A3CR² Outstanding Teacher Award

M. Craig Morriss, MD

Introduction by Jeffrey Ware, MD

M. Craig Morriss, MD, is currently the program director for the radiology residency at UT Southwestern Medical School, Dallas. He also serves as one of the lead clinical faculty at the Children’s Medical Center in Dallas, where he is a professor in pediatric neuroradiology and magnetic resonance imaging safety officer. After receiving his medical degree from UT Southwestern, Dr Morriss stayed for an internship in pediatrics and a residency in diagnostic radiology. He received fellowships in neuroradiology at the University of Pennsylvania Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia.

Dr Morriss has accrued a lengthy resume of scholarly work and awards during his career, but some of his greatest talents truly lie in resident development and education. First and foremost, he is tirelessly dedicated to the residency program. Dr Morriss knows every resident on a personal level, enthusiastically greeting you at every chance encounter. He is known for his open-door policy, regularly meeting with residents and mentoring and coaching them through challenging decisions in their careers.

Along with his qualities as an excellent program director, Dr Morriss brings the same enthusiasm to his role as a clinical educator. He gives excellent conferences and is a resident favorite for his ability to engage the whole room. Sitting with him as he reads cases is a rewarding experience. Dr Morriss brings his enthusiasm to the workstation, which is truly contagious for the trainee, somehow making getting quizzed on temporal bone anatomy and posterior fossa tumors an enjoyable experience.

ACER Achievement Award

Angelisa M. Paladin, MD

Introduction by Gautham P. Reddy, MD

A treasured member of the academic radiology community, Angelisa M. Paladin, MD, is a visionary leader and a national force who has pushed the envelope with her pioneering and innovative work.

The sixth president of the Alliance of Clinician-Educators in Radiology (ACER), Dr Paladin was instrumental in carrying the organization’s faculty development programs abroad, beginning with Mexico. As chair of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology (APDR) Milestones Committee, Dr Paladin made implementation of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Milestones straightforward and manageable across the country. At the American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS), she directed the Clinician-Educator Development Program, and she serves on the ARRS Executive Council as chair of the Instructional Course Committee.

As the program director at the University of Washington, Dr Paladin has transformed the residency into an incubator of academic radiologists. Her residents have won the top research awards from every major specialty organization, including the Association of University Radiologists (AUR), the ARRS, and the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). Four residents have earned RSNA research grants. Dr Paladin has instituted curricular innovations: business and leadership training, grant writing, a clinician-educator track, and incorporation of physics education into clinical conferences.

An exceptional and dedicated teacher, Dr Paladin can make even a complex topic seem simple. The book Pediatric Radiology, which she edited, has broken ground by incorporating physics principles into clinical content.

Dr Paladin has been recognized with the AUR Whitley and Stauffer Awards, the prestigious ARRS Distinguished Educator Award, a departmental Mentor of the Year Award, and the ACGME Courage to Teach Award, a rare honor.

Dr Paladin serves as one of two medical directors of the Seattle/King County Clinic, an annual undertaking that provides free care to 4000 underserved patients. This initiative is a testament to Dr Paladin’s compassion and her commitment to her community and its people.

ACER is proud to bestow its Achievement Award upon Dr Paladin, a quintessential clinician-educator and mentor who shines radiantly as one of the brightest stars in radiology education.