

# CARDINAL RAYS

Newsletter of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists

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## Gabbing with Gary

Hello to you all,

It's almost time for our OSRT Annual Meeting in Worthington, Ohio. I'm so excited that we will get to see our membership face to face for the first time since 2019. It's a great time to enjoy our time together and to learn from one another about how great it is to be a radiologic technologist. We serve on the front line in patient diagnosis and in some cases therapy, to treat our patients. We have walked this path together, through virtual meetings of Zoom and WebEx to reach the point of being back in person.

I want to thank you for being a member of this great organization. It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the OSRT. Please say hello when I meet you in Worthington at the Annual Meeting. I want to also thank you for electing me as President to guide the organization over the past year. It's been difficult at times, but we have come through all these trials together to become better people for what we have learned.

## Gabbing with Gary (continued)

I want to encourage you to become involved at a deeper level if you can, to help move the OSRT forward in the future. You can begin on a committee as a member, and move into a leadership role when you are ready. The key to our future lies in your hands. Please consider picking up the torch and become an active, vital member of the OSRT!

Stay safe and see you in Worthington!

Thank you,

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Gary Greathouse OSRT PRESIDENT

## 2022 OSRT ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to those elected to serve on the OSRT Board of Directors. Thank you to those who voted in the 2022 OSRT election.

## **President-Elect**

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# MEETTHE BOARD Shellie Warino / President-Elect



I am a registered radiologic technologist and a radiation therapist. Currently, I am the program director of the radiation therapy program at Kent State University- Salem Campus. Previously I worked as clinical coordinator for the radiation therapy program at Kent State University - Salem Campus and in the clinical setting as a radiologic technologist and radiation therapist at the Mercy Health System in Youngstown.

I have been a member of the OSRT for 16 years and have served as a director in the past from the years 2014-to 2017. I am currently the president-elect of the OSRT. I am a member of the education, membership, and honorary task force committees for the OSRT. In the past, I have served as a co-chair for the annual meeting, and on the education and marketing committees. In addition, I have attended the OSRT Leadership Academy I became involved in the OSRT after attending an Annual Meeting to obtain continuing education credits. It was at this time that I realized the impact that the OSRT made on those in Ohio who are part of the profession of the radiologic sciences.

I have maintained continued involvement with the OSRT to let those who are part of the profession, in particular those who are radiation therapists know that I support and respect the advocacy and professional development opportunities that the OSRT has to offer.

I look forward to impacting the radiologic science and radiation therapy profession by advocating for the importance of professional growth and development through professional organization membership for those who are part of the radiologic science profession and for those students who are part of the program in which I teach.

In addition to being a member of the OSRT, I am a member of The Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS), The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), a volunteer for The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Also, I serve as a team chair for The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) doing site visits for radiology, radiation therapy, and dosimetry educational programs.



Student Spot!

## Student Cardinal Rays





## WHAT TIME IS IT?! ANNUAL MEETING TIME!

Close your eyes and think back to our Annual Meeting in 2021...It looked a little bit different than it had in years past, didn't it? You woke up on the mornings of the meetings you wished to attend, rolled out of bed in your superman pajama pants, put on a nice shirt so you looked presentable from the waist up, and let's be even more real...you probably didn't even brush your teeth! Well, as we are getting even closer to April, allow me to inform you that we will be back in person for the 2022 Annual Meeting, and brushing your teeth is HIGHLY recommended!!!

Some quick little personal updates are that from the date that I am writing this, February 15th, there are only 87 days left until the day that I graduate! I have also joined my school's Quiz Bowl team for this year's Annual Meeting, and I will be a part of the last team my program director will have before she retires (she has us practicing 24/7 so watch out...!). I have also been spending a lot of time with my family and looking to them for love and support as I come home with some very heavy workloads for school and high levels of stress. I just keep telling myself that the end is near and that it will all be worth it in a matter of fewer than 3 months.

Technologists and soon to be graduating students, I want to inform you one more time that the Annual Meeting is a great place for you to mingle with other people in our profession, earn up to 31 CE Credits, and also is a great way for students to challenge themselves in the Annual Quiz Bowl. Second-year radiography students can also take part in this year's, 20th annual Philip W. Ballinger Student Self-Assessment Examination competition, to prepare themselves for their registry exam, post-graduation!

