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## Welcome to the newsletter for YOUR Missouri Radiological Society!

### ACR AND DIVERSITY

Our chapter has been encouraged by the American College of Radiology to reach out and celebrate the diversity of our specialty, to promote our inclusiveness and demonstrate the numerous ways we all combine our unique talents and skill sets to provide care to our patients. By recognizing and promoting our diversity, we can continue to reach out to promote continued diversity in all we do to become the best we can for our patients.

Diversity is variety, be it age, sexual orientation, race, religion or just the differences in each of our personal journeys which lead us to where we are today. Take our Missouri Radiological Society (MORADS), we have approximately one third of our members that are female and have many women who are, or have been in leadership roles over the years. The ACR data I found does not break down non-white members or various native countries of origin, but in my personal experience, it seems that radiologists in our state are becoming more and more diverse over time. Looking at the numbers, deciding which are most important to you, we may or may not have done enough to be as diverse as we can be. I hope to show that we are diverse, and with more diversity comes more ideas, and the more ideas and perspectives we have, the better opportunity for finding best practices and advances to our field of medicine can occur.

There are so many unique practice settings as there are members within our ranks. I hope to allow us to have an opportunity to learn about other interesting people in our field. Maybe a little something about someone you may know, or even better, maybe someone you never expected to meet! On a quarterly basis, we would like to introduce a radiologist or trainee, including location, practice/institution, outside interests, and what diversity has meant to you either through training or within your practice, training program, or just life in general. As trite as it may sound, we all have a story. We may not think much of our own because it is what we have experienced first hand, been there for it all, no biggie. To others who have their own path, probably quite different than yours, they may be surprised how we ended up sitting in the same reading room! It is usually the simple little things that set us apart and endear us to friends and family.



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#### LINKS OF INTEREST

- MORADS <http://morads.org>
- ACR <http://ACR.org>



Neal Meyer, MD

Pres elect- MORADS 2019

Pres - Columbia Radiology, Ltd

Pres - Advanced Radiology

## SOMEONE TO GET TO KNOW...

ceived an MBA in Finance and International Studies. After medical school, I stayed at UTSW for a year of internal medicine training prior to radiology residency. At UTSW I was fortunate to have on staff six Nobel laureates and trained with staff and fellow residents from around the world.

My radiology residency was at St Vincent's Bridgeport, CT, a Yale affiliate. Pediatrics, Grand Rounds, and other activities were at Yale and lectures were from our private program staff as well as multiple ARC Fellows in radiology from Yale, NYU, Albert Einstein

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*"I have had many diverse experiences and been touched throughout my career by so many that I feel I have had a truly eclectic experience that made me who I am today"*

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I grew up as the youngest of five in a small town in Iowa as a second generation American. My mother was an elementary school teacher and my father was a juvenile police officer. I went to Iowa State University, and then followed my future wife to Texas. In Dallas, I took a job as an ophthalmic tech and became a self-taught certified tech. My employer had been Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Texas-Southwestern (UTSW) for 18 years prior to retiring to private practice. One day he told me I had an appointment with the Dean of the medical school to learn what I needed to do to get into medical school. He pushed me out of the nest, and I took on the challenge.

Prior to taking the MCAT, I needed refresher courses and went back to school. I had 15 months between matriculation of medical school at UTSW and the MCAT so I stayed in school and went to UT -Arlington and re-

Montefiore, Specialty Surgical Hospital and other faculty who gave lecture circuits in the New England region. It was an extraordinary opportunity for me to learn from such a varied and diverse group of experts in their fields.

Out of residency I joined a large group practice in eastern Tennessee before landing back in the midwest closer to where my wife and I grew up. We have now been in Columbia, MO for nearly 20 years. My passion is MSK, but I, as my subspecialty trained partners, all enjoy general radiology. We service 5 community hospitals, work for an independent orthopaedic group of over 30 physicians, and own three of our own imaging centers throughout mid MO. I love what we do, and we have improved access for

I have been married 28 years to a wonderful wife and mother with four beautiful and talented children. For almost 20 years, we have lived on what is now 250 acres north

east of Columbia. My wife manages a couple of hundred meat goats, 3 Morgan horses, a mule, 7 chickens, 4 pasture dogs, four barn cats and 2 indoor dogs, and me. Even though our last child started college last year, as you can see, we are not empty nesters....



Reminder of our joint Missouri/Kansas Radiological Society meeting on July 13th, 2019 at Kauffman Stadium—See MORADS website for more info

In forming a Diversity Committee I hope we can continue with opportunities to learn of others from large and small practices, interventionist or other subspecialists, foreign medical graduates, MD's -DO's - Rad Oncologists, all genders, etc . We all have a story... Together, WE ARE radiology!!

In the future I would hope that Chapter members can further the cause by reaching out to their local communities and talking to various groups to encourage young folks to consider what we do as a pathway for them, no matter who they are, where they come from or what background they have. We could talk to 4-H and scouting groups with young people who may not even be thinking of medicine. We could go to high school and college career fairs--and of course go back to our medical schools and promote our diversity and endless opportunities for personal and professional growth.

## CHAPTER NEWS AND MEETINGS

Next regular MORADS meeting Saturday  
October 19, 2019

MORADS webpage has other resources for your perusal.

Our meetings also contain legislative updates and other resources to facilitate your practice or institution. There are also CME opportunities and other links which may be of interest.