

APDR Achievement Award

Kristen K. DeStigter, MD, FACR

Introduction by Jocelyn D. Chertoff, MD, MS

Kristen K. DeStigter, MD, FACR is that rare individual; an effective and productive leader in every facet of academic endeavor, who maintains an authenticity and humility that allows her to interact gracefully with everyone she encounters. She has been academically productive, with scientific discovery, numerous publications, and innumerable presentations, and has mentored learners at all levels, locally, nationally and internationally.

Kristen got her BA in French and Biology at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, her MD at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, and her Radiology Residency and Fellowship in Body Imaging and Women's Imaging were at University Hospitals of Cleveland in Cleveland, Ohio.

She is the current John P. and Kathryn H. Tampas Professor, Chair of Radiology and Radiation Oncology at the Larner College of Medicine (LCOM) at the University of Vermont (UVM) and Radiology Health Care Service Chief for the UVM Health Network. She was the Program Director of the Diagnostic Radiology Residency at UVM for 12 years and Director of Medical Student Education, receiving three UVM teaching awards. She was awarded Master Teacher at the Teaching Academy at the LCOM at UVM. Kristen received the prestigious Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) 2016 Outstanding Educator Award.

Kristen served on and chaired many APDR committees, task forces and initiatives, ultimately serving as APDR President. She had comparable service and leadership roles for the American College of Radiology (ACR), RSNA, Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments (SCARD), Association of University Radiologists (AUR), National Cancer Institute (NCI), American Board of Radiology (ABR), Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (SRU) and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee for Radiology.

As President of the Vermont Radiological Society, she initiated the first resident and fellow section and won three ACR awards for state legislative progress.

Kristen is the President and Co-founder of Imaging the World Corporation (ITW), a nonprofit organization specializing in inte-

grating low-cost ultrasound programs with remote health clinics. Through ITW, clinical facilities in rural Uganda now have access to self-sustained, locally run, reliable imaging, with 200 front-line health care workers trained using her curriculum, and over 300,000 scans performed. She developed and implemented an ultrasound curriculum for integration into a 3-year nursing program which was submitted to the Ugandan Ministry of Health for review and national dissemination.

Many students, residents and faculty, as well as high school students, have benefited from global experiences in education and research through ITW, resulting in 17 peer-reviewed publications and 29 national and international presentations. Grant awards for ITW include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations Grant for Ground-Breaking Research in Global Health and Development. She has received awards from two radiological societies in East Africa, the ACR Foundation Global Humanitarian Award, the award for "Dedication to Refugees" in Burlington, VT, and the LCOM Beth Kirkpatrick Citizen of the World Award. She serves as a representative to the NGO Branch of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

She directed and participated in health services research and education projects, including Uganda's Rheumatic Heart Disease Program, the Uganda Heart Institute, and a pilot study of ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration and follow up of breast lesions in rural Uganda, with worldwide potential.

Kristen is a member of the WHO Referral Guidelines Development Group of the International Radiology Quality Network. She chaired the RSNA Committee on International Radiology Education (CIRE). She also serves on the ACR Foundation's International Outreach Committee and the Executive Committee of the Lancet Commission on Diagnostics

Kristen has many interests outside of work and ITW. Her greatest joy is spending time with her 4 adult children. She enjoys long hikes with Eddie, her dog, as well as gardening, photography, book club, skiing, and raising chickens. I feel fortunate to call her my mentor and friend. The APDR is proud to award the 2020 APDR Achievement Award to Kristen K. DeStigter, MD, FACR.



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