

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.

Pamela M. Foy, MS, RDMS, FSDMS, FAIUM

Although Ms Foy started out with a certificate in Diagnostic Ultrasound from Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, she wanted more. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Science (BS) in Radiologic Technology from Widener University as well as her Master of Science with a specialization in Education from the Ohio State University.



Throughout her journey in education, Ms Foy also continued working as a sonographer at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and the Ohio State University even as she became the manager of Women's Imaging and a Clinical Associate Professor at Ohio State. Her work as a sonographer included in abdominal, obstetric (level II, fetal echocardiography and fetal Doppler), gynecologic, small parts (breast and testicular) ultrasound, neonatal neurosonology, and invasive procedures. More recently, Ms Foy became the Imaging Training Program Manager in addition to her role as a professor, in which she educates sonographers, residents, MFM fellows, and attending MFM physicians.

Even before she received her BS, Ms Foy began sharing her knowledge with others. She served as a Guest Faculty Lecturer and Campus Instructor for scrotal sonography, sonomammography, and intraoperative ultrasound at the State University of New York and Downstate Medical Center. She also served as the Secretary and then the Treasurer of the Greater Delaware Valley Ultrasound Society during that time. While she was earning her BS, she was also a Clinical Instructor of Diagnostic Medical Sonography and an Instructor of sonography of the male pelvis, breast, and thyroid at Thomas Jefferson University.

In addition to sharing her knowledge with students in person, Ms Foy also is a frequent contributor to educational materials, such as a chapter on the placenta in the *Textbook of Diagnostic Sonography*, and is a contributing author in *Appleton & Lange's Review for the Ultrasonography Examination*. She has also contributed chapters to *Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology, A Practitioner's Guide, Essentials of Sonography and Patient Care, Pocket Companion to Obstetrics: Normal & Problem Pregnancies*, and more, not to mention she has been an author of many scholarly articles.

Ms Foy has also been active in multiple sonography and education societies, including the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) for which she has served on the Board of

Governors and been a speaker and presenter at AIUM Annual Meetings. Ms Foy has not neglected other societies, either. She has also served on the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), where she was chair of the Pediatric Sonography Examination, and the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS), where she chaired the Conference Management Committee, served on the Editorial Board of their journal, was a board member of the Education Foundation, reviewed candidates for an award, and was a technical reviewer of scientific papers.

It seems Ms Foy spends all of her time helping students and furthering the field of sonography, so the AIUM would be remiss not to acknowledge her work. The AIUM is proud to honor Ms Foy with the 2023 Distinguished Sonographer Award.