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Eighth Annual **BARFIELD-CARTER LECTURE**

Honoring
Melson Barfield-Carter, MD



*Chair, Department of Radiology
1945-1955*

November 2, 2016

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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*Redefining the Doctor's Doctor: Applying Lessons Learned
from Consultative Interventional Radiology Practice*

Laura K. Findeiss, MD, FSIR, FAHA



Dr. Findeiss received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1997. She began a general surgery residency at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine in 1999 before transitioning to a diagnostic radiology residency in 2004 at the Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle. Subsequently, she completed a vascular and interventional radiology fellowship at the University of Washington Medical School in 2005.

Dr. Findeiss is currently professor of interventional radiology and chair of radiology at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine, Knoxville.

Dr. Findeiss' clinical expertise is in vascular and endovascular topics, image-guided treatment of vascular anomalies, and minimally invasive cancer interventions, including tumor ablation.

Dr. Findeiss is a Fellow of the Society of Vascular Medicine, the American Heart Association, and the Society of Interventional Radiology. Additionally, Dr. Findeiss is a member of several professional organizations such as the American College of Radiology, Association of University Radiologists, the Society of Interventional Radiology, the Society of Vascular Medicine, and the Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments.

We are fortunate to have Dr. Findeiss as the eighth annual Barfield-Carter Lecturer.