

# AUR Gold Medalist Tribute

## Valerie P. Jackson, MD

*Introduction by Yoshimi Anzai, MD, MPH*

Valerie P. Jackson, MD, is the executive director of the American Board of Radiology (ABR) and is the Eugene C. Klatte Professor Emeritus at Indiana University.

Dr Jackson completed her undergraduate and medical school, radiology residency, and breast imaging fellowship at Indiana University. After completing her residency in 1982, she remained as an assistant professor. She was promoted to associate professor in 1986 and became a professor in 1990. In 1994, she became the residency program director and continued the role for ten years until she became chair of the department of radiology and imaging services in 2004. Dr Jackson served as chair for 11 years until she became the executive director of the ABR in July 2014. She served on the ABR's board of trustees from 2001 to 2010.

During her tenure as chair of the department of radiology and imaging services, the Indiana University School of Medicine established their national and international reputation of being a premier academic radiology department for their excellence in research, education, and clinical services. In particular, strong emphasis on the radiology residency training program and the outstanding medical student teaching program attracted many candidates to careers in radiology.

An expert in breast imaging, Dr Jackson has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles and 20 books and book chapters. She has served as a principal investigator on numerous funded grants and several grants focusing on radiology education. She has been a course director of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) faculty development workshop and highly regarded as one of the most innovative educators.

Her contribution to the field of radiology extends beyond the state of Indiana. She has served as chair in numerous committees and task forces of various radiology organiza-

tions including the American College of Radiology (ACR), the American Roentgen Ray Society, and the RSNA. She served as president of the Society of Breast Imaging from 1990–1993, president of the ACR from 2002–2003, president of the Radiology Research Alliance from 2009–2010, and president of the Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Department from 2012–2014. This year, Dr Val Jackson serves as president of the RSNA. Globally, Dr Jackson had served on the World Health Organization Global Steering Group for Radiology Education and Expert Advisory Panel on Radiation.



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Beyond these honors, academic recognition, and notable titles, Dr Val Jackson is a well-known figure for the AUR community as a compassionate and heartwarming colleague. She has given countless lectures on education, mentorship, and leadership at the AUR annual meetings. Her practical and honest suggestions and guidance empowered many academic radiologists and trainees. Because she is one of the most respected educators in the Association of Program Directors in Radiology (APDR) community, she received the APDR Achievement Award in 2015.

Her exceptional teaching skills and compassion for future radiology training have made Dr Jackson one of the most efficient teachers in our discipline. Because of her expertise in radiology education, becoming the executive director of the ABR is a fitting choice in her academic career.

As the amount of knowledge generated in the field of medicine and health care grows at an exponential speed, educating the future physicians in this complex health system requires a forward thinking and innovative approach. We are so fortunate to have her as an educator.

I cannot imagine anyone more deserving than Dr Val Jackson to receive the 2019 AUR Gold Medal. Congratulations, Val. Thank you so much for your service.