For more information, please locate the Annual Meeting tab on the OSRT website and you will find this year's meeting brochure. Any additional questions that may not be answered on the website, feel free to reach out to me. I hope to see you all in person in just a few short weeks!

Yours Truly,

Marissa

Marissa Yourstowsky Student Director student@osrt.org

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# Student Spot!

## Student Cardinal Rays



The Philip W. Ballinger Student Self-Assessment Examination competition for second-year radiography students is Thursday from 2:00-5:30 pm. Preregistration is required with a \$15 fee. The exam is a paper/pencil version and students should bring a nonprogrammable calculator and two pencils. The student earning the highest passing score on the exam will receive an award at the Francine Todd Memorial Honors Reception Friday evening.

If you're a second year and forgot to register for the exam, it's not too late! Contact the OSRT Executive Secretary to have it added to your event registration. The Student Open Forum will be held on Thursday from 6:00-7:00 pm. All students are encouraged to attend this session to interact with other students and discuss issues of interest to student technologists.

Pre-registration is not required for the Student Open Forum.

## CONGRATULATIONS, FUTURE LEADERS!

Kathryn Shinko was selected to represent Ohio in the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program and Rebecca Everetts was selected as the 2022-2023 OSRT Student Director. Kathryn and Rebecca attend the Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging.



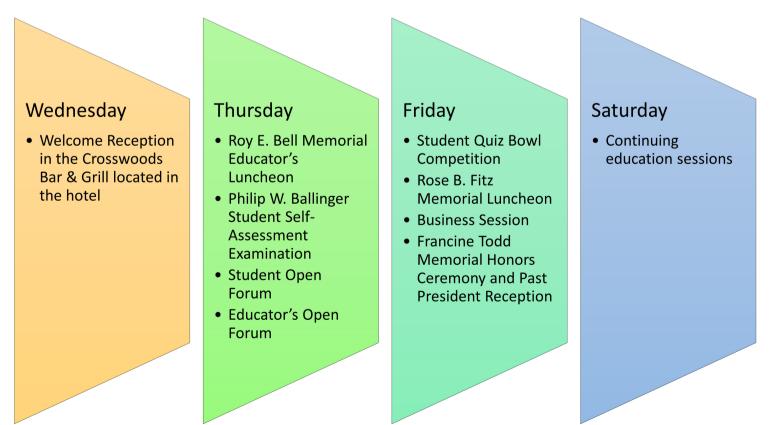




Plan now to join your colleagues for the OSRT Annual Meeting in Worthington, April 7-9, 2022. If you are eager for quality education as well as professional and social interaction, then the 2022 OSRT Annual Meeting is the place for you! The 2022 Annual Meeting Committee has worked hard to bring you several days of education and fun at the Columbus DoubleTree Hotel. Join us as we celebrate 84 years of service representing Radiologic Sciences in Ohio!

Thirty-one (31) educational sessions are planned for the Annual Meeting and each has been approved for 1.0 Category A or Category A+ credit by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).

Exciting Events: Besides quality continuing education, there are several events you will not want to miss!





## Heather Moore, Ph.D., R.T.(R) ASRT Board of Directors Secretary

#### ASRT Dignitary at the 2022 Annual Meeting

Hi Fellow OSRT Members! My name is Heather Moore and I have been a radiographer for 32 years. I currently serve as a Professor in the Radiologic Technology program and the Academic Unit Head of the Allied Health department at the University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College. I have been a member of the OSRT since 2003, and first got involved with the organization as a Quiz Bowl volunteer in 2005. That single volunteer opportunity was so much fun and was the spark that got me truly hooked on serving the OSRT from that year forward! Since that time, I have served on numerous committees and the Board of Directors, eventually becoming the President and Chairperson of the Board. I also found an interest in and love for the philanthropic arm of the OSRT, the Education and Research Foundation.

