Distinguished Sonographer Award
Established in 1997, the Distinguished Sonographer Award is a means of recognizing and honoring current or retired AIUM members who have significantly contributed to the growth and development of medical ultrasound. This annual presentation honors an individual whose outstanding contributions to the development of medical ultrasound warrant special merit.

Kevin D. Evans, PhD, RT, (R)(M)(BD), RDMS, RVS, FAIUM
Although Kevin D. Evans, PhD, RT, (R)(M)(BD), RDMS, RVS, FAIUM, has attended school and worked entirely in Ohio, the world has benefited from his contributions to sonography. Dr Evans received each of his degrees, BS, MS, MA, and PhD, from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where he currently serves as chair and professor of radiologic sciences and respiratory therapy. Since receiving his PhD, Dr Evans has kept his skills and knowledge up to date by maintaining credentialing from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (Radiography, Mammography, and Bone Densitometry), American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS; Abdomen and Obstetrics and Gynecology), and Cardiovascular Credentialing International (Registered Vascular Specialist).

He began his career as manager of the Radiology and Cardiovascular Imaging Department at The Ohio State University Hospitals East (2000–2003), followed by assistant professor–clinical for the Department of Analytic and Diagnostic Sciences, Advanced Medical Imaging Technology, at the University of Cincinnati (2003–2004), and then he moved to his current department as division director/assistant professor (2004–2009), then chair/associate professor (2009–2015), and finally his current position of chair and professor (2015–present).

In addition to sharing his knowledge with future sonographers in Ohio, Dr Evans has shared it with sonographers throughout the world by serving on the Board of Directors of the World Federation of Sonography (WFS) as well as on the WFS Executive Planning Committee for the 2009 World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology Congress, and he has served as an Editorial Board member on the Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology journal, as a member and on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Qualitative Inquiry, as an ad hoc reviewer for the Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine, in multiple roles for the ARDMS and the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, in an editorial role in 2 other journals, as Membership Committee cochair for the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences, as a site visitor for the Joint Review Committee of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, as a member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, and as a fellow member of the AIUM. The list doesn’t end there, however, as Dr Evans has also served in 4 more societies in Ohio as well as in multiple roles on committees at The Ohio State University.

To add to his contributions, Dr Evans has also published numerous articles and abstracts, contributed to 4 books, and given a large quantity of presentations. It seems Dr Evans spends
all of his time helping further the field of sonography, so the AIUM would be remiss not to acknowledge his work.

The AIUM is not alone in knowing that Dr Evans deserves to be recognized, as he has received many awards throughout his career, including the Society of Ultrasound in Medical Education’s Legacy Award and the Joan Baker Pioneer Award–Innovations in Sonography, among others. Dr Evans can now add the much-deserved Distinguished Sonographer Award from the AIUM to the list.