SNMMI TECHNOLOGIST SECTION PRESENTS AWARDS, ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AT 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Nearly 8,000 physicians, technologists, physicists, scientists, and exhibitors gathered at the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI) 2023 Annual Meeting, held June 24–27 in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting had more than 130 continuing education and scientific sessions and nearly 800 posters, as well as sessions on theranostics, artificial intelligence, dosimetry, and more.

During the meeting, SNMMI Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS) inducted new officers, who will serve through June 2024. A number of technologists were recognized for their outstanding contributions to nuclear medicine, molecular imaging, and the society.

2023–2024 SNMMI-TS OFFICERS

SNMMI-TS introduced a new slate of officers during the Annual Meeting. Dmitry Beyder, CNMT, MPA, radiology program manager of nuclear medicine, PET, CT, and patient transport at Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology in St. Louis, Missouri, has been elected as the 2023–24 president for the SNMMI-TS. “This is an amazing time to represent nuclear medicine technologists globally, with opportunities to increase the technologist’s role in providing theranostics and nuclear medicine therapy to cancer patients in need of targeted, highly efficient treatments and to grow our profession with both representation and development,” Beyder said. “I am excited to take on this challenge and lead our members and nuclear medicine technologists to great successes this year, positioning us for success in many years to come.”

During the meeting, SNMMI-TS also announced Julie Dawn Bolin, MS, CNMT, as president-elect. Bolin’s priorities include educating high school and college students about careers and opportunities for nuclear medicine technologists and collaborating with molecular imaging and therapy professionals to develop traditional and continuing education materials that reflect the new diagnostic imaging and radiotherapy landscape. She will also focus on improving the experience for nuclear medicine professionals who are searching the SNMMI website for advocacy, education, and professional development.

Other newly elected individuals include:

- Secretary: Sarah A. Frye, PhD, MBA, CNMT, CCRP
- Speaker of the NCOR: Jeremy L. Iman, CNMT, PET, CRA, CT
- Finance Committee chair: Sarah R. Gibbons, MBA, CNMT, NMTCB(CT)
- Delegates at Large:
  - Tina M. Buehner, PhD, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS
  - Matthew C. McMahon, MS, CNMT, RT(CT)
  - Michele A. Panichi-Egberts, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS
  - Jay J. Smith, MA, CNMT, RT(R)(N)
- Members-at-Large:
  - Christopher M. Blanton, MBA, CNMT/RS, RTMR
  - C. David Gilmore, EdD, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS
  - Chloee Wendorf, MHA, CNMT
- Specialty Area Representatives
  - Industry: Kristina M. Biederstedt, BS, CNMT
  - Manager: Dori L. Nelson, BS, CNMT, NCT, FSNMMI-TS

SNMMI-TS FELLOWS

The following eight individuals were named SNMMI-TS Fellows. These are members of SNMMI-TS who have demonstrated leadership and have made a significant contribution to the profession of nuclear medicine technology at the national level. SNMMI-TS selects Fellows based on exemplary contributions in the following areas: participation in professional activities, education, professional experience, professional contributions, and civic activities. New SNMMI-TS Fellows receive a memorial plaque and pin signifying their Fellow status.

- Julie Dawn Bolin, MS, CNMT
- Cynthia Brodnax, CNMT, NMTCB(CT)(RS)
- Geoffrey M. Currie, PhD, BPharm, MMRS, CNMT
- Gary D. Gallamore, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS
- Sarah Gibbons, MBA, CNMT, NMTCB(CT)
- Sara L. Johnson, EdS, CNMT, RT(N)(CT)
- Clay Nuquist, BS, CNMT, PET
- Matthew McMahon, MS, CNMT, RT(CT)
- Virginia Pappas, CAE (Honorary Fellow)
SNMMI-TS OUTSTANDING TECHNOLOGIST AWARD

Joseph (Joby) MacLean, MHA, CNMT, manager of nuclear medicine at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, received the 2023 SNMMI-TS Outstanding Technologist award. The award recognizes SNMMI-TS members who have demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to the field of nuclear medicine technology.

