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President’s Message

Twyla Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM, FSNMMI

I would like to start out by thanking Dr. Erica Cohen for her prior AC presidency and leadership which was very successful and Teresa Ellmer for her continued support.

We have all had many challenges to overcome or even exciting new creative opportunities to the academics and education in our profession over the last several months. Despite whether you view this as a positive or negative, I think we can all agree that we have discovered how to improvise, create, and/or reinforce various teaching and educational styles and methods of delivery.

Along these lines, the Academic Council has or will be initiating items in these areas. In 2022, the AC provided these webinars: The Business of Nuclear Medicine (Topics Resident May Not Have in Their Courses) and Gamifying Medical Education for GenZ. We are in the midst of planning two more great webinars for 2023, so be on the lookout for the announcements, and sign-up for these.

We are also focusing on innovative ways to present AC-sponsored sessions at SNMMI meetings. At the January 2023 Mid-Winter meeting in San Francisco, we are overseeing a Jeopardy game style talk to encourage attendee participation and interest in reviewing important concepts. This will be in two parts, PET/CT and General Nuclear Medicine/Therapy and will be in collaboration with the Early Career Professionals, the Nuclear Medicine Program Directors group, and the Advanced Associated Council. At the 2023 Annual Meeting in Chicago, we are collaborating with several SNMMI councils and centers to oversee a categorical session which will be interactive case-based via bringing your own device (more details coming) and an AC-sponsored session on utilizing simulation in Nuclear Medicine education which is being organized by Dr. Justin Peacock.

The next SNMMI Review Course overseen by the AC will take place September 9-10, 2023. So, reserve these dates on your calendar and/or encourage your trainees to attend. The demand has been to make this course virtual again, and as such, this will allow us to reach many who would otherwise not be able to attend if this were an in-person course. We are making some new modifications to this virtual course to enhance learning.

We would love to have you participate in all of these (whether in person or virtual), and we would especially welcome any input to our council. We encourage each of you to become a member if not so already.

We truly hope that this is a fruitful year for all of you and that many positives are in store for everyone.
2022 AC Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Service Awardees

The Academic Council offers different awards to recognize individuals within the field who have made significant contributions to Nuclear Medicine. Two of these were awarded in 2022.

The Academic Council again congratulates Virginia Pappas as the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. The Lifetime Achievement Award was established to recognize individuals who have demonstrated a lifetime of dedication to the success of the council and the field of nuclear medicine. This individual has consistently promoted lifelong learning, education, mentorship, and leadership.

Virginia Pappas, CAD
Chief Executive Officer
SNMMI
Reston, Virginia

The Academic Council Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize individuals within Nuclear Medicine who have distinguished themselves through a career dedicated to the advancement of patient care through academic achievement and education. This individual must have also demonstrated extraordinary leadership and dedication to the council. We also congratulate Erin Grady, MD, CCD, FACNM, again as the recipient of the 2022 Distinguished Service Award.

Erin Grady, MD, CCD, FACNM
Clinical Professor, Radiology
Stanford Hospitals and Clinics
Stanford, California
Meet Some of the AC Leaders & Intern

Following is your Academic Council Leadership:

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Where did you receive nuclear medicine and/or radiology training? Nuclear Medicine Training at MUSC, Charleston, SC

Where are you currently practicing at? University of Kentucky

What are your primary nuclear medicine interests? Neuroendocrine Tumors; Prostate Cancer; Imaging and Therapy

Name at least 1 of your hobbies. Indoor bouldering as a family; LEGO

What is a single piece of advice for our trainees? Read as many cases as you can, and troll PACS for old cases during your downtime.

Why do you think someone should join the Academic Council? More voices and opinions contributing to the Academic Council will result in improved and diverse education of residents and SNMMI members.
Where did you receive nuclear medicine and/or radiology training? San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium (SAUSHEC), Radiology Residency and Nuclear Medicine Fellowship

Where are you currently practicing at? Brooke Army Medical Center

What are your primary nuclear medicine interests? Education, Diversity/Equity/Inclusion, QI

Name at least 1 of your hobbies. Running, Genealogy

What is a single piece of advice for our trainees? Pursue what you are passionate about, even if it does not fit the mold

Why do you think someone should join the Academic Council? The AC provides an excellent opportunity for Nuclear Medicine professionals that are interested in education. This ranges from education for trainees to continuing education for seasoned practitioners. The AC stands on the forefront of bringing advances in medical education to Nuclear Medicine. Join the Academic Council to meet others with similar interests, and get involved in planning educational programs to impact Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging going forward.

Where did you receive nuclear medicine and/or radiology training? Nuclear medicine in MCP-Hahnemann University for 1 year Hospital then in Hospital of Pennsylvania for rest of training with PET Fellowship

Where are you currently practicing at? Fox Chase Cancer Center (part of Temple University Health System)

What are your primary nuclear medicine interests? Nuclear Oncology, PET/CT, and Therapies

Name at least 1 of your hobbies. Travel

What is a piece of advice for our trainees? Work with the best resources of the institution.

Why do you think someone should join the Academic Council? For better training, education, and networking
Our current intern is:

Andrezza Dambroz, MD  
Medica Nuclear  
Hospital Felicio Rocho  
Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Projects: Informational/educational videos on PET/CT imaging and NCCN Guidelines in English and Portuguese; Moderating webinars

Gamifying Education Webinar Recap

Justin Peacock, MD, PhD

On September 15, 2022, our Academic Council Secretary, Justin Peacock, gave a webinar entitled “Gamifying Medical Education for GenZ.” In the presentation, he discussed the changing educational landscape due to generational shifts and the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes have resulted in increased learner involvement in the education process, socialized learning, and new educational methods, including gamification. Dr. Peacock proceeded to describe the benefits of adding gamification into classical educational didactics. The benefits include increased engagement and motivation to learn the material, instant feedback, and socialized learning. He presented several gamification platforms that can be employed in educational presentations or as separate didactic platforms. Examples of these platforms can be seen in the recorded webinar on the SNMMI Education page. Dr. Peacock would be happy to discuss further how you can incorporate gamification into your educational didactics. Please contact him at justin.g.peacock@gmail.com.

AC Participation in Portugal Symposium of Nuclear Medicine

Representing the Academic Council, Drs. Shana Elman and Twyla Bartel participated a virtual Portugal Nuclear Medicine Symposium at a roundtable entitled “Impact of Covid-19 in the Field of Nuclear Medicine.”
AC-Sponsored Session at 2023 SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting

“Jeopardy Style Game to Review Important Aspects of Nuclear Medicine You Need to Know”

(In collaboration with Nuclear Medicine Program Directors’ Group, Early Career Professionals, Advanced Associate Council)

Friday, January 27, 2023, 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm PT

Click Here to Register

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Council membership is voluntary. Society members are eligible for council membership and can belong to as many councils as they wish. The Academic Council dues are $15.00.

You can join online at www.snmmi.org/join or send an email to memberinfo@snmmi.org