

## **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.

### **Jennifer E. Bagley, MPH, RDMS, RVT, FAIUM, FSDMS**



Even before earning her Masters of Public Health in 2007, Jennifer E. Bagley, MPH, RDMS, RVT, FAIUM, FSDMS, had been actively involved in educating the sonography community. In 2006, she became a member of the Department of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences' Clinical Education Committee at the College of Allied Health, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Today, Ms Bagley is a professor, sonography program director, and coordinator for the Abdomen, OBGyn, and Vascular Concentration, and betwixt her employer and organizations of which she is a member, Jennifer remains active on 12 committees, 2 task forces, and serves as a liaison.

Among her many accomplishments is her contribution to the AIUM Practice Principles for Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorder (currently in production). In addition, as Chair of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) Sonography Disinfection & Infection Control Task Force (2017–2020), Ms Bagley contributed to the “Guidelines for infection prevention and control: reprocessing the ultrasound transducer.”<sup>1</sup>

As evidence of her excellence as an educator, look no further than to the success of her students. Since 2008, students she mentors have submitted papers to the W. Frederick Sample Student Paper Competition sponsored by the *Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography* and, each year, her students have usually won 1st and 2nd place in the Literature Review category and frequently won the Original Research category as well.

Ms Bagley herself has also won 8 awards related to her work as an educator. For example, in 2017, she won the SDMS Distinguished Educator Award, for which she was nominated for her dedication to teaching, innovation in education, and ongoing support of students through mentorship, research, and volunteerism.

In addition to mentoring and teaching students, Ms Bagley has conducted and published research on varied topics throughout sonography, including contrast-enhanced ultrasound in the liver, the “as low as reasonably achievable” (ALARA) principle, cancer, using distance education (she studied this before the COVID-19 pandemic), and the risks of violating HIPAA on social media.

As a result of her dedication to education, mentoring, researching, leadership, and volunteer work, the AIUM is now proud to honor Ms Bagley with the AIUM's 2022 Distinguished Sonographer Award.

## **Reference**

1. Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography Disinfection and Infection Control Task Force. Guidelines for infection prevention and control: reprocessing the ultrasound transducer. *J Diagn Med Sonography*. 2020; 36:381–403. Doi: doi.org/10.1177/8756479320933256.