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Ninth Annual **BARFIELD-CARTER LECTURE**

Honoring
Melson Barfield-Carter, MD



*Chair, Department of Radiology
1945-1955*

November 8, 2017

Melson Barfield-Carter, MD

Welcome to the annual Barfield-Carter Lecture, honoring Dr. Melson Barfield-Carter, the first Chair of the Department of Radiology at UAB.

Dr. Barfield-Carter, a native of Alabama, was the first woman to graduate from Tulane Medical School, and she completed her residency in radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

In 1945 Dr. Barfield-Carter became Chair of the Department of Radiology, a position she held until 1955. She was also the first woman department head at the UAB Medical Center.

Dr. Barfield-Carter was instrumental in the formation of the Department of Radiology at UAB, insisting that radiology exist as an independent department, rather than a division of the Department of Surgery. She started and developed the radiology residency training program at UAB due to her sincere interest in residents, both professionally and personally. She also developed the School of Radiological Technology at UAB.

Dr. Barfield-Carter was described as a hard worker who was dedicated and firm in her convictions. Her colleagues remember her as an efficient, capable radiologist and as a kind, caring department chair. She went out of her way to do for others. She enjoyed entertaining the faculty, residents, technologists, and students at her home in Birmingham and cabin in Guntersville. Dr. Barfield-Carter was married to Dr. Henry Carter, a cardiologist; they had no children. Her hobbies included needlepoint and attending the symphony. She is buried at the Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham.

Through the establishment of the annual Barfield-Carter Lecture, we acknowledge the contributions of Dr. Melson Barfield-Carter to the Department of Radiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Cheri L. Canon, MD, FACR
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"How to avoid missed lesions and preparing yourself if you do"

Debra L. Monticciolo, MD, FACR



Dr. Debra Monticciolo is Professor of Radiology at Texas A&M University and Vice-chair for Research and Section Chief of Breast Imaging for the Department of Radiology at Scott & White Medical Center in Temple, Texas. She currently serves on the American College of Radiology Board of Chancellors as Chair of the Commission on Breast Imaging. She is also past president of the Society of Breast Imaging.

Her additional past roles include chair of the ACR Commission on Quality and Safety, chair of the ACR Mammography Accreditation Program, co-chair of the ACR Breast MRI Accreditation Program, vice-chair of the ACR Commission on Education, chair of overall Accreditation for ACR, and chair of the Educational Advisory Committee for the ACR's AIRP (American Institute for Radiologic Pathology).

She has also served on the ACR BIRADS committee for Breast MRI. Dr. Monticciolo has served as an American Board of Radiology examiner in breast imaging for both the written and oral exams and was the first chair for the new Certifying Examination in breast imaging. She also chaired the combined Certifying/MOC Examination Committee in Breast Imaging for the ABR. Dr. Monticciolo was chair of the national Diagnostic Radiology In-Training Examination for 6 years, which included serving as panel chair of the breast imaging section. She currently chairs the SBI Examination Committee.

We are very fortunate to have Dr. Monticciolo as the ninth annual Barfield-Carter Lecturer.