Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology professor Samuel Achilefu received the prestigious 2014 St. Louis Award on Wednesday, January 14th, at a ceremony held at the Eric P. Newman Education Center. Achilefu received the award “for his passion and commitment to medical research putting St. Louis in the spotlight for advancements in optical imaging technology.” Specifically, Achilefu received the award for his work in creating cancer-detecting goggles that enable surgeons to “see” malignant cells and better determine where a cancerous tumor ends and healthy tissue begins.

Achilefu, who is the chief of the Optical Radiology Laboratory at MIR, is the 87th recipient of the annual award. The award was established in 1931 by then St. Louis philanthropist and shoe company owner, David P. Wohl. Present-day award committee president, David Kemper of Commerce Bancshares Inc., made the presentation.

The high-tech imaging glasses, which resemble night-vision goggles, were first used last year during a breast cancer operation and have been used on more than two dozen people with cancer since then.
Congratulations to Vamsi Narra, MD, Chief, Abdominal Imaging, for being honored at the 2014 Washington University Distinguished Faculty Awards ceremony. On February 18, Dean of the School of Medicine, Dr. Larry Shapiro, honored Narra at an awards ceremony held at the Eric P. Newman Education Center.

Narra was honored with the Distinguished Clinician Award. “I am delighted that one of our master clinicians and leaders at MIR was recognized for this prestigious award,” said MIR director Richard Wahl, MD.

The Distinguished Faculty Awards recognize dedicated and talented individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to the School of Medicine in clinical care, community service, research and teaching.
Marcus Raichle, MD, is the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Distinguished Professor of Medicine. On January 21, 2015, the installation ceremony was held in Eric P. Newman Education Center where Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton, Larry Shapiro, MD, Dean of the Medical School, and Richard Wahl, MD, Director of Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, all gave remarks and introduced Raichle as the Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Distinguished Professor. Raichle’s Inaugural lecture can be viewed by clicking on the title below.

“A Restless Brain”

Lights, Camera, ACTION!

Thirteen Mallinckrodt residents volunteered for a recruitment video for and about the MIR residency program. The four-minute video features the residents extolling the benefits of the teaching program, their camaraderie with faculty and St. Louis life in general. Jennifer Gould, MD, MIR residency program coordinator, put the ‘dream team’ together and helped shape its direction. Want to see the video? Check it out at the MIR website or click on this link: https://www.mir.wustl.edu/education/residency-programs/residency-recruitment-video
Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology held its annual milestone luncheon for long-term employees on February 17, 2015. This event honored Department of Radiology nonacademic employees celebrating special service anniversaries. MIR Director Richard Wahl, MD, welcomed everyone in attendance followed by individual recognition of each honoree by their supervisor.

Dr. Wahl addresses honorees and their supervisors at the milestone luncheon February 17 at the Eric P. Newman Education Center.

20, 25, 30 & 40 year honorees

(L-R) John Engelback (20 years), Andrea Sykes (40 years), Victor Kunz (30 years) and Mickey Wynn (25 years)

10 & 15 year honorees

back row (L-R) Ellen Bartel (15 years), Chrissy Martin (10 years), Tom Voller (15 years)  
front row (L-R) Montana Vunelich (10 years), Lynn Lammers (15 years), Baogang Xu (10 years)  
not pictured 10 year honorees: Matt Hicks, Kelley Jackson, Duanwen Shen  
not pictured 15 year honorees: Patricia Margenau, Ben Pflanz, Teresa Suessen, Patrick Kline

5 year honorees

back row (L-R) Lina Shinawi, Owen Curtis, Genevieve Gurney, Efrem Mebrahu;  
front row (L-R) David Muccigrosso, Mary Clare Derrler, Aixiao Li, Rui Tang, Brenda Nott (not pictured)
Washington University faculty and staff members have many mandatory compliance and training requirements that must be completed upon hire and on an ongoing basis. From their perspective, the current processes for training, monitoring, and notifications are uncoordinated, difficult to manage, and cumbersome.

In June, 2013, the Faculty Practice Plan Clinical Practice Committee at the Medical School commissioned a task force to develop recommendations with the goal of creating a faculty-centric and user-friendly portal to access and track all compliance training requirements and developing a coordinated process to notify faculty of their upcoming activities.

As a result of the task force findings and recommendations, Washington University has decided to implement a new university wide learning management system (Learn@Work). Learn@Work is a cloud-based application that will replace the current compliance training system (RAS).

Learn@Work will provide faculty with:

- A single web based site to accurately track and complete compliance activities
- A "dashboard" view of assigned compliance training (see attachment below for an example)
- A monthly email summary of all assigned compliance training
- The ability to access compliance training from mobile devices
- Implementation is scheduled for March 2015.

Stay tuned for more details on Learn@Work in the upcoming weeks prior to go-live.

For more information please contact Michele Harashe at (314) 935-2960 or LearnAtWork@wustl.edu.
What’s Coming Up

FOX Theatre  March 4-15
The Phantom of the Opera
See website for ticket and show times fabulousfox.com

Queeny Park Art Fair  April 10-12
2015 Spring Art Fair at Queeny Park
Up to 140 artists from 20 or more states, the Art Fair at Queeny Park is one of the most reputable longest-running art fairs in the bi-state region. Rain or shine, hot or cold weather, relax in the comfort of the climate-controlled Greensfelder Recreation Center. artfairatqueenypark.com/

Botanical Gardens
Orchid Show runs now through  March 22.
See hundreds of orchids from the Garden’s expansive permanent living collection. See website for more details. missouribotanicalgarden.org/

Washington University
Edison Theatre
Shows for performances in March and April are filling up fast. See website for more information on upcoming shows edison.wustl.edu/tickets/index.html

Talks & Lectures

GRAND ROUNDS LECTURES

MARCH 11, 2015
Daniel R. Biello Lecture
“Clinical Indications of SPECT/CT”
Presented by Dominique Delbeke, MD, PhD
Professor and Director of Nuclear Medicine & PET
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Nuclear Medicine

APRIL 8, 2015
“Breaking Bad News and Treatment Decision-Making from the Patient’s Perspective”
Presented by Rebecca Dresser, JD
Daniel Noyes Kirby Professor of Law
Professor of Ethics in Medicine
Washington University in St. Louis
Hosted by Neuroradiology

MAY 13, 2015
Presented by Bonnie Joe, MD
UCSF
Hosted by Breast Imaging

Introductions

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MIR EMPLOYEES:

DECEMBER
Connie Sarusal, Secretary III - Cardiothoracic Imaging

JANUARY
Benjamin Speidel, Research Assistant - Neuroradiology
Zonghua Luo, Postdoc Research Associate - Radiological Chemistry Lab

FEBRUARY
Matthew Brandenburg, Research Tech II – Optical Radiology Lab
Dianna Damron, IBC Assistant III – Billing & Patient Accts.

WELCOME FOR VIEWING

Hyman R. Senturia Lecture
FEBRUARY 11, 2015
“New Frontiers in the Treatment of Obesity, Bariatric Embolization”
Presented by Aravind Arepally, MD

FEBRUARY 18, 2015
“Update of Adjuncts to MSK Ultrasound”
Presented by Kenneth S. Lee, MD