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**THE ACADEMY FOR RADIOLOGY & BIOMEDICAL IMAGING  
RESEARCH ANNOUNCES THE RECIPIENTS OF ITS TENTH ANNUAL  
DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD**

Washington, DC – June 3, 2021 – The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research (the Academy) is pleased to announce that 35 researchers have been selected to receive the Academy’s 2021 Distinguished Investigator Award. This prestigious honor recognizes individuals for their outstanding contributions to the field of medical imaging.

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“Collectively, the research conducted by these Distinguished Investigators has advanced medical imaging knowledge in immeasurable ways,” stated Renee L. Cruea, the Academy’s Executive Director. “Honoring these individuals is one of our most rewarding annual highlights. We are excited to be able to recognize them in person this year and look forward to thanking them for advancing radiology research through their many achievements.”

“It is always a pleasure to welcome the new class of Distinguished Investigators, and this year is no exception. The awardees have a broad range of expertise, experience, and innovative research programs that have propelled radiology to new heights,” said Elizabeth A. Krupinski, PhD, Council of Distinguished Investigators Co-Chair.

Each of the honorees met the following criteria:

- ❖ Primary professional appointment in an academic Department of Radiology
- ❖ Recipient of a MD, DO, and/or PhD degree
- ❖ Academic rank of at least Associate Professor or its equivalent
- ❖ Sustained productivity, including at least 25 peer-reviewed scientific research publications in which the awardee is the first author or senior author
- ❖ Demonstrated accomplishments as an independent investigator with a substantial ongoing research program, including at least 6 cumulative years of funding as the Principal Investigator of a major competitive extramural research grant

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Honorees from both our 2020 (recognized virtually in 2020) and 2021 classes will be invited for formal induction into the Academy’s Council of Distinguished Investigators this Fall during the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Radiological Society of

North America. The ceremony and celebration will take place in-person at McCormick Place. More details on this ceremony are forthcoming.

For more information about the Academy's Distinguished Investigator award, including nomination information for 2022, please visit: <http://www.acadrad.org/award-description/>.

**The Academy is pleased to welcome the following Distinguished Investigators:**

1. Jerome Ackerman, PhD - Massachusetts General Hospital
2. Talissa Anne Altes, MD, MS - University of Missouri  
\*Nominated by former institution - University of Virginia
3. Hongyu An - Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology
4. Ramsey D. Badawi, PhD - University of California, Davis
5. Ciprian Catana, MD, PhD - Massachusetts General Hospital
6. Delphine Chen, MD - University of Washington
7. Guang-Hong Chen, PhD - University of Wisconsin-Madison
8. Hak Soo Choi, PhD - Massachusetts General Hospital
9. Mony J. de Leon, MA, M.Ed., ED.D - Weill Cornell Medicine
10. Alexander Savio Ramos Guimaraes, MD, PhD - Oregon Health & Science University
11. Ethan Joseph Halpern, MD - Thomas Jefferson University
12. Donghoon Lee, PhD - University of Washington
13. Fred T. Lee Jr., MD - University of Wisconsin-Madison
14. Steven Liang, PhD - Massachusetts General Hospital
15. Marco Luciano Loggia, PhD - Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School
16. Val J. Lowe, MD - Mayo Clinic
17. Michael F. McNitt-Gray, PhD - David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
18. Carolyn Cidis Meltzer, MD - Emory University
19. Sanjay Misra, MD - Mayo Clinic
20. Sharon Pitteri, PhD - Stanford University
21. Vladimir Ponomarev, MD, PhD - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
22. Julie C. Price, PhD - Massachusetts General Hospital
23. Daniel A. Pryma, MD - University of Pennsylvania
24. Qin, PhD - Johns Hopkins University
25. Eva-Maria Ratai, PhD - Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School
26. Brian K. Rutt, PhD - Stanford University
27. Punam Kumar Saha, PhD - University of Iowa
28. Sava Sakadzic, PhD - Massachusetts General Hospital
29. Erik M. Shapiro, PhD - Michigan State University
30. Suleman Surti, PhD - University of Pennsylvania
31. Yuan-Chuan Tai, PhD - Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology
32. Jamey P. Weichert, PhD - University of Wisconsin-Madison
33. David M. Wilson MD, PhD - University of California, San Francisco
34. Dean Foster Wong, BSc, MD, PhD - Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology
35. Rong Zhou, PhD - University of Pennsylvania