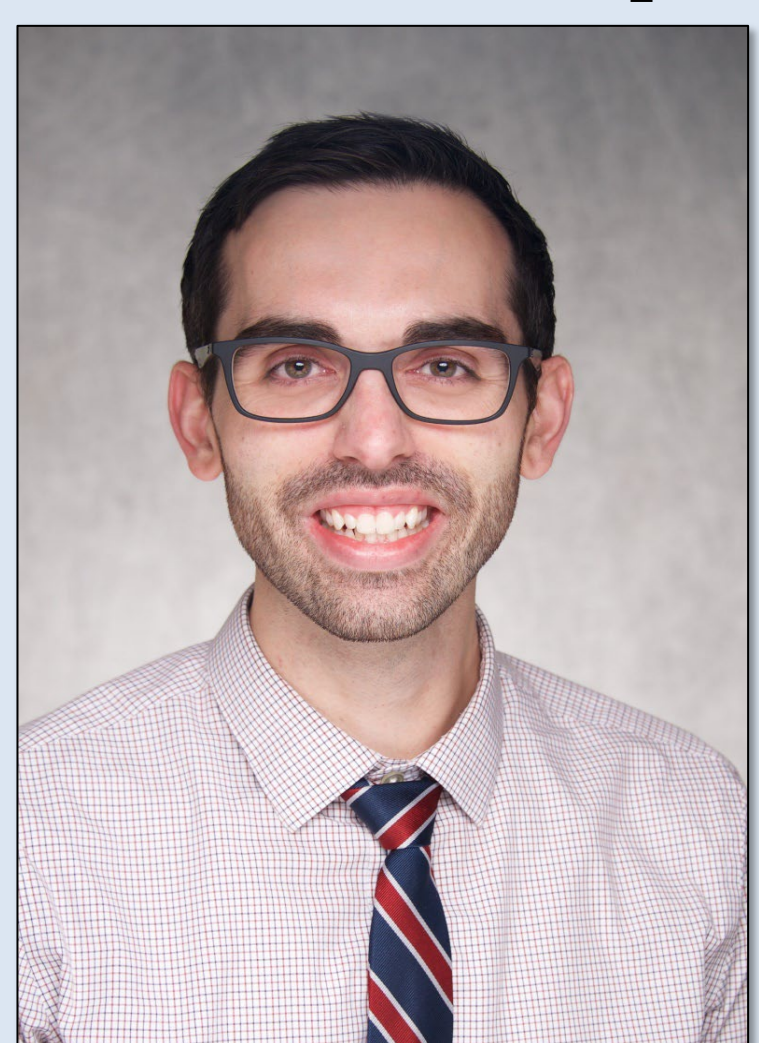


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Recent Highlights

- According to the AAPM online directory, the MRV chapter currently has 179 members across the four states.
- MRV AAPM typically hosts one Spring meeting and a Fall workshop.
- Congratulations to Ellie Bacon, MS, for winning the National MedPhys Slam competition at the 2022 AAPM Annual Meeting! Ellie is currently a resident at University of Nebraska Medical Center and was the MRV Chapter representative in the national competition as the winner of our Chapter's MedPhys Slam competition. Well done Ellie!
- In October 2022, we held an in-person workshop on Small-Field Dosimetry at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The workshop included engaging expert lectures followed by hands-on exercises. Thanks to all our speakers and attendees for making this a successful event!
- In March, we hosted our 10th year of Mock Oral Exams. To match the virtual format of the new ABR exams, we have now transitioned to fully virtual Mock Oral Exams. This year we had 19 examinees and 19 examiners participate.
- In May 2023, we will hold our Spring Chapter Meeting. This year's meeting will focus on ongoing innovations by members and institutions within our Chapter, in addition to the Early Career Symposium and MedPhys Slam.

History

In the Spring of 1971, 6 to 8 medical physicists met in a small room in the radiation oncology department of the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. There were two from Washington University in St Louis, at least one from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, and a few from the Kansas City area. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a chapter of the AAPM. Those present recognized the need to promote recognition of medical physics locally within the academic and scientific communities, and to support those practicing clinical physics, primarily in the rural areas of the region. However, the immediate goal was to obtain formal recognition by the AAPM as a regional chapter and to offer to host the 1974 annual AAPM meeting in Kansas City. A committee was selected to formulate a constitution and bylaws and to apply to the national organization for recognition as a *bona fide* chapter. At that initial gathering it was decided that Ernest (Curly) Jones of Omaha would be the Chapter's first president and Arnold Feldman of Washington University would be the Chapter's representative to the Board of Directors. Late in 1971 the Missouri River Valley Chapter, to cover the primarily rural area of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska, was recognized by the AAPM as a regional Chapter. In 1974 the Chapter hosted the annual meeting in Kansas City.

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National MedPhys Slam 1st Place winner Ellie Bacon, MS (center) at the 2022 Annual AAPM Meeting in Washington, DC

Images from our Fall 2022 Workshop "Small-Field Dosimetry"

