

AMSER Excellence in Education Award

Judith K. Amorosa, MD

Introduction by Deborah L. Reede, MD

I am delighted to present the 2016 AMSER Excellence in Education Award to a colleague and friend, whose tireless dedication and passion has impacted the education of medical students, residents, and peers alike.

Dr Amorosa graduated from New Jersey Medical School and completed residency and fellowship training at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City. Her first job was at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn. Judy's enthusiasm and interest in teaching medical students impressed Dr Lucy Squire, the pioneer of undergraduate medical education in radiology, who was also at Downstate at the time. Dr Squire provided Judy with the foundation to establish radiology educational experiences for medical students.

Currently, Dr Amorosa serves as the vice chair of medical education and faculty development at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey–Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJ). At RWJ, Judy has a significant impact on radiology

education. She was instrumental in starting the diagnostic radiology residency program (serving as program director for 14 years), established 10 radiology electives for medical students, and developed interdisciplinary programs for medical students and residents. Judy was also a founding member of the university-wide Master Educator Guild.

Dr Amorosa's contributions to the field of medical education and clinical medicine are significant: more than 60 publications, lectures, serving as principal investigator for more than 11 research projects, and membership in numerous societies. Judy has been the recipient of local and national outstanding teaching awards.

On a national level, Dr Amorosa is an active member of three major societies that focus on radiology education: the Association of Program Directors in Radiology, Association of University Radiologists (AUR), and AMSER (president 2005–2006). Judy has also been actively involved with the American Asso-



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ciation for Women Radiologists (president 2007), supporting and mentoring women in radiology nationally and internationally.

As an educator, Judy has had a profound influence on the lives of many. On behalf of the leadership and members of AMSER and AUR, congratulations on your outstanding achievements!

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Kitt Shaffer, MD, PhD

Introduction by Christopher M. Straus, MD

Kitt Shaffer, MD, PhD, has played a pivotal role in the advancement of medical student education. Her curiosity, knowledge, and educational material have generated impressive results. Most importantly, Kitt is credited with inspiring new generations and considerable innovation in medical student education.

Kitt has a medical degree from Tufts University and a doctoral degree in anatomy from the University of Kansas. She completed postgraduate training at New England Medical Center and a thoracic fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Kitt remained on staff at Brigham and Women's Hospital and served as clinical director of radiology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Now as a full professor at Boston University School of Medicine, Kitt currently serves as vice-chair for education and as chair of faculty promotions.

Kitt's career evolved into a role of leadership and published work that has had considerable impact on our medical students and our educational colleagues tackling this increasingly

targeted area of concern for medical student radiology education. Her foresight was evident as she and others cofounded the Alliance of Medical Student Educators in Radiology (AMSER), promoting pioneering efforts in using imaging and using radiologists as teachers. One key focus for Kitt was the teaching of gross anatomy, including her many years as director of the 1st-year medical anatomy course at Harvard Medical School.

Kitt has mentored the next generation. She has authored or coauthored 54 original articles and received countless awards for her teaching. She has presented 118 national and international invited lectures, as well as visiting professorships throughout the country and world. Kitt's insight and reach include setting up the highly respected Clinical Educator Development program, along with Angelisa M. Paladin, MD, and advancing our collective efforts across the entire system.

Kitt continues to inspire so many of us and elicit the creativity we need in our expanding



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efforts. We hope now to add to her illustrious list with the highest honor AMSER can bestow, the AMSER Excellence in Education Award, to recognize her huge influence and personal accomplishments in the integration of clinical and basic science teaching, often with innovative interactive digital methods.