I cannot thank my mentors in this organization enough for their time and encouragement to make me a better OSRT member and representative for this profession. It was because of them that I decided to get more involved with the ASRT as a Chapter Delegate and ultimately run for the ASRT Board of Directors. I cannot tell you what an honor it is to serve you and the rest of the medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals at the national level. I hope that my time on the ASRT Board allows for me to promote efforts to elevate the profession to others in healthcare, but also bring recognition as to what we do to the patients we serve.

Whenever I can get away, my favorite pastime is hiking with my husband, Doug. It is so nice to have someone by your side for the journey. I encourage all of you to start your journey with the OSRT and ASRT. I think you will find that it is totally worth it! I welcome anyone to reach out to me if they have questions about getting more involved. I would love to see more sparks lit for the OSRT. Feel free to contact me directly at: heather.moore@uc.edu.



## CQR and Post-Primary Structured Education

Are you currently in your CQR process or maybe want to refresh before your timeline starts? Maybe you are working on a post-primary certification?

Many sessions at the Annual Meeting have been approved by the ARRT for CQR and post-primary structured education credit. A full list of approved credit can be found on the <u>Annual</u> <u>Meeting webpage</u>.

## Francine Todd Memorial Honors Reception -New Format

The Francine Todd Memorial Honors Reception, which will be held on Friday evening, will have a new format this year! The program will begin at 7:30 pm with a variety of hors d'oeuvres and reception to follow. You must pre-register for this event. We hope to see you there!

### 2022 Annual Meeting: Speaker Spotlight

## How Can Mentoring Work for You? Robin R. Williams MBA, R.T.(R)

The title of Robin's presentation is "How Can Mentoring Work for You?" The presentation will provide information regarding the impact of mentoring, and its' impact on the student, faculty, and advisors. Improved retention rate is a significant characteristic of the mentored radiography learner. This study will motivate faculty and advisors to use their influence to not only encourage mentoring, but to be receptive to the role as a mentor beyond their general responsibilities. Programs may also be affected by improved student outcomes. Her goal in presenting this information is to bring focus to the outcome of mentoring, who it affects, and the motivation behind the results.



Robin Williams is currently serving as the Program Director for the Radiography Associate Program at Aultman College. Robin is a graduate of the Aultman Hospital School of Radiologic Technology certificate program class of 1983. In 2007, Robin was recruited to fill the Program Director vacancy. Because of her previous experience, she wanted to be a part of the Aultman family. Robin earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Malone College in Canton, Ohio, and a Master of Science in Business Administration from Saint Joseph's College of Maine. Robin believes that there is nothing more rewarding than giving back to the community and helping those who are in need. She serves as a volunteer for Aultman College in the community. In addition, Robin serves the community with her husband (Robert) through the church they founded (The Jesus Spot in Massillon, Ohio) whose mission is to reach the lost and lead them to Jesus Christ. Robin enjoys spending time with her husband, family, and friends. She also enjoys singing, cooking, and her family's newest venture in camping.

## Advancing Diversity in Health Care Julie Gill, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(QM), FASRT



Improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in health care is vital to ensuring health equity. There is a strong connection between diversity and inclusion in the health care workforce and improved health equity outcomes for patients. A diverse and inclusive workforce can help to improve trust and empathy and strengthen our connection with patients. This presentation will introduce research results so that we can confront systemic racism in our workplace and initiate strategies to bridge the gap so that we can attract and retain diverse employees and patients.

Dr. Julie Gill is current a Professor in the Allied Health Department at the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College. She also serves as Program Director for the online Radiation Science Technology bachelor's degree completion program. She earned her bachelor's degree in Allied Medical Professions with a major in Radiologic Technology from The Ohio State University and master's and doctoral degrees in Higher Education Administration from Ohio University. She has served nationally on the ASRT Board of Directors and as President and is currently the President-elect for the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences. She has been happily married to Jim for 37 years and has two daughters, Katie and Casey, and her grandson Aiden is the light of her life!