SNMMI-TS KATHY E. THOMPSON-HUNT OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Jay J. Smith, MA, CNMT, RT(R)(N), director of nuclear medicine technology education at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa, was awarded the 2023 SNMMI-TS Kathy E. Thompson-Hunt Outstanding Educator Award. The award is presented to members who have exhibited commitment to advancing the field in their workplace and through their involvement with the society.
SNMMI-TS ADVOCATE(S)-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

The 2023 SNMMI-TS Advocate-of-the-Year Award was presented to Cheryl L. Rickley, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS. This award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to advancing advocacy efforts at the state and federal level.

SNMMI-TS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The 2023 SNMMI-TS Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Norman E. Bolus, MSPH, MPH, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS, faculty member in the Department of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences in the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Health Professions. This award is reserved for individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of nuclear medicine and the SNMMI-TS and its chapters.

SNMMI-TS PRESIDENTIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The 2023 Presidential Distinguished Service Awards are given to individuals who made a significant impact during the presidential tenure of Krystle W. Glasgow, CNMT, NMTCB(CT), NMAA. The individuals being recognized have shown exceptional leadership and have provided strategic guidance in the areas of education and research. Awards were presented by 2022–2023 SNMMI-TS President Krystle Glasgow to:

- **Dmitry Beyder, CNMT, MPA**, radiology program manager of nuclear medicine, PET, CT, and patient transport at Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology in St. Louis, Missouri, for strategic direction and outstanding accomplishments with the Workforce Pipeline.

- **Amy Brady, MAED, CNMT**, program director and assistant professor of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular
Imaging Sciences at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, for mentorship, passion, and support as a leader at the University of Alabama and within the SNMMI-TS.

- **Dusty M. York, CNMT, PET, RT(N)(CT),** nuclear medicine program clinical coordinator and associate professor at Chattanooga State Community College in Tennessee, for mentorship, friendship, and leadership as President and Immediate Past President.

- **Jon A. Baldwin, DO,** nuclear medicine residency program director at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, for mentorship and support as a leader at the University of Alabama.

- **Nikki Wenzel, MBA, CAE,** Senior Director and SNMMI-TS Administrator, for her outstanding contributions to the SNMMI-TS.

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**SNMMI-TS PRESIDENT’S PLAQUE**

Krystle W. Glasgow, CNMT, NMTCB(CT), NMAA, FSNMMI-TS, was awarded the SNMMI-TS president’s plaque and gavel for her service as 2022–2023 SNMMI-TS president. Glasgow is a teacher and clinical coordinator at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama, and is also pursuing her doctorate degree in health services administration with a concentration in health informatics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Glasgow, an SNMMI-TS fellow, is an SNMMI-TS 2016 Leadership Academy graduate as well as a 2021 Advanced Leadership Academy graduate. She was the 2018 American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Kleiner Award winner and has been awarded several grants from SNMMI-TS. She is active on many SNMMI-TS committees, task forces, and working groups.

**SNMMI-TS CAREER ADVANCEMENT GRANTS**

The 2023 SNMMI-TS Career Advancement Grants were awarded to Melody Yarbrough, CNMT, RT(N); Kathryn Beaulieu, BS, CNMT, PET, RT(N)(CT); Dylan Shimerda, CNMT; David Kelkis, CNMT, NMTCB(CT); Holly Karsch, CNMT; Nicole Beaulieu, CNMT; and Sarah Frye, MBA, CNMT, PET, CCRP.

**SNMMI-TS SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Susan C. Weiss Clinical Advancement Scholarship was awarded to Ashlee Thomas, CNMT, and the ERF-SNMMI-TS Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree Completion Scholarship was awarded to Fernando Anleu and Leila Alsarag. Recipients of the ERF-SNMMI-TS Advanced Degree Scholarship were Diane Soulek, CNMT, NCT, PET, RT(N), and Kathryn Beaulieu, BS, CNMT, PET, RT(N)(CT). The Paul Cole Student Technologist Scholarship was awarded to Ewelina Bobak, Jennah Knafele, Lauren Lobner, Chun Kit Ho, Thi “Sammy” Dang, Alexah Sloan, Xavier Hertzner, Jaylee Messmer, Shelby Harmon, and Kasey Waldrop. The PDEF Mickey Williams Minority Scholarship was awarded to Leila Alsarag and Jamaica Dean, and the PDEF Professional Development Scholarship to Kathryn M. Beaulieu, BS, CNMT, PET, RT(N)(CT).