2002)  
Bernard "Tripp" Masters, III (2001)  
Sam McCown (1999)  
Luann Moore (1986)  
John J. Murphy (2003)  
Matthew Forrest Murray (2011)  
David Nelson (1982)  
Rebecca Newell (1989)  
Jose Cassani Pacheco (1995)  
Shirish Parikh (1979)  
Eric Pfeiffer (1998)  
Kathryn "Katie" Pflug (2017)  
Dang Pham (1997)  
George Hurst Provosty (1981)  
Glynda Fox Ramsey (1989)  
Daniel Ravenel (1972)  
John Ravita (1983)  
Brian M. Reeves (2004)  
Gerald Edmund Richmond (1979)

John Roebel (2015)  
Aria Naomi Sasaki (2008)  
William John "Bill" Savoca (1993)  
Scott William Schafer (1983)  
Gerald Ernst Schmidt (1979)  
Michael Coleman Scruggs (1991)  
Karen Sennewald (1993)  
David Monroe Shackelford (2003)  
Komal Sharma (2014)  
Billie Edgar Shelly, Jr. (1983)  
Robert Wesley Smith (1978)  
John H. Stanley (1981)  
Thomas Walter Stohrer (1991)  
Antonio Tablan (1980)  
David F. Tague (1987)  
Marshall Carney Taylor (1977)  
Charles C. Thomas II (1974)  
Daniel McKeithan Thomason (1985)  
John Glenn Thornburg (1978)  
Diane W. Wells Truesdale (1984)  
Leonard J. Tyminski (1981)  
Ranjith Vellody (2006)  
Edward "Bo" Warren, III (1978)  
Robert F. Whitesides, Jr. (1979)  
Alan D. Wilson (1992)  
Kim M. Wilson (1994)  
Bartlett J. Witherspoon, Jr. (1978)  
Ben W. Wright (1985)  
William Yaakob (1999)  
Joseph W. "Joey" Yon, Jr. (1983)  
Richard Baxter Yow (1985)

## Keeping in Touch



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