### 2022 Annual Meeting: Speaker Spotlight

## Human Trafficking Eric Higgins, M.S.



Eric J Higgins, MS, has been teaching Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Forensics, classes in higher education for thirteen years. Detective Higgins has been working in law enforcement for twenty-four years. Detective Higgins is currently working for the City of Elsmere, Kentucky as their lead detective. Detective Higgins retired (December, 2019) from the Covington Police Department's Crime Bureau as the financial crimes/homicide investigator, was assigned to the United States Secret Service Task Force and the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force. Detective Higgins was previously assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations task force. Detective Higgins was previously assigned the sex offender caseload investigating and monitoring their compliance with registration laws, and has worked in the Crime Suppression Unit as a Narcotics Detective investigating VICE crimes.

Detective Higgins holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. Detective Higgins is a Certified Peace Officer, Law Enforcement Officer Advanced Investigator, and Certified Crisis Intervention Officer. In July of 2015 Detective Higgins was selected to present to the American Probation and Parole Association, at the 40th Annual Training in Los Angeles, California. He was recruited for this national training event to copresent an End Slavery 101 workshop, titled: From Victim to Offender: The Response to Human Trafficking in Probation and Parole. This workshop amassed approximately 300 criminal justice professionals including Judges and policy makers. The presentation garnered continued interest by professionals in the field and requests for additional anti trafficking presentations at regional events within the U.S and Internationally.

## Imaging the Diabetic Patient Kelly A. Dragomir, M.A., R.T.(R)(CT)



Diabetes Mellitus is an inability of the body to control glycemic levels that may lead to negative effects on multiple organ systems if uncontrolled through lifestyle and/or medications. While Diabetes is of global concern, nearly half the population of the United States are considered prediabetic or diabetic. Diabetic patients may require extensive healthcare services including imaging for screening, diagnosis, and treatment. Understanding the physiology of insulin and glucose, devices and medications used to control diabetes, and common diabetic imaging procedures will guide the radiologic technologist to proper care of these patients.

Kelly Dragomir is an Associate Lecturer at Kent State University – Salem Campus. She has served as an instructor for the Radiologic Technology and Computed Tomography programs since 2012. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology followed by a Master of Arts degree in Biology from Kent State University. Kelly is currently a Registered Radiologic Technologist with additional certification in Computed Tomography.

### 2022 Annual Meeting: Speaker Spotlight

## Receptors to the Rescue: Antidotes & Overdose

#### Mara Weber, B.S.R.T., PharmD

In the last few years, the amount of drug overdoses has skyrocketed. As key healthcare professionals, radiologic technologists are often on the front line in these clinical scenarios. A key understanding of drug overdose, symptoms, and treatment will help professionals understand what is occurring in each step and help assist inpatient care.

# Beyond the Tremor: Personalizing Parkinson's Disease

#### Mara Weber, B.S.R.T., PharmD

Parkinson's disease the most common neurological movement disorder. It is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder of aging that affects both motor & cognitive function. There are quite a few medications to treat the symptoms & emerging technologies for treatment as well. These patients are frequently encountered by radiology personnel. An understanding the pathophysiology of this disease is of utmost importance to caring for these patients in the best way possible. Through the personal story of a Parkinson's Disease patient & their caregiver, many of these aspects will be discussed.

Dr. Weber graduated from COTC in 2005 and OSU with a nontraditional bachelor's in 2007. She worked as a CT technologist at Grant Medical Center and Fairfield Medical Center and was involved with numerous quality and safety projects when working at FMC. Mara then graduated from the Ohio State University in 2012 with her Doctorate of Pharmacy. She has served in various positions within OhioHealth including helping open the first free-standing emergency room in the system at the Westerville Campus.



She is working at Grant Medical Center and since 2019, has been the Medication Safety & Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist for O'Bleness Memorial & Berger Hospitals. As the medication safety pharmacist for the site she has focused on integration and implementation of OhioHealth best practices for safe medication administration.

My focus is on education of safe medication practices and understanding. One of these focuses has been being involved with presentations at multiple OSRT conferences and lectures for students at COTC. This is a huge passion of mine to help bridge the gap in the medication use process for all healthcare providers. Through helping others understand medications we can better patient care & outcomes.

This year I am giving a talk on Overdose/Antidotes & Parkinson's. This year is extremely special to me as I can honor my father that I lost to Parkinson's this past summer. He experienced numerous adverse medication events throughout his 10 year journey and I hope through my work I can honor him and help others avoid the issues we encountered.



## **Foundation Corner**

Hello to our valued members in the OSRT!

The Foundation board trustees are very busy preparing and getting excited about this years' Annual Meeting, April 7-9. Since we did so well last year with the "Foundation Donation Nation" giving event, we decided to try it again this year. The tremendous amount of support you gave at this event last year was unbelievable. We ask you to consider donating this year again or if you haven't donated before we invite you to join us. Any amount of money for donation is appreciated and used toward grants and awards for deserving technologists and students. Watch your email for details regarding this and a chance to be entered into a drawing for an assortment of gift cards.

Please remember that we ARE accepting grant submissions for this year and we encourage technologists and students to apply for grants through the OSRT website education and research grants page at https://www.osrt.org/foundation/education-andresearch-grants We are also launching the BRAND NEW Case Study Presentation competition this year. We invite you to visit our competitions page on the OSRT website for all information including guidelines and grading rubrics. Foundation trustees have worked very hard to revamp this process and create a competition that we feel is very applicable to the working student/technologist. We are eager to see what type of case study presentations will be presented for this competition. Please contact Terri Bruckner (bruckner.terri@gmail.com), Foundation Board Trustee, with any questions. Remember, ALL grant and case study presentation submissions must be completed and submitted on the OSRT website no later than March 1.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting this year! Stay healthy!



Unitry Reese

**OSRTERF** Chairperson

# THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR2021-2022 VOLUNTEERS!



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We invite you to join our volunteer team! It is a valuable way to give back to the profession and share your knowledge and skills with colleagues. Individuals can contribute time and skill-sets to support the mission of the OSRT and the OSRT Education and Research Foundation.

The OSRT is putting out a call for volunteers for the May 2022-April 2023 term. Information about volunteering, committee descriptions, and whom to contact if interested can be found on the <u>OSRT Volunteer page</u>.

## **HELP THE OSRT WIN!**



Be sure to select "State Affiliate" -"Ohio" when purchasing tickets for the OSRT to get credit.

Ticket sales: Feb. 15 - May 31

**Ticket price**: \$25 each, with discounts for multiticket packages

Webpage: <u>https://foundation.asrt.org/winwin</u>

**Eligibility**: Only ASRT members are eligible to purchase tickets and win prizes.



Employment opportunities for your Ohio employers may be posted on a 30-day basis free as an OSRT Jobs ConneX service.

To place an ad simply email information identified in the criteria below to webmaster@osrt.org.

- Company name
- Address & phone
- URL/Web address
- Name of contact person & email address
- Open position title & description (limited to 100 words)

For more information and to check current postings visit the <u>Job ConneX page</u>.



Congratulations to the following OSRT members who will be participating in the 2022 Leadership Academy.

Dawn Cook

Dana Kasyanchuk

Sarah McKibben

Rebecca Everetts

Natalie Lawler

Matthew Pettys

Andrea Hines

Julianne Mages

Kathryn Shinko



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# 2022 ASRT ELECTION

The <u>ASRT Election</u> is open and **closes on March 8**. If you are an ASRT member (both active and student), please check out the OSRT members in the election below and consider giving them your vote. We want to make sure we are well represented and have a strong national voice!



## GARY GREATHOUSE, M.S., R.T.(R)

Management Chapter Delegate Nominee





## RYAN SMITH, D.H.SC., M.B.A., CNMT, FASRT

Nuclear Medicine Chapter Delegate Nominee

# 2022 ASRT ELECTION



## TERESA TAGGART, M.S., CNMT

Nuclear Medicine Chapter Delegate Nominee

## JULIE GILL, PH.D., R.T.(R)(QM), FASRT

Quality Management Chapter Delegate Nominee





## SHELLIE WARINO, M.ED., R.T.(R)(T)

Radiation Therapy Chapter Delegate Nominee



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#### **OSRT MISSION**

The OSRT advocates for medical imaging and radiologic science professionals by advancing professional practice to enhance the quality of patient care.

## Letter from the Editor

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of Cardinal Rays! I appreciate any feedback that you have about Cardinal Rays. Do you like the format? Is there anything you would change? What information would you like to read about? Namaste,

Lauren Huffman Cardinal Rays Editor



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